



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Town of Groton was certified on October 28, 2019 with 285 points. Listed below is information regarding Town of Groton'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 Town of Groton 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: Brownfield Grant Proposal (10 points) 1.1.5: Phase II assessment of Brownfield Site: Old Groton Heights School (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [BROWNFIELD GRANT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [BROWNFIELD PROJECT PROPOSAL.DOCX](#)

PDF: [GROTON HEIGHTS PHASE II ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.6.1: Municipal resolution to opt into C-Pace (5 Points). Agreement date 10/21/2013. Added meeting minutes for C-PACE resolution. 1.6.3. C-Pace Projects approved by the Green Bank (5 Points). One project September 2016.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [C-PACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [C-PACE PROJECTS APPROVED BY GREEN BANK](#)

WORD: [WEBSITE SCREENSHOT](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 C-PACE MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Only one project on document 2 is still valid for points. The link to C-Pace on our website can be found in the screenshot under Renewable Energy Investment Programs. 1.6.1 C-Pace Meeting Minutes (5 points).

Partners: None

2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1 Open Space Inventory (5 points), updated in 2014 and incorporated into 2016 POCD 2.4.1 Open Space Inventory Spreadsheet showing owner and protection status of properties identified in 2016 POCD. 2.4.3 Open Space Plan (10 points). Updated 2016, incorporated into 2016 POCD

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [OPEN SPACE PLAN](#)

EXCEL: [OPEN SPACE INVENTORY SPREADSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: - Open Space Plan has been cut out of the 2016 POCD. All pages apply.
-For inventory, see pages 2-13 and 2-14 of the Open Space Plan (2016 POCD)

Partners: None

2.8 Implement Low Impact Development

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.8.1 LID in POCD (5 Points). Updated 2016. 2.8.2 LID in zoning regs (5 Points). Updated 2016.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [POCD EXERT - LID SOLUTIONS](#)

PDF: [ZONING REGULATIONS EXERT. WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION DISTRICT](#)

Documentation Details: 2.8.1 LID Exert from 2016 POCD. All pages apply. 2.8.1 Zoning Regulations Exert, Water Resources Protection District. Revised and adopted in 2016. All pages apply.

Partners: None

3. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.2, 10 points for three activities: 3.2.2 Arts and Culture information on website 3.2.7 Streamlining Approvals for Cultural Events 3.2.10 Option 1 - Support the arts at the library

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [ARTS AND CULTURE WEBSITE SCREENSHOT](#)

WORD: [STREAMLINING CULTURAL EVENTS](#)

PDF: [PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY](#)

Documentation Details: - Link to website for arts and culture summer concert series. <http://www.groton-ct.gov/depts/parksrec/events/soundwaves/default.asp> - Link to website for library events and activities. <http://www.groton-ct.gov/library/docs/connections.pdf>. The attached program contains all events, some of which are reoccurring arts and craft themes.

4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning

80 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2: Integrate Sustainability Concepts into POCD (40 points for concepts 1-6, 8, 9, 10), POCD adopted 6/29/16 4.1.4: Integrate Sustainability into Zoning (40 points for concepts 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10), Revised 8/1/17

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.1.1 WORKSHEET A.PDF](#)

PDF: [GROTON POCD.PDF](#)

PDF: [POCD COMPRESSED \(WORKSHEET A\).PDF](#)

PDF: [ZONING REGULATIONS COMPRESSED \(WORKSHEET C\).PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.2 WORKSHEET B.PDF](#)

PDF: [ZONING REGULATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [POCD COMPRESSED \(WORKSHEET B\).PDF](#)

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

4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.3.6 Develop and promote community garden spaces for residents on municipal land (10 points) 4.3.5 Establish an open space and/or farmland acquisition fund (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [GROTON COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES](#)

WORD: [GROTON COMMUNITY GARDEN WEBSITE SCREENSHOT](#)

IMAGE: [PICTURE1](#)

IMAGE: [PICTURE2](#)

IMAGE: [PICTURE3](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUND RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUND BALANCE](#)

Documentation Details: Groton Community Garden rules Website Screenshot Pictures of Community Gardens 4.3.5 Attached documents include the Town Council resolution to establish an open space acquisition fund and an email from the Town Treasure stating the current balance of the fund.

Partners: none

4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.5.4 Certified Local Government. (5 Points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HISTORICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [GROTON HISTORIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN](#)

PDF: [CLG LIST AND DATES](#)

Documentation Details: - Historical Resources Inventory documents historical and cultural resources in the town and methods for future preservation. - Hazard Mitigation Plan documents how historical and cultural resources can be protected from natural hazards. -Groton Historic District Regulations are a set of standard and guidelines the town uses to preserve historical and cultural resources. - List of Cities and Towns certified by the National Park Service as a Certified Local Government.

