



# Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

East Lyme was certified on October 28, 2019 with 300 points. Listed below is information regarding East Lyme'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 East Lyme 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

25 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.1.5 Remediation Report (10 points), March 2019. Niantic Mobil brownfield site 1.1.8 Remediate a brownfield site (15 points), Remediation of former Niantic Mobil brownfield site completed mid-2018

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [ACTION1.1.5\\_REMEDIAL\\_ACTION\\_REPORT\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION1.1.8\\_REMEDIATIONPROJECT\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION1.1.8\\_PHOTO\\_REMEDIATION\\_WATERFRONTPARK.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION1.1.8\\_REMEDIATION\\_PARK\\_OPENING\\_ARTICLE\\_BY\\_THE\\_DAY\\_7-19-18.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** "Action1.1.5\_Remedial Action Report\_EastLyme.pdf" Remediation Report of the Niantic Mobil brownfield site. Prepared in March 2019. Remedial activities were implemented between March 5, 2018 and March 28, 2018. The report summarizes the remedial construction activities performed at the Town-owned property located at 224 Main Street in the Niantic section of East Lyme (the "Site"). Remedial construction activities included the excavation and disposal of soil impacted by Extractable Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (ETPH), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). "Action1.1.8\_RemediationProject\_EastLyme.pdf" see pages 3 and 6. Page 3- description of property. Page 6- anticipated design. "Action1.1.8\_Photo\_Remediation\_WaterfrontPark.pdf" photo of completed park. Remediation complete in 2018. Park grand opening on July 19, 2018. "Action1.1.8\_Remediation\_Park Opening article by The Day 7-19-18.pdf" press release on completed remediation project of the former Niantic Mobil brownfield site.

## 1.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.4.2 Support Main Street Programs: Niantic Main Street (5 points) 1.4.3: Three events supporting local businesses, (5 points), 2018-2019

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.4.3\\_EVENTSSUPPORTINGLOCALBUSINESSES.PDF](#)

PDF: [FUNDINGNIANTICMAINSTREET.PDF](#)

PDF: [FUNDINGNIANTICMAINSTREET\\_2019-2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.4.2\\_EAST\\_LYME + NIANTIC MAIN STREET PARTNERSHIP LETTER.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** See doc "FundingNianticMainStreet.pdf" for East Lyme's 2018-19 budget. On the first page there is a line item for Niantic Main Street in the amount of \$2,000. See doc "FundingNianticMainStreet\_2019-2020.pdf" for East Lyme's 2019-2020 budget for community services. On the first page there is a line item for Niantic Main Street in the amount of \$2,000. This is the funding described in the partnership letter. "1.4.2 EL + NMS Partnership Letter" is a partnership letter outlining the organization East Lyme is supporting and the resources East Lyme is supporting them with (municipal leadership and funding). Funding mentioned in the letter is corroborated with the 2019-2020 and 2018-2019 East Lyme Fiscal Budget. "1.4.3\_EventsSupportingLocalBusinesses.pdf" shows online outreach and description for each event

**Partners:** Niantic Mainstreet. The Niantic Main Street (NMS) organization is a 501c (3) not-for-profit (tax exempt) organization and a Non-Designated Member of the Connecticut Main Street Center. Comprised of all volunteers, the group is made up of a Board of Directors and various volunteers from within the community of East Lyme and the region. Mark Nickerson, First Selectman of East Lyme is Ex-Officio member on the Board of Directors. The Municipality also provides \$2000 to the organization yearly.

**Additional Information:** 1.4.2: The mission of NMS is to help promote and implement downtown revitalization efforts in the commercial centers or villages of Niantic and Flanders, in the Town of East Lyme, Connecticut using recommendations in the April 1997 East Lyme Charrette Report and incorporating best practices including the comprehensive approach of the Connecticut Main Street Program. The vision of NMS is to help create an inviting seaside village easily accessible by car, foot, boat and/or train. It is a wonderful place to live, work and play, and a place where residents and visitors can gather for specialty shopping, creative entertainment and arts, specialty dining, and water activities within a village that has recaptured its historic past. Niantic Main Street maintains the Discover East Lyme website: <http://discovereastlyme.com/niantic-main-street/>

