



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Ashford, a Sustainable CT bronze certified applicant.

Ashford was certified on October 28, 2019 with 315 points. Listed below is information regarding Ashford's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Ashford was approved for in 2019 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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1. Thriving Local Economies

1.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

20 Points

Approved Information: 1.1.4 Apply for a grant to start the remediation process for a Brownfield site. Property- Cadlerock, Willington and Ashford, CT. Grant awarded. (10 points) 1.1.5 Have an ELP conduct a Phase I or Phase II report on a brownfield site. Property- Cadlerock, Phase 1 report, March 13, 2019 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION_1.1.4_ASHFORD_WILLINGTON_CADLEROCK_FACTSHEET_GRANT_AWARDED.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION_1.1.5_CADLEROCK-PHASE-I-REPORT-NARRATIVE_2019.PDF](#)

Documentation Details:

Action_1.1.4_ashford_willington_cadlerock_factsheet_Grant_Awarded.pdf Grant summary.

Action_1.1.5_Cadlerock-Phase-I-Report-Narrative_2019.pdf

<https://ashfordtownhall.org/documents/cadlerock-phase-i-report-narrative/> Phase 1 report narrative prepared by BL Companies.

Partners: Town of Willington. Cadlerock property is located in both towns.

Additional Information: In one of the latest rounds of State of Connecticut Brownfields funding administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the towns of Ashford and Willington received a \$200,000 Assessment grant from the Remedial Action and Redevelopment Municipal Grant Program to study 12 parcels referred to as the "Cadlerock Property". The Cadlerock Property is located between 392 and 460 Squaw Hollow Road (Route 44) in Willington and Ashford, CT.

1.3 Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options

5 Points

Approved Information: 1.3.1a Inventory of specific sectors. Inventory includes retail options, restaurants, and farms located within the town of Ashford. All local businesses, (5 points), 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 1.3.1 INVENTORY AND MAP OF ASHFORD BUSINESSES 2019.PDF](#)

Partners: Kathryn Edison, Sustainable Team member that created the inventory, attended multiple meetings of the Ashford Business Council and conducted outreach to other businesses and organizations in town in order to create the inventory.

Additional Information: This inventory is inclusive of all businesses in Ashford, as well as organizations and associations that would be of interest to Ashford residents. This inventory is meant to be a guide for residents of retail options and much more that are located within the municipality's boundaries. This inventory is intended to be posted to the town website.

2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

2.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

30 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1 Watershed Protection Projects, (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.3.1 WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS - ASHFORD.PDF](#)

PDF: [ASHFORD_POCD_2015.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: see POCD page 62 Ashford Lake Engineers Report- stormwater management at Lake Ashford IWWC Minutes and Board Minutes- invasives management, stormwater management at Lake Ashford

Partners: Ashford Lake Property Owners' Association Lake Chaffee Improvement Association town provides support to both associations

2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1 Open Space Inventory (5 points), Included in 2015 Open Space Plan
2.4.3 Open Space Plan (10 Points), Included in 2015 POCD

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.3_ASHFORD_OPEN_SPACE_PLAN_2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3_OPENSOURCEPLAN_SUPPORTINGDOCUMENT_ASHFORD.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [ACTION2.4.1_OPENSOURCEINVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [CRITICAL_HABITAT_MAP_ASHFORD_2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [OPENSOURCE_PROTECTEDLANDS_UPDATE_ASHFORD_2019.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: "Critical Habitat Map_Ashford_2018.pdf" is an updated map of critical habitat and natural diversity updated from DEEP. This replaces Map 8 in Open Space Plan on Page 44. "OpenSpace_ProtectedLands_Update_Ashford_2019.pdf" updated map of protected land. "Action2.4.1_OpenSpaceInventory.xlsx" open space inventory in excel.

Partners: N/A

2.8 Implement Low Impact Development

15 Points

Approved Information: Education Projects 2.8.1 Post LID information to town website (5 points), 2019 Planning, Regulation and Policy Projects 2.8.2 Encouragement of LID practices in zoning regulations, (5 points) Implementation Projects 2.8.1 Rain Garden Installed at the Ashford Elementary School, Completed in 2016 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION2.8_LID_TOWNWEBSITE.PDF](#)

PDF: [LID_BROCHURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ECCD-RAINGARDENBROCHURE_LISFF.PDF](#)

PDF: [LID_ZONINGREGS_ASHFORD.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION2.8_LID_RAINGARDEN_ASHFORDSCHOOL_2016.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [ACTION 2.8 RAIN GARDEN EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE](#)

