



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Simsbury, a Sustainable CT silver certified applicant.

Simsbury was certified on October 28, 2019 with 425 points. Listed below is information regarding Simsbury'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 Simsbury 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

1.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

Approved Information: 1.4.1. Host a Business Roundtable (5 points), updated 6/12/19 1.4.2 Support Main Street Programs, (5 points), updated 5/14/19 1.4.3 Invite businesses to three events, (5 points), updated 8/26/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.4.2 MSP LETTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.4.3 COC EVENT 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.4.3 COC EVENT 2.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.4.3 COC EVENT 3.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.4.1 EDC ROUNDTABLE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [1.4.1 EDC ROUNDTABLE PHOTO.JPG](#)

PDF: [1.4.2 MSP BUDGET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 1.4.1 EDC - Press release of the Economic Development Commission Business Roundtable 1.4.1 EDC - Roundtable photo 1.4.1 EDC - Read more about the event by clicking the hyperlink. <https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/economic-development-commission/bulletins/economic-development-commission-hosts-business-roundtable> 1.4.2 MSP - Letter from Main Street Partnership describing the relationship with the Town of Simsbury and the services they provide. 1.4.2 MSP - Town budget line item. 1.4.3 COC Event3 - Chamber of Commerce Flier of all the upcoming events, participating businesses, and sponsors. 1.4.3 COC Event2 - Chamber of Commerce Flier to Tour Anthology Event 1.4.3 COC Event 1 - Chamber of Commerce Flier to TD Bank Event

Partners: 1.4.1 Town of Simsbury, Economic Development Commission, Main Street Partnership, Westminster School, Local Businesses and Residents 1.4.2 Main Street Partnership, Town of Simsbury 1.4.3 Chamber of Commerce, Over 30 local businesses noted in COC Event 3

1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

Approved Information: 1.6.1 Participate in C-Pace (5 points) 12/11/12

Supporting Documentation:

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

PDF: [1.6.1 BOS C-PACE AGREEMENT PASSED.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [1.6.1 SCREEN SHOT OF C-PACE LINK SIMSBURY CETF WEBPAGE.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 1.6.1 - Simsbury Board of Selectmen C-Pace Agreement Approved - Meeting Minutes pg. 5 1.6.1 - C-Pace Agreement 1.6.1 - Screenshot of link to C-Pace

Partners: Simsbury Board of Selectmen, Simsbury Clean Energy Task Force, C-Pace

2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1: Open Space Inventory (5 points). Updated 1/7/16 2.4.2: Open Space Prioritization (5 points). Effective 11/8/16 2.4.3: Open Space Plan (10 points). Effective 11/1/17

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.1 SIMSBURY INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED OPEN SPACE](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 SIMSBURY 2017 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 SELECTION AND PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 PROOF OF UPDATE - TOWN CHARTER/CODE](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 OPEN SPACE FUTURE ACQUISITION ENHANCEMENTS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: For 2.4.1- Inventory of Town Owned Open Space: Attached is the working draft of Simsbury's Town Inventory of Town Owned Open Space. Pages 1-68 include maps and descriptions. Pages 69-76 is the list. Pages 77-79 indicate those properties that are classified as Aquifer Protection Areas. Pages 80-84 indicate those that are classified as Containing Wetlands. Pages 85-88 indicate those Providing a Wildlife Habitat. Pages 89-90 are those providing Connectivity. Page 91-92 lists those classified as Parks. Page 93 has those classified as Agricultural, those with Special Features and those not fitting any specified category. For 2.4.2 - Prioritization. The attached is section 21-4, section B shows the prioritization. Also attached in the proof of update shows the screen shots showing that the town charter and code were updated 11/8/16 For 2.4.3 -Develop an Open Space Plan: Please see Page 31, Section 6 "Preserve Open Space." In document "2.4.3 open space future acquisition enhancements" page 2, Simsbury Open Space working committee is developing how our master plan will prioritize future acquisitions, enhance our local ecosystem, connect open space parcels, offer recreational benefits, and ensure long-term viability of our open space.

Partners: 2.4.1. Simsbury Conservation Commission, Simsbury Open Space Committee 2.4.3 Simsbury Planning Commission, Open Space Working Committee, Conservation Commission, Simsbury Park and Rec. 2.4.2 Town Of Simsbury Board of Selectman

2.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.6.1 - Drought ordinance (5 points). Published 9/12/2018

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.6.1 - SIMSBURY DRAFT WATER ORDINANCE](#)

Documentation Details: 2.6.1 Water Shortage Ordinance passed by the Board of Selectmen. Highlighted on pages 1-3.