## 1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.6.1 Pass a resolution to join C-PACE (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [ACTION1.6 EAST LYME CPACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FULLY EXECUTED.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 CPACE RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 CPACE RESOLUTION ACCEPTANCE MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 LINK TO C-PACE.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Municipal Agreement with CT Green Bank

**Partners:** CT Green Bank

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## 2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

## 2.1 Provide Watershed Education

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.1.1 Watershed Education Event (5 points), Earth Fest, May 4, 2019 2.1.2 Citizen science, (5 points), ongoing

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 2.1.1 EARTHFEST EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.1.1 EARTHFESTFLYER2019 EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.1.2 CITIZEN SCIENCE MONITORING PROGRAM NIAN TIC RIVER WATERSHED.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.1.1 EVENT DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** "Action 2.1.1\_Earthfest\_EastLyme.pdf" list of stations at Earthfest. See two stations highlighted in the blue box for watershed education. "Action 2.1.1\_EarthfestFlyer2019\_EastLyme.pdf" flyer for Earthfest. "Action 2.1.2\_Citizen Science Monitoring Program Niantic River Watershed.pdf" see for description of the water monitoring program that was established and page 2 for a photo of a student in action.

**Partners:** 2.1.1 - Save the River, Save the Hills. Niantic River Watershed commission. Earth Day, Everyday CT. The town provided the space and clean-up. 2.1.2- Citizen science monitoring program is offered by the Niantic River Watershed Committee. The Niantic River Watershed Committee is a collaborative organization. Committee members include the towns of East Lyme, Montville, Salem and Waterford, as well as East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission, the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission and CT DEEP. The member organizations provide representatives to the Board of Directors and support the Watershed Committee goals and activities.

## 2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.4.3 Open Space Plan, incorporated into POCD (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION2.4.3\\_OPENSOURCEPLAN\\_POCD.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION2.4.3\\_OPEN-SPACE-PLAN\\_5-19-2009\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.3\\_EAST\\_LYME\\_OPEN\\_SPACE\\_PLAN\\_PRIORITIES.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** See POCD excerpt for section that incorporates Open Space Plan. Open Space Plan report attached (incorporated into the POCD). List of priorities, see POCD for relevant sections. The POCD was last amended December 7, 2010. Therefore it falls within the 10-year look back period. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes our next update of the POCD is due by December 2020.

**Partners:** N/A

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## 2.8 Implement Low Impact Development

35 Points

**Approved Information:** Education Projects 2.8.1 Post LID info on town website (5 points) 2.8.2 Host a stormwater education event (5 points). Stormwater Day at Hole-in-the Wall low impact development site. 5/14/2019 2.8.3 Provide information to contractors/developers (5 points) Planning, Regulation and Policy Projects 2.8.1 Include sections on the importance of stormwater management and best practices for design in the POCD (5 points) 2.8.2 Include LID in regulations, East Lyme Subdivision Regulations (5 points) Implementation Projects 2.8.1 Implement an LID project with high visibility (5 points) Downtown Niantic Tree Filters installed in 2016 2.8.2 Develop a long-term maintenance strategy (5 points). Implementation strategy for 2016 upgrades to Hole-in-the-Wall LID site. Project at hole-in-the-Wall began in 2009 and there have been updates to the site from 2012 onward. Maintenance plan revised 6/30/2016. Long-term maintenance plans for Colony Rd Tree Filters (2013), Downtown Niantic Tree Filters (2016) and Grand Street Tree filter installations (2018)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 2.8.2\\_EDUCATION\\_STORMWATERDAY\\_INFO\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION2.8.1\\_EDUCATION\\_TOWNWEBSITE\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8.3\\_EDUCATION\\_DEVELOPERS\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8.2\\_2011 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS-FEBRUARY 1, 2011\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8.2 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION\\_SUPPORTINGINFO\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8.2\\_IMPLEMENTATION\\_SUSTAINABILITY OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE PLAN - HOLE IN THE WALL.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8\\_COLONY ROAD TREE FILTER O&M PLAN\\_2.11.13.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8\\_NIANTIC TREE FILTER O&M PLAN FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8\\_EAST\\_LYME\\_POCD\\_STORMWATERMANAGEMENT\\_LID.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8 GRAND STREET O&M PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.8.1 IMPLEMENTATION NIANCTREEFILTERS SIGNAGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [LID EDUCATION DEVELOPERS EAST LYME](#)