Documentation Details: "Action2.8_LID_TownWebsite.pdf" proof of LID resources posted to town website "LID Brochure" and "ECCD-RaingardenBrochure_LISFF" are PDFs of the brochures that have been posted as resources. The LID Brochure was created by the Sustainable Team and the Rain Garden specific brochure was created by the Eastern CT Conservation District. "LID_ZoningRegs_Ashford.pdf" Zoning regulations: pages 44 and 49 include low impact development considerations for site plans "Action2.8_LID_RainGarden_AshfordSchool.pdf" information about the Rain Garden installed at the elementary school and how the students were engaged in the process. "Action 2.8 Rain Garden Educational Signage" - 2.8 Implementation Projects #1

Additional Information: Zoning Regulations: C. Site planning should employ sustainable practices including: 1. Water quality features such as bio-swales and bio-retention basins integrated in a cohesive and logical manner to take advantage of site topography, orientation and visibility. 2. Pervious paving in lieu of impervious paving. Applicant must, to the satisfaction of the Commission, demonstrate that impervious paving is necessary.

2.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.10 Residential Education (5 points), updated 2019, event held on 4/26/2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 2.10_INVASIVESPECIESEDUCATION_TOWNWEBSITE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.10_INVASIVESPECIESEDUCATION_EVENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.10_INVASIVEPLANTS BROCHURE_TOWNOFASHFORD.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.10_RESEEDUCATION_INVASIVE_TRAILMAP.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: "Action 2.10_InvasiveSpeciesEducation_TownWebsite.pdf" proof of education posted to town website "Action 2.10_InvasiveSpeciesEducation_Event.pdf" Event flyer for invasive species talk and plant giveaway These two documents are the education resources posted to the town website: "2.10_InvasivePlantsBrochure_TownofAshford.pdf" and "2.10_ResEducation_Invasive_TrailMap.pdf"

Partners: none

3. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.3 Commit dedicated funding to the arts (5 points), 5/10/2019, Ashford Arts Council's 3rd annual fundraiser event- A Delightful Dinner Dance 3.2.5 Ashford Arts Council, established in 2016 3.2.9 Annual recognition program for local artists, 11/17/2018 Holiday Art Market 2/10/2019 First Annual Members Appreciation Meeting 3.2.10 Support arts and cultural activities offered at the local library, Option 1, January 2019 3.2.11 Develop a workshop(s) and discussion opportunity(ies) for artists, art administrators, and arts presenters/curators. Additional 5 points: workshop geared towards senior artists, event held at Ashford Senior Center. See documents D2 and D3. Support artists that identify as marginalized or underserved 20 points (Approved on May 2), applying for 5 more points for action 3.2.3 Provide dedicated funding to the arts

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [A1 ACTION_3.2.5_ASHFORDARTSCOUNCIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [A2 ACTION_3.2.5_ASHFORDARTSCOUNCIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [A3 ACTION_3.2.5_ASHFORDARTSCOUNCIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [B1 ACTION_3.2.9_AAC_ANNUALHOLIDAYARTISTSMARKET.PDF](#)

PDF: [B2 ACTION 3.2.9 AAC FIRSTANNUALMEMBERAPPRECIATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [C1 ACTION 3.2.10 SUPPORTARTEVENTS BABCOCKLIBRARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [D1 ACTION 3.2.11 ASHFORDAPRIL 2019 ARTS WORKSHOPS.PDF](#)

PDF: [D2 ACTION 3.2.11 ASHFORD JAN 2019 SENIOR ARTS WKSHOP ADVERTISEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [D3 ACTION 3.2.11 ASHFORD JAN 2019 SENIOR ARTS WORKSHOP.PDF](#)

PDF: [DINNER DANCE AD IN ASHFORD CITIZEN 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 3.2.3 DINNERDANCEFUNDRAISERBROCHURE ASHFORDARTSCOUNCIL.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.2.3 Provide dedicated funding to the arts- A Delightful Dinner Dance See Doc titled "Dinner Dance Ad in Ashford Citizen 2019" pages 2 and 3 for advertisement of the event and additional information. On page 3 "Money raised from this event in 2018 generously supported the Cultural Arts program and Arts Club at Ashford School, and two scholarships to EO Smith Arts seniors, all adding up to about \$1,000." See Doc titled "Action 3.2.3_DinnerDanceFundraiserBrochure_AshfordArtsCouncil.pdf" for full list of Silent Auction artists and donors. 3.2.5 Doc A1 (See Item 6b1) Origin of Ashford Arts Council Doc A2 (See item 5b1) Origin/Early beginning of Ashford Arts Council Doc A3 (See page 2) Jan 2019 Description of Ashford Arts Council's initiatives and events and future goals. Included in the Ashford Citizen 3.2.9 Doc B1 (See bottom of page 2) Ad in Citizen for 3rd Annual Ashford Arts Council's Holiday Artists Market, Nov 2018). Doc B2 (See page 2) Ad in Citizen for the AAC's First Annual Member Appreciation Meeting on 2/10/2019 3.2.10 Doc C1 (See Page 3) Crafts, Ukulele classes and Creative Writing Club workshop at Ashford's Babcock Library, advertised in the Ashford Citizen, a local newsletter that goes to every address and P.O box in Ashford. 3.2.11 Doc D1 A series of workshops held by the Ashford Arts Council in Spring 2019. Advertisement is in April 2019 Citizen newsletter. See page 2 of document D1. 3.2.11 Doc D2 and D3 provide information on the art workshops held specifically for Ashford senior artists. This workshop was held by Valerie Oliver, who is the secretary for the Ashford Arts Council. Workshop was held at the Ashford Senior Center.

