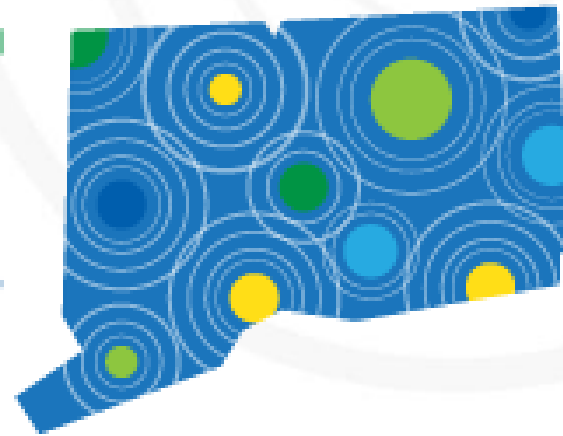


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Action Change Summary

2022-2023

2023 Action Revisions: Overview

- Edits made annually
- Reflect feedback from municipalities, reviewers, and staff

2023 Action Revisions: Global Edits

- **For many actions requiring adoption of a plan or resolution** – language standardized to require a “documentation of plan adoption”
- **For many actions that generally ask for an evidence of a meeting or event** – sign-in sheets have been removed as an example of meeting or event documentation

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **1.2.1:** Board of Education and Board of Finance members are not eligible to earn points for trainings under this action
- **1.2.2:** Cohort must be at least three people; submission must include number of training attendees and municipal departments represented
- **2.4.3:** Submit name and date of event
- **2.4.4:** Changed from 5 points to 10 points
- **2.4.5 (NEW):** Support food-based entrepreneurship
- **3.4.3:** Submit documentation of plan adoption
- **3.9.2 and 3.9.3 (NEW):** Separated planning and inventory actions from implementation actions; added more options for planning and inventorying; added more options for forestry and woodlands management implementation projects

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **3.10.1:** Added reference to aquatic invasives
- **3.10.2:** Added reference to waterbody management
- **3.10.3:** Added reference to water-related organizations
- **3.12.1:** Added reference to native plantings
- **3.12.2:** Added reference to native pollinators
- **3.12.3:** Added reference to native pollinators; submit documentation of plan adoption
- **4.2:** Restructured so that each sub-action has its own point value; municipalities can pick whichever sub-actions they would like to complete, up to 30 points
- **4.2.12 (NEW):** Sub-action to support arts and culture not listed in 4.2.1 – 4.2.11
- **5.3.1:** Changed format from paragraph to list; changed from 5 points to 20 points

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **5.3.2:** Added new options for promoting community access to land for agriculture and farming uses; added community outreach requirement; submit documentation relevant to selected strategy; changed from 5 points to 20 points
- **5.6.2:** May submit proof of SolSmart designation from the SolSmart program
- **6.4.2:** Changed to 5 points; removed tiered points option
- **6.4.3:** Changed vehicle categories from emergency and non-emergency passenger vehicles to weight-classes; updated points for new possible total of 40 points; submit total number of vehicles, number of zero emission vehicles, and documentation of new vehicle purchases
- **6.4.4:** Changed from 5 points to 10 points

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **6.4.5:** Changed from number of EV charging stations to number of EV charging locations; added tiered points option; changed from 5 points to range of 5 – 15 points
- **7.7.1:** Condensed 7.7.1a, 7.7.1b, and 7.7.1c into one sub-action; changed from 10 or 15 points to 10 points per campaign with a 30 point maximum
- **7.8:** Previous action *Benchmark Energy Audits of Municipal Buildings* removed and replaced with **new** action *Complete Energy Audits of Municipal Buildings*
- **7.9:** New addition to Category 7, previously under Category 2; no other edits to this action *Participate and Promote the C-PACE Program*
- **8.1.1a:** Removed list of event examples
- **8.3.1:** Send land use commissioners to environmentally-focused trainings per state guidelines and discuss trainings at a commission meeting

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **8.3.2 (NEW):** Send Inland Wetlands Commission members to environmentally-focused trainings and discuss trainings at a commission meeting
- **8.5:** Renamed *Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities*
- **8.5.2:** Removed and used as the basis for the new action 8.6
- **9.3:** Renamed *Recycle Additional Materials*; organic waste management removed and placed in action 9.4
- **9.3.1:** Updated to reflect current information and policies on non-mandated recyclable materials; references to organics removed
- **9.4:** Renamed to *Reduce and Compost Organic Waste*
- **9.4.1:** Added example of food waste prevention campaign; removed plan for future events from submission requirements

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **9.4.2:** Updated to require implementation of an organics or food waste diversion program, rather than a campaign; changed points to 15 per program, up to 30 points; submission materials updated accordingly
- **10.1:** Renamed *Encourage an Equitable and Just Food System*
- **10.1.1:** Changed from 10 points to 5 points; submit brief description of community dialogues, demonstration of report's distribution to relevant municipal departments; screenshot and hyperlink of report on municipal website
- **10.1.2c:** Moved list from action description to linked Appendix A in 10.1.2a
- **10.1.2d (NEW):** Distribute completed report to relevant municipal departments and present at public meeting of municipal governing body (moved from previous sub-action 10.1.3)