Partners: None

Additional Information: The Historical Resources Inventory was completed in April of 2014 and published as part of Groton's Plan of Conservation and Development in 2016.

5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

5.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.4 EV Charging Station on Municipal Property (5 Points).

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [EV CHARGING STATION PHOTOS](#)

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IMAGE: [EV TOWN HALL GROTON.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [EV GROTON LIBRARY.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: A series of photos were submitted. We have EV charging stations that are open to the public at 3 municipal buildings, the Town Hall Annex, Town Hall, and the library.

5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.3: Conduct a pedestrian Walk Audit (10 Points), 5.5.6 Support shared mobility services (15 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [MYSTIC COMMUNITY BIKES RENTAL AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [MYSTIC COMMUNITY BIKES WEBSITE.PDF](#)

PDF: [MYSTIC COMMUNITY BIKES - GROTON DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [GROTON PEDESTRIAN WALK AUDIT SUMMARY, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATION](#)

PDF: [WALK AUDIT POWERPOINT PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [WALK AUDIT FLYER IN ENGLISH](#)

PDF: [AARP WALK AUDIT FLYER \(SPANISH\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.6 Support Shared Mobility Services. The Town of Groton has partnered with Mystic Community Bikes, a bike sharing company, by allowing the company to lease town owned space free of charge. -Document added showing how rental space agreement helped establish shared mobility services. 5.5.3 - Comprehensive document describing the walk audit that was performed at 3 different locations in Town. This audit includes the inventory, assessment, results, and findings and future recommendations for the areas audited. - Walk Audit Flyer in Spanish and English - Walk Audit PowerPoint Presentation - used as a presentation to all walk audit volunteers prior to the activity.

Partners: <http://www.mysticcommunitybikes.org/>

6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

6.7 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.7.1 Install Efficient Street Lights (20 points), completed February 2017

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [STREET LIGHT PLAN](#)

PDF: [FULL LED STREET LIGHT INVENTORY WITH LOCATION](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT LOCATION MAPS](#)

WORD: [GROTON LED STREET LIGHT PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT BILLS](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT MAP. TOWN OWNED LIGHTS](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT BILLS.TOWN OWNED LIGHTS](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT MAP2. TOWN OWNED](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT INVENTORY.TOWN OWNED](#)

PDF: [EMAILS CONFIRMING CORRESPONDENCE WITH GROTON UTILITIES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.7.1. Street Light Plan, LED Street Light inventory with location, LED Street Light Location Maps, These attachments are separated out for utility owned street lights and town owned street lights.

Partners: Some financial assistance was provided from Eversource and Groton Utilities. Groton Utilities owns some of the street lights as depicted in the attached documents.

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.10 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.3 - Town of Groton Smoke Free Places Policy

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SMOKE FREE PLACES POLICY & SIGN EXAMPLE](#)

PDF: [GROTON COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES](#)

IMAGE: [NO SMOKING SIGN](#)

Documentation Details: Groton's Policy on Smoking in Parks is in bold in the document. An example of a sign in Groton can be seen on page 2. Groton prohibits smoking in community gardens. See Page 2 rule number 10.

Partners: none

8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

8.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

50 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 Identify current % of affordable housing, (10 points), 2018 8.2.2 Grow Affordable Housing 2013- 20.53% 2018- 22.52% increase of 359 units, (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 8.2_AFFORDABLEHOUSINGFINALAPPEALSSUMMARY2013.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 8.2_AFFORDABLEHOUSINGFINAL-APPEALS-SUMMARY-2018.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Doc Action 8.2_AffordableHousingFinal-Appeals-Summary-2018.pdf is used to show that Groton is above the 10% (action 8.2.1) and to show the increase of affordable housing over the five-year period (8.2.2)

Partners: None

9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

9.1 Optimize for Equity

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.1 Optimize for Equity. One ToolKit for Action 5.5.3. (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [GROTON PEDESTRIAN WALK AUDIT.PDF](#)

PDF: [AARP WALK AUDIT FLYER \(SPANISH\).PDF](#)

PDF: [AARP WALK AUDIT FLYER\(ENGLISH\)](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF GROTON EQUITY TOOLKIT.PDF](#)

PDF: [AARP WALK AUDIT PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.1 Optimize for Equity. One ToolKit for Action 5.5.3 - Completed Equity Toolkit that was applied to Action 5.5.3. - Supporting Documents for Action 5.5.3 * Groton Walk Audit Document * Groton Walk Audit Advertisement Flyer in Spanish * Groton Walk Audit Advertisement Flyer in English * Groton Walk Audit Presentation