Partners: Ashford Arts Council: Developed as an offshoot of Our Town Our Future (which is a town group that is an offshoot of the EDC). The AAC's monthly meetings are held in the Knowlton Memorial Hall (Ashford Town Hall). The Ashford Arts Council is also partnered with the Windham Arts Org and CT Office of the Arts. AAC website: <http://ashfordarts.org/> AAC Dinner Dance page: <http://ashfordarts.org/3rd-annual-delightful-dinner-dance/> AAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ashfordarts/?rc=p> Ashford Citizen: <https://ashfordtownhall.org/about/ashford-citizen/>

Additional Information: 3.2.3 Provide dedicated funding to the arts - May 10, 2019 marked the Ashford Arts Council's 3rd annual fundraiser event, a community gathering called A Delightful Dinner Dance. This sold out event brought people together for a night of fun while raising funds to promote all of the arts (visual, performing and literary) as well as bring the arts to the community. 30 talented artists each donated a beautiful piece to our silent art auction and everything was bid on raising money for arts scholarships, local arts programming, paid performances, and local artist support and promotion thus supporting arts and creative culture. The auction also served to showcase local artists. Since the Dinner Dance fundraiser began in 2017, the impact on the arts in Ashford has been significant. In 2017 the Dinner Dance event raised \$1,967, in 2018 \$2,384, and in 2019 \$2,100 were raised to go towards funding the arts in Ashford, with a portion specifically dedicated to supporting arts at Ashford School and the scholarship program for EO Smith Students. Money raised from this event in 2018 generously supported the Cultural Arts program and Arts Club at Ashford School, and two scholarships to EO Smith Arts seniors, all adding up to about \$1,000. See Doc titled "Action 3.2.3_DinnerDanceFundraiserBrochure_AshfordArtsCouncil.pdf" for full list of Silent Auction artists and donors. 3.2.5 The Ashford Arts Council developed as an offshoot of Our Town Our Future, which is an offshoot of Ashford EDC. The Ashford Arts Council is also partnered with the Windham Arts Org and CT Office of the Arts. Doc A1 (See Item 6b1) Origin of Ashford Arts

Council Doc A2 (See item 5b1) Origin/Early beginning of Ashford Arts Council Doc A3 (See page 2) Jan 2019 Description of Ashford Arts Council's initiatives and events and future goals. Included in the Ashford Citizen 3.2.9 The Ashford Arts Council held it's third annual Holiday Arts Market to feature local artists. Artists are self-selected and choose to participate in the event. The most recent one was held at Knowlton Memorial Hall. The event is marketed in the Ashford Citizen, Ashford's Monthly Community Newsletter that all residents receive. Ashford Arts Council also held the first annual Member Appreciation meeting on Feb 10, 2019 that included a reading by a Spoken Word Poet. Attended by over 60 members and residents to celebrate local arts and community. Doc B1 (See bottom of page 2) Ad in Citizen for 3rd Annual Ashford Arts Council's Holiday Artists Market, Nov 2018). Doc B2 (See page 2) Ad in Citizen for the AAC's First Annual Member Appreciation Meeting on 2/10/2019 3.2.10 Doc C1 (See Page 3) Crafts, Ukulele classes and Creative Writing Club workshop at Ashford's Babcock Library, advertised in the Ashford Citizen, a local newsletter that goes to every address and P.O box in Ashford. 3.2.11 Doc D1 A series of workshops held by the Ashford Arts Council in Spring 2019 including Watercolor, Zentangle, and Digital Photography offered to members of the Ashford Arts Council and non-members for \$5. Advertisement is in April 2019 Citizen newsletter. See page 2 of document D1. 3.2.11 Doc D2 and D3 provide information on the art workshops held specifically for Ashford senior artists. This workshop was held by Valerie Oliver, who is the secretary for the Ashford Arts Council. Workshop was held at the Ashford Senior Center.

4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning

35 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 Integrate Sustainability Concepts into the POCD, (35 points for concepts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9), POCD updated in 2015

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ASHFORD_POCD_2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION_4.1_ASHFORD_WORKSHEET_B_UPDATED.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Ashford POCD. See Worksheet B for relevant pages.

Partners: POCD partners listed in POCD.

