Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

Action Updates

This action has been revised for the **current certification cycle**. Edits are highlighted in yellow. (Last updated 2023)

Objective

Learn from and share with other municipalities participating in Sustainable CT. Mentor or be mentored by another town to promote collaboration and sharing of best practices.

Complementary Actions:

- Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions

What to Do

1. Mentor to, or seek a mentorship with, other towns on implementation of specific Sustainable CT actions. To receive points, your municipality must demonstrate some meaningful role in mentoring to, or seeking advice from, another town(s) on action implementation. Mentoring towns can be outside of the region or state. A meaningful role of the mentor town might include: a presentation and interactive discussion about the action implementation to a committee or governing body of another town, or municipal staff time in assisting another town. Mentorship must be targeted and deliberate. For example, presenting at a conference or webinar attended by other municipalities, though worthy and important, is not eligible for points under this Action. A town can earn points for serving mentor/mentee partnerships resulting in implementation of up to three Sustainable CT actions per application. **(5 points for each action collaborated on, up to 15 points)**

    Submit: A completed worksheet 1. Support given or received for each Sustainable CT action implemented must be documented separately (up to three entries per worksheet).
    Timeframe for Credit: Eligible for new action credit and rolling credit. This action falls under the action type "Outreach, Education, Programs, Campaigns, Recognition/Designation in External Program, and Funding" (see "Timeframe for Credit" Guidance Document for submission requirements).

Timeframe for Credit

Actions can either be "New" or considered for "Rolling Credit."

New Action Credit. Any action completed within the past three years (from January 1 of the year seeking certification) is eligible for potential certification points. If you are applying for recertification in your year of expiration, you may not claim *New Action Credit* for items that previously received credit.

Rolling Credit. For any action older than three years (from January 1 of the year seeking certification), you must demonstrate ongoing, currently relevant, and meaningful impact in your community to be considered for certification points. If you are applying for recertification in your year of expiration, you must apply for *Rolling Credit* for any item that previously received credit, even if it was completed within the past three years.

View the "Timeframe for Credit" Guidance Document for detailed submission requirements.

Engaging Partners

Sustainable CT encourages regional collaboration and other forms of partnership. For every action, please complete the "partners" box in your submission, indicating the name(s) of any municipalities and/or organizations you partnered with (if any) and a brief description of your municipality's role. For additional information, please see the Partners Guidance Document.

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Councils of governments, health districts, and other regional organizations; municipal staff from all departments as well as representatives from existing local commissions, committees, or community organizations; civic leaders, representatives from neighborhood organizations, seniors and youth; and community members who rely on or are impacted by public services and amenities, including transportation, built infrastructure, local municipal operations, planning, natural resources, land conservation, economic development and retention, housing, arts and culture, food systems, public health, community engagement, equity, etc. may be helpful in implementing this action.

Why This Matters

Municipal collaboration fosters regional cohesion, knowledge sharing, and project and planning partnerships that can help advance sustainability across Connecticut efficiently. Many cross-cutting issues benefit from taking a regional approach, including transportation, community development, housing, open space acquisition, and many more. Working across town lines can effectively help communities get to outcomes that are mutually beneficial to all participants, as well as the region at large.

For a complete list of funding opportunities, implementation resources, and success stories specific to this action, please visit the full Action write-up on the Sustainable CT Actions webpage.