**Documentation Details:** Education "Action2.8.1\_Education\_TownWebsite\_EastLyme.pdf" screenshot and links to LID and stormwater information available on the town website "Action 2.8.2\_Education\_StormwaterDay\_Info\_EastLyme.pdf" information about Stormwater Day and the different topics discussed throughout the day to multiple classes. Stormwater Day is led by Victor Benni, Town Engineer, and reaches 11 third-grade classes from four different elementary schools in East Lyme and Salem. "Action 2.8.3\_Education\_Developers\_EastLyme.pdf" screenshot on town website for stormwater and construction. Planning, Regulation and Policy Projects 2.8.1 Include stormwater management in POCD. See document, "Action 2.8\_East Lyme POCD\_StormwaterManagement\_LID.pdf" The POCD was last amended December 7, 2010. Therefore it falls within the 10-year look back period. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes our next update of the POCD is due by December 2020. Attached are only the pages relevant to this action rather than the entire POCD. Pages of relevance include 134, 140-141. 2.8.2 Include LID in regulations, East Lyme Subdivision Regulations. See Subdivision Regulations pages 11 and 69. "Action 2.8.2 Subdivision Application\_SupportingInfo\_EastLyme.pdf" Subdivision application requires a stormwater management plan, see page 3. Implementation Action 2.8.1: Tree filter signage in Niantic. See doc: "Action 2.8.1\_Implementation\_NianticTreeFilters\_Signage.pdf" "Action 2.8.2\_Implementation\_Sustainability Operations & Maintenance Plan - Hole in the Wall.pdf" maintenance plan for Hole-in-the-Wall. Implementation strategy for 2016 upgrades to Hole-in-the-Wall LID site. Project at hole-in-the-Wall began in 2009 and there have been updates to the site from 2012 onward. Maintenance plan revised 6/30/2016. Long-term maintenance plans for Colony Rd Tree Filters (2013) and Downtown Niantic Tree Filters (2016) also attached. Colony Rd Tree Filters Plan: "Action 2.8\_Colony Road Tree Filter O&M plan\_2.11.13.pdf" Niantic Tree Filters Plan: "Action 2.8\_Niantic Tree Filter O&M Plan Final.pdf" Grand Street Plan: "Action 2.8\_Grand Street O&M Plan.pdf"

**Partners:** Eastern CT Conservation District assisted in the education and installation of LID projects in East Lyme.

**Additional Information:** Please follow this link if you'd like more information on East Lyme's stormwater classroom located at Hole-in-the-Wall:  
<https://eltownhall.com/government/departments/public-works/engineering/storm-water-and-the-construction-industry/news-about-hole-in-the-wall-2/>

## 2.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

5 Points

**Approved Information:** Best Management Practices: 2.11.1 Integrated Pest Management Plan (5 points), 2019

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [ACTION 2.11\\_2019 IPM.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** "Action 2.11\_2019 IPM.pdf" copy of the 2019 Integrated Pest Management Plan for East Lyme Parks and Recreation and applies to all East Lyme Parks and Recreation/East Lyme Town Facilities.

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## 3. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

### 3.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.1.2 Update CT Visit Profile (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.2 UPDATE CT VISIT.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Hyperlink to CT Visit Profile

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## 4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning



## 4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.1.4 Sustainability in Planning and Zoning Regulations. (20 points for concepts 1, 8, 9). updated 5/24/19

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.1.4 WORKSHEET C.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.4 HIGHLIGHTED PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

**Partners:** None.

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## 4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.3.1 Promoting Agriculture in Zoning Regulations. (5 points). updated 5/24/19. 4.3.4 Farmer Forum, (5 points), occurred February 27, 2019 4.3.6 Community Gardens on municipal land, Samuel Smith Farmstead (10 points), updated 5/8/19