4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

15 Points

Approved Information: 4.3.1: Adopt land use policies and regulations that allow and support active agricultural uses. (5 points), updated 8/14/19 4.3.5: Open Space Acquisition Fund, (10 points), 6/1/2018-5/1/ 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [DOC 1 4.3.1 ASHFORD FARMBLDG TAX EXEMPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [DOC 2 4.3.1 ASHFORD AG COMMISSION.PDF](#)

PDF: [DOC 3 4.3.1 ASHFORD HORSE-PONY TAX EXEMPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [DOC 4 4.3.1 ASHFORD DAIRYORCHARD TAX ABATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ASHFORD OPEN SPACE ACQ FUND JULY 2018-MAY 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 4.3.1 ASHFORD CURRENT STATUS OF TAX PRACTICES](#)

PDF: [ACTION 4.3.1 CURRENT STATUS 8.14.19](#)

Documentation Details: "Doc 3_4.3.1_Ashford horse-pony tax exemption.pdf" see page 3 4.3.5 Amount available in open space fund: \$2,041.67. This acquisition fund does not show up in the Town budget because it is not funded with tax dollars. This is a separate fund that shows in the Town's financial statements as collapsed into the Capital Non-recurring fund. The amount available in the open space fund it found at the bottom of the first page in the document titled "Ashford Open Space Acq Fund_July 2018-May2019.pdf" and is listed under "Fund Balance" the second from the bottom. Attached is a letter from Kara J. Fishman, the Town of Ashford Tax Assessor confirming the current status of the farm friendly tax exemptions applied towards action 4.3.1. This document is titled "Action 4.3.1_Ashford Current Status of Tax Practices."

Partners: N/A

4.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.4.1 Perform a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (10 points) Completed July 2019 4.4.2 Identify secondary impacts of climate change (5 points) Completed July 2019 4.4.3 Demonstrate special consideration of primary impacts on vulnerable populations (5 points) Completed July 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.4 ASHFORD CRB WORKSHOP SUMMARY OF FINDINGS](#)

PDF: [ASHFORD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - FINAL JULY 2019.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.4.1 Uploaded is the Ashford Climate Vulnerability Assessment which was completed with the help of a Community Resilience Building workshop hosted with the help of The Nature Conservancy on June 12th, 2019. A list of top priorities for Ashford is listed on page 4. 4.4.2 More specifics on how the secondary impacts of climate change will effect the Town of Ashford are found on page 6 where specific categories of concerns and challenges are listed, for example: Road and Transportation Network and Tree Hazards and Management. 4.4.3 Special consideration for citizens can be found on page 9 of the assessment. For example, the Town puts out a town-wide questionnaire to identify individuals within the community with disabilities and medical needs so they can be added to the Special Needs Citizens list. Additionally, a need to increase volunteers for the Senior Bus was listed to improve transportation for the elderly community.

Partners: We worked with The Nature Conservancy to host a Community Resilience Building Workshop.

5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

5.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.2: Have municipal elected officials and/or staff members participate in a Complete Streets training (5 points), April 10, 2018

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1_COMPLETESTREETSTRAINING_ASHFORD.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Certificate of Completion for Mike Gantick for attending a training on Designing for Pedestrian Safety, held by Connecticut Transportation Institute. Mr. Gantick serves on Ashford's Economic Development Commission.

Partners: Training held by CTI, UCONN School of Engineering

5.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1 ZEV Event, (5 points), Ashford Clean Energy Task Force hosted a Cruise Night which showcased EVs, 5/28/2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 5.4.1 ACETF GREEN TIP CRUISE NIGHT EVS.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 5.4.1 ACETF 7-30-18 MINUTES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The attached document is information about the Cruise Night event hosted by the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force. Currently, there are no EV chargers on town property. In fact, most EV owners have installed EV charging stations at their private residences. The Task Force actively encourages EV by hosting informational events like the Cruise Night and has been working towards having a charger installed at a more central place open for public use. In Ashford zoning regulations, there is nothing pro- or anti- written in about electric vehicles or charging stations. ACETF will be hosting another Cruise Night in Summer 2019. "Action 5.4.1_ACETF 7-30-18 Minutes.pdf" Meeting after the Cruise Night event. ACETF members debrief the EV event

Partners: The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force (ACETF), working with the Board of Selectmen and other elected and appointed officials, seeks to identify ways in which residents can come together to preserve and improve the environment, push for clean, renewable energy sources, and promote a secure energy supply for the future. The ACETF has promoted a better understanding of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Ashford through educational programs, energy fairs, tabling at community and school events and publishing regular Green tips and other materials. The ACETF has also worked to promote the Home Energy Solutions program, or home energy audits. A home energy audit is a great first step for residents to determine how much energy their house uses and what improvements they can make to save money and energy.