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **10.1.3:** Submit documentation of action plan adoption
- **10.1.4 (NEW):** Hold community food forum
- **10.2.1:** Removed public presentation requirement
- **11.1:** Renamed *Implement Affordable Housing Plan*
- **11.1.3:** Implement strategies in municipal housing plan; points available are project-dependent and range from 5 to 20 points
- **11.3.2:** Educate residents on opportunities to build, rent out, or live in accessory dwelling units; changed to 5 points
- **12.1.1b:** Liaison must attend at least three trainings; trainings must cover specific topic areas listed; added tiered points for attending more trainings than required, ranging from 5 to 15 points

2023 Action Revisions: Summary

- **12.1.2:** Added 5 points for funding a Task Force member with lived experience of homelessness
- **12.1.3 (NEW):** Create a resource sharing forum for social service providers and post on municipal website
- **12.2.1:** Provide example of how a call-to-action will be approached and implemented
- **12.3.1:** Changed from 5 to 10 points
- **12.4.1:** Added funding strategy to compensate community members with lived experience of homelessness for their participation on a municipal Task Force, community conversation, or other activity
- **12.4.2:** Added example strategies that municipal may take to ensure access to services and shelter

2023 Action Clarifications: Summary

- **2.3.1:** Clarified that inventory may be list or map
- **2.4.3:** Clarified that this may not be “double counted” under another Sustainable CT action
- **3.4.1:** Clarified that open space inventory GIS layer is optional
- **3.4.4:** Clarified that municipally owned parcels in inventory should be open space
- **3.9.1:** Clarified makeup and mission of Forestry Advisory Committee or similar group
- **4.2.1 – 4.2.12:** Clarified that these may not be “double counted” under another Sustainable CT action
- **5.3.4:** Clarified that these may not be “double counted” under another Sustainable CT action

2023 Action Clarifications: Summary

- **6.4.4:** Clarified that assessment should include grid interconnection, potential upgrade needs, and feasibility of chargers participating in vehicle-to-grid services
- **8.1.1:** Clarified that farmers markets are not eligible for points under this action
- **9.1.1-9.1.2:** Consolidated worksheets into worksheet 1
- **10.1.1:** Clarified purpose and requirements of Food Policy Council or Food Alliance, Coalition, or Commission
- **10.1.2a:** Clarified that data indicators in Community Food Assessment must come from list in provided Appendix
- **10.1.2b:** Clarified that there should be at least three community dialogues
- **10.1.3:** Clarified that Community Food Action Plan may be shaped by Community Food Assessment Report or food/farmer forum; clarified required plan elements

2023 Action Clarifications: Summary

- **11.3.3:** Clarified language around households of unrelated people
- **12.1.1a:** Clarified that municipal homeless services liaison should be one individual; clarified that liaison must meet with Coordinated Access Network
- **12.1.2:** Clarified potential members of Task Force
- **12.2.1:** Emphasized importance of data-sharing with Coordinated Access Network
- **12.2.2:** Clarified topics that guidance may address
- **12.2.3:** Listed additional representatives that may participate in a community conversation or forum; added that residents can propose or critique ideas in the community conversation or forum
- **12.3.1:** Clarified who may compile information; clarified what populations should be included in the municipal data

2023 New Actions

- **5.8 (NEW): *Promote Cool Roofs***
 - **5.8.1:** Provide education materials on cool roofs
 - **5.8.2:** Retrofit an existing municipal or Board of Education building to install a cool roof; include a cool roof on a newly constructed municipal or Board of Education buildings
 - **5.8.3:** Revise zoning to remove regulatory barriers to cool roofs or create a cool roof ordinance requiring cool roofs in new construction
- **7.8 (NEW): *Complete Energy Audits of Municipal Buildings***
 - Complete energy audit of municipal buildings
 - Requires previous completion of action 7.1.1

2023 New Actions

- **8.6 (NEW):** *Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions*
 - Take a leadership role in collaborating with other municipality/municipalities on a Sustainable CT action
 - Submit worksheet documenting sustainability action collaborations
 - This action is required for Gold
- **8.7 (NEW):** *Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability*
 - Provide municipal support for youth-led sustainability actions
 - Submit worksheet documenting youth-led sustainability action and municipal involvement

2023 New Actions

- **10.5 (NEW):** *Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers*
 - **10.5.1:** Host farmers' market in your municipality
 - **10.5.2:** Work with farmers' markets to allow payment through Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program electronic benefits transfer cards
 - **10.5.3:** Improve community access to farmers' market
- **10.6 (NEW):** *Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat*
 - **10.6.1:** Prepare for a heat emergency by creating a response team, conducting a heat assessment, educating residents, and/or developing a heat emergency plan
 - **10.6.2:** Inventory, create, and improve cooling centers