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 4.3.6 COMMUNITYGARDEN SAMUELSMITHHOUSE EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.3.1 AGRICULTURE IN ZONING REGULATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.3.4 FARMERFORUM FARMPRESERVATION FLYER](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.3.4: Document "4.3.4\_FarmerForum\_FarmPreservation\_Flyer.pdf" flyer for event. The event designed by East Lyme's agribusiness sub-committee. The need for the event and subsequent discussion came after identifying a critical issue, farmers can have trouble making ends meet on their own. 4.3.6: Document "Action 4.3.6\_CommunityGarden\_SamuelSmithHouse\_EastLyme.pdf" includes information about the Farmstead, including that the property is jointly owned by the Town of East Lyme and the Niantic Sportsmen's Club. It also includes advertisement of the community gardens on the Farmstead's website which details the garden plots that residents can rent.

**Partners:** Friends of Samuel Smith House and Property, Inc.

## 4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.5.4 Achieve Certified Local Government Status. (5 points), achieved 12/10/11.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [4.5.4 CLG CERTIFICATION EL.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** PDF which links to NPS list of CLGs across US. Scroll to find CT. It also has a screenshot of the web page highlighting East Lyme.

**Partners:** None.

**Additional Information:** East Lyme became a Certified Local Government in December of 2011.

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## 5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

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### 5.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.1.2 Attend a Complete Streets Training. (5 points). 8/6/19.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [5.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** A webinar was watched by a commission member.

**Partners:** None.

## 6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

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### 6.7 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.7.1 Install Efficient Street Lights (15 points), completed Fall 2015

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [ACTION 6.7\\_LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** "Action 6.7\_LED Streetlight Conversion\_EastLyme.pdf" the attached details the ownership of streetlights, the costs, rebates, and how many streetlights were retrofitted in Fall 2015.

## 7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

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### 7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.1.1 Hold a Sustainability Event. (15 points). multiple events.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.1.1 BIKE AND BBQ FLYER/WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [7.1.1 NIAN TIC FARMERS MARKET FLYER.JPG](#)

PDF: [7.1 NITROGEN EVENT FLYER](#)

PDF: [7.1 EVENTS WRITE-UP.PDF](#)

## 7.4 Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.4.2 Create a food assessment (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.4 FOOD ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

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## 7.5 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.5.1 Report Solid Waste Data. (5 points) FY 19, 18, and 17.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.5 FY17 SOLID WASTE WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.5 FY18 SOLID WASTE WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.5 FY19 SOLID WASTE WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.5 SOLID WASTE CONTACT.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.5.1 SOLID WASTE PER CAPITA - PUBLISHED.PDF](#)

## 7.7 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.7 Recycle Additional Materials. (10 points) accepted 7/2/15.

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7 MATTRESS RECYCLING AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.7 MATTRESS RECYCLING REPORT.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** East Lyme recycles mattresses at the East Lyme Transfer station through the Mattress Recycling Council. Above is the agreement between East Lyme and the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC). The Mattress Recycling Report shows MRC's most recent annual report. In the appendix East Lyme's transfer station is reported as a pick-up location. This shows that the initiative is on-going.

**Partners:** Mattress Recycling Council. Town's Transfer Station collects the mattresses for the Mattress Recycling Council.

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## 7.10 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.10.3 Adopt one or more policies designed to reduce tobacco use in your municipality. (15 points), order of Parks and Rec Commission as of 7/15/2012

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 7.10.3 TOBACCO-FREE-PARKS\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.10.3 TOBACCO-FREE-PARKS\\_OUTREACH\\_EASTLYME.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [7.10.3 TOBACCOFREESIGN\\_NIANTICBOARDWALK.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** "Action 7.10.3\_Tobacco-Free-Parks\_EastLyme.pdf" see pages 6, 8 and 10.

**Partners:** none

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## 8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

## 8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.1.1 Create and Expand the community's Housing Profile. (10 points). uploaded 7/1/18. 8.1.2 Regional Housing Needs Assessment 2018 and East Lyme Housing profile 2019 (15 points). 8.1.3 Distribute Housing Needs Assessment (5 points). presented 4/9/19.