Additional Information: The attached document is information about the Cruise Night event hosted by the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force. Currently, there are no EV chargers on town property. In fact, most EV owners have installed EV charging stations at their private residences. The Task Force actively encourages EV by hosting informational events like the Cruise Night and has been working towards having a charger installed at a more central place open for public use. The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force (ACETF), working with the Board of Selectmen and other elected and appointed officials, seeks to identify ways in which residents can come together to preserve and improve the environment, push for clean, renewable energy sources, and promote a secure energy supply for the future. The ACETF has promoted a better understanding of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Ashford through educational programs, energy fairs, tabling at community and school events and publishing regular Green tips and other materials. The ACETF has also worked to promote the Home Energy Solutions program, or home energy audits. A home energy audit is a great first step for residents to determine how much energy their house uses and what improvements they can make to save money and energy.

5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

15 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.2 Conduct a bicycle education program (5 points) Conducted July 15-19 5.5.3 Road Safety Audit/Bicycle or Pedestrian Audit, formally adopted in January 2019, (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 5.5.3 ASHFORD RSA APRIL 24, 2018 ADOPTED 1-7-19.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 5.5.3 ASHFORD RSA RESPONSE SUPPORTINGDOC.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 5.5.2 ASHFORD CITIZEN BIKE CAMP ADVERTISEMENT](#)

PDF: [ACTION 5.5.2 BIKE CAMP DESCRIPTION](#)

Documentation Details: "Action 5.5.3_Ashford RSA April 24, 2018 Adopted 1-7-19.pdf" final plan adopted by town of Ashford. See RSA observations at each location included in the study on pages 6-9. Implementation strategy (short-, mid-, and long-term) can be found on pages 10-11. "Action 5.5.3_Ashford RSA Response_SupportingDoc.pdf" letter from State DOT to First Selectman Zambo regarding the RAS and how the State can help with the implementation strategy on pages 1 and 2. Action 5.5.2 Ashford Citizen Bike Camp Advertisement - Advertisement for the Bike Camp held at Ashford Memorial Park July 15-19 in which participants practiced pedaling, balancing, and steering. Action 5.5.2 Bike Camp Description - A description of the Bike Camp from Sherry York the Ashford Director of Recreation. The camp is run by Parks and Recreation commission member Garth Bean. <https://ashfordtownhall.org/directory/parks-and-recreation/> through this link under Citizen July 2019 the bike camp is listed as are all other Recreation events run by the Town of Ashford.

Additional Information: RSA inclusive of cyclist and pedestrian needs and current disadvantages. See RSA observations at each location included in the study on pages 6-9. Implementation strategy (short-, mid-, and long-term) can be found on pages 10-11. 5.5.2 - Participants learn to ride, get off training wheels, and eventually ride the trails around the park. They learn about bike safety: helmets, pads, to watch where there going and to stay clear of other riders. They learn to use their brakes, we have them do an agility test to show they can control their bike. They learn the parts of a bicycle, some rules of the road and at the end of the week we issue a bike riders license.

6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

6.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1 Municipal Energy Plan (10 points), approved by Board of Selectmen June 17, 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.1 MUNICIPALENERGYPLEDGE_ASHFORD.PDF](#)

WORD: [ACTION 6.5 ACETF MAP](#)

PDF: [6.5.2 ASHFORD BOS MEETING MINUTES 6.17.19](#)

Documentation Details: "Action 6.5_ACETF MAP 3.18.19.pdf" Ashford Clean Energy Communities Municipal Action Plan (MAP), approved by ACETF on 3/15/2019. To be approved by BOS on 6/17/2019. Under 'New Business' of the Board of Selectmen Monthly Meeting 06/17/2019, the Ashford Clean Energy Task Forces presented the Municipal Action Plan created 3/15//19 that states the ultimate goal of Ashford is to become a 100% clean energy community. This proposal was accepted by the Board of Selectmen and the BOS requested they be provided with updates as they become available. Ashford Clean Energy Communities Pledge in 2009. Page 4 of Document: Board of Selectman meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013, attention to Old Business items 'd' and 'e' to reaffirm the appointments to the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force and reaffirmation of "Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge" first adopted by the Ashford Board of Selectman on April 6, 2009.

Partners: Ashford Clean Energy Task Force: The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force ("ACETF") working with the Board of Selectmen ("BOS") other elected and appointed town officials, seeks to identify ways the town and neighbors throughout Ashford can come together to preserve and improve the environment, manage and reduce energy consumption to achieve greater energy efficiency ("EE") and reduce energy costs, including through reduction of energy use during peak demand periods, increase clean, renewable energy sources, and promote energy resiliency and a secure energy supply currently and for the future. Our ultimate goal is for Ashford to become a 100% clean energy community.

6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.6. Municipal Fleet Inventory and strategy, (10 points), 2/27/2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 6.6 MUNICIPALFLEETINVENTORY_ASHFORD2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [2016-2017-ANNUAL-REPORT GRANTS RELATED TO SCT.PDF](#)

WORD: [ACTION 6.6 ACETF MUNICIPAL ACTION PLAN](#)

PDF: [6.6 BOS MEETING MINUTES 6.17.19](#)

PDF: [6.6 BOS MEETING MINUTES 8.19.19](#)

Documentation Details: "2016-2017-Annual-Report_Grants Related to SCT.pdf" see page 2 for examples of how the Town has improved their fleet over the last few years. In fiscal year 2016-2017 the town applied for and received an EPA grant to purchase a new school bus through the Clean Diesel Rebate Program. During the same year, the town applied for and received a CT Department of Transportation 5310 Grant to purchase a new senior transit bus. In fiscal year 2017-2018, the town applied for another EPA grant to purchase a new school bus through the Clean Diesel Rebate Program but did not receive it. However, the fleet inventory shows that has purchased a new school bus every year since 2012, including 2019. Other newer additions to the fleet include a 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan (6455) and a 2018 Ford Transit Van (6079). Currently, the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force is looking into how to apply for an EV charging station installation at a town building to encourage the municipality and residents to buy electric. On June 17, 2019, the Board of Selectman approved the Municipal Action Plan developed by the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force with a minor change to the plan. The addition is that the Board of Education, in conjunction with the town, will pursue the idea of using \$500,000 loan or bonding to incorporate energy efficiency measures. This addition was added as a strategy to building a more energy efficient fleet. "6.6 BOS Meeting Minutes 8.19.19" - On the bottom of page 2 of this document it is shown that the Board of Selectmen unanimously adopted the resolution that states that they will plan to seek out ways to make their transportation fleet more fuel and cost efficient and will seek out grants and other funding sources to make this possible.

Partners: N/A

Additional Information: In fiscal year 2016-2017 the town applied for and received an EPA grant to purchase a new school bus through the Clean Diesel Rebate Program. During the same year, the town applied for and received a CT Department of Transportation 5310 Grant to purchase a new senior transit bus. In fiscal year 2017-2018, the town applied for another EPA grant to purchase a new school bus through the Clean Diesel Rebate Program but did not receive it. However, the fleet inventory shows that has purchased a new school bus every year since 2012, including 2019. Other newer additions to the fleet include a 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan (6455) and a 2018 Ford Transit Van (6079). Currently, the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force is looking into how to apply for an EV charging station installation at a town building to encourage the municipality and residents to buy electric. On June 17, 2019, the Board of Selectman approved the Municipal Action Plan developed by the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force with a minor change to the plan. The addition is that the Board of Education, in conjunction with the town, will pursue the idea of using \$500,000 loan or bonding to incorporate energy efficiency measures. This addition was added as a strategy to building a more energy efficient fleet. Of the 38 total vehicles in Ashfords Municipal Fleet, 31 are Diesel powered and 7 are gas powered.

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

10 Points

Approved Information: Sustainability events, host more than five (10 points), August 2018-August 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 TRASHPICK-UP OUTREACH.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 FAMILYDAY HANDOUTS ACETF.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 TRASHPICK-UP FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 TRASHPICK-UP SUPPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 OTOF ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 SUPERSATURDAY ABA EVENT 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS TEMPLATE_UPDATED.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Doc titles detail which event it is related to. See 7.1 Sustainability Events Template_Updated for list and details of events.

Partners: An array of partners for each event. See document 7.1 Sustainability Event Template.

Additional Information: N/A

7.3 Train Municipal Representatives

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.3 Train Municipal Commissions on Grassland Bird Species, (5 points), 5/8/2018

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [BOBOLINKSFLYER_ASHFORD.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Flyer for event attached, note "Ashford Board and Commission members encouraged to attend." Commission members who attended: Ray Fenn, Inland Wetlands+ Economic Development Commission Catherine Sampson +Janet Bellamy, Planning & Zoning Commission Loretta Wrobel, Bill Dubinsky + Christine Acebo, Conservation Commission Marian Matthews, Board of Ed.

Partners: Joanne Warren, a master naturalist at the James L. Goodwin Forest and Conservation Education Center, gave the talk held at the town hall. The event was coordinated by Loretta Wrobel, chair of the Conservation Commission and Sustainability Team.

Additional Information: Bobolinks arrive in Connecticut after having migrated 5,000 to 6,000 miles from their wintering grounds in South America, traveling further than almost any other songbird. They arrive in our state at the beginning of May in search of open areas such as meadows, fields, or farmland to breed. Joanne Warren, Master Naturalist from the James L. Goodwin Forest and Conservation and Education Center, discussed problems facing the grassland bird species, and ways people can help protect them, including hay farmers. There are actions we can all take, such as holding off mowing in certain areas of our yards during breeding season May-September.