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION8.1.2\\_2018\\_REGIONAL\\_HOUSING\\_NEEDS\\_ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION8.1.2\\_EASTLYMEHOUSINGPROFILE2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.1\\_HOUSING\\_PROFILE.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.3\\_DISTRIBUTE\\_HOUSING\\_NEEDS\\_ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.3\\_HOUSING\\_NEEDS\\_PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.2\\_HOUSING\\_NEEDS\\_ASSESSMENT\\_REFERENCE\\_SHEET\\_FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.1\\_DATE\\_OF\\_PRESENTATION-AGENDA.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.1\\_WORKSHEET\\_2.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.2\\_RETROSPECTIVE\\_ANALYSIS\\_\(2\).PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Attached are the housing needs assessment and the profile developed for East Lyme. "8.1.1 Housing Profile" is East Lyme's Partnership for Strong Communities (PSC) 2018 Profile. "8.1.1 Worksheet 2" is the required worksheet to go along with the PSC profile. "8.1.1 Date of Presentation- Agenda" is the agenda from when the profile was presented. It is referring to Old Business, item G. "8.1.2 East Lyme Housing Profile" is a 2019 Southeastern Connecticut Housing Alliance profile for East Lyme. It shares similar information to the PSC profile. "8.1.2 2018 Regional Housing Assessment" is a SECHA and SCCOG Housing needs assessment. It fulfills the requirements for creating a local or regional housing needs assessment in 8.1.2. "8.1.2 Housing Needs Assessment Reference Sheet" details where to find the required information in the regional housing needs assessment, "8.1.3 Distribute Housing Needs Assessment" is the minutes from an East Lyme Planning Commission Meeting. Reports A. details the presentation by a member of SCCOG and SECHA.

**Partners:** SCCOG, SECHA. Municipality helps fund SCCOG. First Selectman serves as a representative in SCCOG.

## 8.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.2.2 Increase Affordable Housing. (10 points). Compared 2013 to 2018

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.2.2 HOUSING APPEALS DATA 2013.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.2 HOUSING APPEALS DATA 2018.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** East Lyme has a net increase in affordable housing between 2013 and 2018. In 2013, East Lyme's had 5.59% affordable housing. In 2018, the municipality had 5.88% affordable housing. This is an increase of .29%.

**Partners:** None

**Additional Information:** East Lyme has a net increase in affordable housing between 2013 and 2018. In 2013, East Lyme's had 5.59% affordable housing. In 2018, the municipality had 5.88% affordable housing. This is an increase of .29%.

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## 9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

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### 9.1 Optimize for Equity

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.1 Complete the Equity Toolkit. (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [EAST LYME EQUITYTOOLKIT FINAL.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** East Lyme's Equity Toolkit. Applied to action 7.4.

**Partners:** None.

**Additional Information:** The Equity Tool Kit report attached here was positively reviewed by our Equity Coach, with some last activities and appendices added.

## 10. Innovation Action

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### 10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.1. Innovation. Installed bridge in Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve trail system to increase trail safety and accessibility while preserving fragile wetlands ecology; spans 40-foot wetland boundary that encompasses the two spillways draining Clark Pond (15 points).

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.1 PUMP OUT BOAT WEBSITE.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1 PUMP OUT BOAT DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1 BRIDGE PROJECT- NEWSLETTER](#)

WORD: [10.1 BRIDGE PROJECT- DESCRIPTION](#)

**Documentation Details:** "Pump out Boat Website" is a PDF of the Save the River Save the Hills page that describes the pump out boat program. "Pump out Boat Description" is a description of what a pump out boat is, how the program works, why its a sustainability project, and who funds it. "Bridge Project - Newsletter" is a newsletter by the group Friends Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve which details a bridge implementation that occurred this spring. The Newsletter shows photos of the bridge and in part describes what the group did to create a bridge that increases trail access without endangering the ecosystem around it. "Bridge Project- Description" is a more detailed description of the bridge process.

**Partners:** Pump out Boat: Save the River, Save the Hills. Town provides funding and free sewer use. Bridge Project: First Selectman spoke at ribbon cutting. Public Works lent equipment to help put the bridge in.