7.7 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

40 Points

Approved Information: 7.7 Recycle 4 Additional Materials (40 points). Non-mandatory items: mattresses, plastics #3 and #7, juice/milk cartons, electronics.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7_ASHFORD.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.7 TRANSFERSTATION PHOTOS.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.7 ASHFORD CITIZEN RECYCLING INFORMATION](#)

PDF: [7.7 ASHFORD CITIZEN RECYCLING INFORMATION \(2\)](#)

PDF: [7.7 ASHFORD CITIZEN RECYCLING INFORMATION \(3\)](#)

PDF: [7.7 ASHFORD TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER GUIDE](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.7 ASHFORD MATTRESS RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP LETTER](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.7 ASHFORD WILLI-WASTE CONTRACT](#)

PDF: [7.7 ASHFORD MID-NEROC CONTRACT 2019/2020](#)

Documentation Details: Town website: "The Ashford Transfer Station is available to Ashford residents for trash disposal and recycling. Composting at home is encouraged." <https://ashfordtownhall.org/transfer-station/> For Public Outreach, the Town of Ashford Recycling Center and Transfer Station mails out a guide to all residents listing all items that are accepted and where to drop them off at the Transfer Station which can be found under the document titled "7.7 Ashford Transfer Station and Recycling Center Guide." Under single stream recycling on the right side of page 2 all #3 and #7 plastics and juice and milk cartons are listed showing that the recycling of these Partners materials are being actively advertised and that they public is being educated on the recycling of these items. On the left side of the same document on page 2 the recycling of consumer electronics is detailed. In the middle section of the brochure on page 2, both mattresses and auto-mobile battery recycling information is listed so Ashford residents know where the recyclable items should be dropped off. Additionally, the documents titled 7.7 Ashford Citizen Recycling Information 1, 2, and 3 are scanned documents from the Ashford Citizen, which is mailed to every resident in the Town, that gives information about recycling and which items are acceptable for single stream recycling including #3 and #7 Plastics and Juice and Milk Cartons. Furthermore, under the Transfer Station page on the Town's website there is a section with a search bar titled "Can I Recycle It?" <https://ashfordtownhall.org/can-i-recycle-it/> This search bar allows anybody on the website to type in the name of a waste item and it will inform you how to recycle or dispose of it properly. Mattress Recycling: In the "Action 7.7_Ashford Mattress Recycling Partnership Letter" pdf, the terms and conditions of collection sites participating in the Mattress Recycling Council's Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program are outlined as well as proof of registration of Ashford as a location as a CT Mattress Recycling Program Collection Site as shown at the top of page 4. Juice/Milk Cartons and Plastics #3 and #7: On page 13 of the document titled "Action 7.7_Ashford Willi-Waste Contract" it is shown that acceptable recyclable materials include milk/juice jugs and cartons as well as plastics #3 and #7. Furthermore in the Mid-NEROC Contract 19/20 on the middle of page 4 it shows further proof of single-stream recycling taking place in Ashford. Consumer Electronics: Page 1 of the document titled "Action 7.7_Ashford Take2 E-waste Recycling" shows that the Ashford Public Works Garage is designated as a permanent drop-off location for residents of the Town of Ashford. In case the pdf map is not showing it properly here is the link to the interactive map: <https://take2recycle.com/ewaste-recycle-ct>. In addition the Mid-NEROC Contract 19/20 document at the bottom of page 5 shows that CED's (computers, monitors, televisions, and printers) and other non-CED's are recycled year-round by Take 2 Inc. Auto-Batteries: Attached is the contract listings for 2019-2020 as accepted by the Mid-NEROC Board of Directors. This includes a vendor list including Auto batteries which are recycled by Midstate Battery as shown at the bottom of page 3 under the list of "Price List for Sale of Recyclables for 2019/2020" a contact name and number is listed in case there is any need for further confirmation. The document is dated December 7, 2018 which falls within the look-back period and the contract and adopted budget is valid throughout the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

Partners: "Can I Recycle It?" search bar powered by ReCollect and RecycleCT. The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) through the Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program. Willi-Waste handles the single stream recycling that includes juice/milk cartons and Plastic 3s and 7s. Electronic recycling such computers, monitors, printers, televisions, light bulbs, and mixed batteries is handled by Take 2. Auto battery cores are taken by Midstate Battery via Mid-Northeast Recycling Operating Committee (Mid-NEROC) which the Town of Ashford is a member of.

Additional Information: Due to the reviewer feedback we are submitting this action for the recycling of mattresses, plastics #3 and #7, juice/milk cartons, and electronics. Although Ashford cannot receive more than 40 points, both the Mid-NEROC Contract and the Ashford Transfer Station Recycling Center Guide include information about the recycling of automobile

batteries, textiles and tires.

7.10 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.4 Anti-idling, (10 points), 2019

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [ACTION 7.10.4 ACETF MINUTES 11-13-2017.DOC](#)

WORD: [ACTION 7.10.4 ACETF MINUTES 12-11-2017.DOC](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.10.4 NO-IDLING INFOCARD GENERIC 4-25X2-75.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [ACTION 7.10 ASHFORDTRANSFERSTATION NO IDLING SIGN.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [ACTION 7.10 ASHFORDTRANSFERSTATION NO IDLING SIGN 2.JPEG](#)

PDF: [7.10.4 ASHFORD CITIZEN ANTI-IDLING CARD](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.10.4 ASHFORD TOWN WEBSITE ANTI-IDLING CARD](#)

Documentation Details: ACETF- Ashford Clean Energy Task Force Photos of no-idling signs posted at the Ashford Transfer Station. "7.10.4 Ashford Citizen Anti-Idling Card.pdf" Section on Anti-Idling is at the bottom of the page which was scanned from the Ashford Citizen, a paper sent out to every resident in Ashford, and gives information about the negative impacts of idling . "Action 7.10.4_Ashford Town Website Anti-Idling Card.pdf" is a screenshot from from the Transfer Station page on the Town Website that shows the anti-idling cards posted to the website. <https://ashfordtownhall.org/transfer-station/> Additional information was also uploaded on August 12, 2019 to the Ashford Town Website which links information on Anti-Idling Compliance and Enforcement from the DEEP web page. Ashford Anti-Idling page: <https://ashfordtownhall.org/anti-idling-law/> DEEP Anti-Idling link: https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=570934&deepNav_GID=1619

Partners: ACETF- The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force (ACETF), working with the Board of Selectmen and other elected and appointed officials, seeks to identify ways in which residents can come together to preserve and improve the environment, push for clean, renewable energy sources, and promote a secure energy supply for the future. The ACETF has promoted a better understanding of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Ashford through educational programs, energy fairs, tabling at community and school events and publishing regular Green tips and other materials.

Additional Information: The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force has been the face of the anti-idling campaign in Ashford. In late 2017, the Task Force purchased anti-idling signs to be placed at strategic locations in town. In December 2017, the First Selectmen approved the placement of signage at the Ashford Transfer Station. In an effort to continue to spread information about the state legislation and promoting cleaner air, members of the Task Force attended other town meetings to discuss anti-idling. Members attended a Board of Ed meeting and also provided anti-idling program information to the Eastford Clean Energy Task Force. An idling info card has been included in the town's monthly newsletter, the Ashford Citizen. A scan of the Anti-Idling card included in the May edition of the Ashford Citizen is shown under the document titled "7.10.4 Ashford Citizen Anti-Idling Card."

8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Create, expand or maintain your community's housing data profile, (10 points), 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.1.1 PSC 2018HSGPROFILE ASHFORD.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 8.1.1 WORKSHEET 2 ASHFORD 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.1 HOUSING EVENT FLYER](#)

Documentation Details: Attached is the Partnership for Strong Communities Housing Profile 2018 and the answers to Worksheet 2. Also attached is the flyer for the Housing event that was hosted by the Ashford Sustainability Team on Wednesday, July 24th. "On 7-24-19 at the open public meeting we talked about Ashford Housing Data Profile and the implications for our town at present and in the future. We discussed many topics such as the lack of diversity, the need for more affordable housing, creative housing solutions, issues with our increasing senior population as well as increasing school population. We also focused on the need for different zoning regulations to accommodate various housing options while retaining our rural character. All aspects of our town were brought up such as our excellent school and lack of businesses and transportation in town. What brings people to Ashford was examined. The consensus was to increase awareness our housing issues and to meet again as everyone found the meeting productive. Our Senior Center coordinator and head of Housing Authority also are interested in future meetings. "

Partners: Members of the Ashford Sustainability Team held a special meeting on 4/17/2019 with members from the Housing Authority and Social Services to answer questions and gain a better understanding of housing in Ashford. The director of senior housing, town social services, and senior center director, all are on board to continue with forming a housing committee to address areas of concern particularly low income housing, need for more senior housing and more alternative housing options.

9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

9.1 Optimize for Equity

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.1 Optimize for Equity (10 points), completed on July 31st, 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 9.1 ASHFORD EQUITY TOOLKIT](#)

Documentation Details: Attached is "Action 9.1_Ashford Equity Toolkit.pdf" which documents the steps taken by the Ashford Sustainability Team in applying the Optimize for Equity sub action to Action 6.8. On page 1 the groups and stakeholders the Sustainability Team identified and engaged are listed. On pages 1-2 it is described how and when the engagement took place and what was discussed. On page 2 which action the equity toolkit was applied to and why we chose to apply equity to this action is described. On pages 2-3 the results of the collaboration were discussed including how the Sustainability Team incorporated the input gathered into how the action was implemented. Finally, on page 4, the Sustainability Team discussed how they will refine, revisit and improve the Equity Toolkit application process.

Partners: The Sustainability Team partnered with the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force as well as other stakeholders (Housing Commission, Commission on Ageing, Board of Selectmen, and Senior Housing Authority) with the shared goal on engaging the Senior Housing Authority residents in an energy cost reduction project.