Partners: Simsbury worked closely with our local water utilities; Aquarion Water, Avon Water and Tariffville Water to be sure the Water Shortage Ordinance would support their needs during a water shortage or threatened water shortage.

2.8 Implement Low Impact Development

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.8.1 Include a section on the importance of storm water management and support of LID solutions in your POCD. (5 pts)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.8.1 SIMSBURY POCD SECTION ON LID](#)

Documentation Details: This file contains the pages from the 2017 POCD (Part 2 "What We Want to Protect") which describe LID. Part 2 of the POCD can be found here: https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/sites/simsburyct/files/uploads/simsbury_pocd_effective_110117_-_part_2.pdf

Partners: NONE

3. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

3.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.2 Update CTVisit Profile (5 points), Current 8/26/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1 - CTVISIT - SIMSBURY SOCIAL MEDIA.PNG.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1 - CTVISIT SIMSBURY WINTER.PNG.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1 - CTVISIT SIMSBURY FALL.PNG.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1 - CTVISIT SIMSBURY SPRING1.PNG.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1 - CTVISIT SIMSBURY SUMMER.PNG.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1 Update CTVisit Profile - Screenshots of Social Media Platforms and Seasonal Images 3.1.2 Hyperlink to Simsbury Profile - <http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-simsbury>

Partners: Tariffville Village Association, Farmington Valley Visitors Association, State of Connecticut Tourism, Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, Shop Simsbury, Simsbury Public Library, Simsbury Historical Society & Museum, Simsbury Tourism

4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning

70 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 Incorporate three sustainability concepts in the POCD (40 points)
4.1.4 (4.1.1) Land Use and Zoning Regulations (30 points)--Concepts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [4.1 DESCRIPTION.DOCX](#)

WORD: [4.1 WORKSHEET A.DOCX](#)

WORD: [ACTION 4.1 WKSHT B SIMSBURY VI.DOC.DOCX](#)

WORD: [ACTION 4.1 WKSHTC \(2\).DOCX](#)

PDF: [AQUIFERPROTECTIONMAP9-19-13.PDF](#)

PDF: [FINAL THE HARTFORD-SIMSBURY FORM BASED CODE.PDF](#)

PDF: [GISLEGEND12-2014.PDF](#)

PDF: [INLAND WETLANDS REGULATIONS REVISED 2013 0.PDF](#)

PDF: [REVISED SIMS SUBDIV REGS FINAL 12.11.2018 EFF 01.08.2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [SIMSBURY CT CENTER FBC AND REGULATING PLAN 01.21.11.PDF](#)

PDF: [SIMSBURY ZON REGS REV 06032019 EFF 07012019.PDF](#)

PDF: [SIMSBURY ZONINGMAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [SIMSBURYANNEXHAZMITPLAN2018.PDF](#)

PDF: [SPRING2019DEVELOPMENTUPDATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [STORMWATERDESIGNGUIDE10-13-11.PDF](#)

PDF: [EXTRACTED POCD FOR 4.1.PDF](#)

PDF: [STORMWATERMGMT.PDF](#)

4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

15 Points

Approved Information: 4.3.2 Agricultural Use of Municipal Land (5 points), updated 8/29/19 4.3.6 Community Gardens (10 points), updated 3/1/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.3.6 SIMSBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN PICTURES-2019](#)

PDF: [4.3.6 SIMSBURY COMMUNITY GARDENS FLYER MARCH 2019](#)

PDF: [4.3.2 COMMUNITY FARM LEASE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.3.6: In March 2019, the attached flyer announcing open registration for the Simsbury Community Gardens was sent out via email blast to all users in the Simsbury Parks and Recreation database. Additionally, the flyer was posted on the website, www.simsburyrec.com 4.3.2: On 4/13/15 the Town of Simsbury and the Community Farm of Simsbury entered into a lease agreement of the property located as 73 Wolcott Road in Simsbury, CT allowing the farm to engage in farming, community, educational and charitable activities.

Partners: 4.3.6 Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation Department 4.3.2 Town of Simsbury and Community Farm of Simsbury Inc

5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

5.1 Implement Complete Streets

75 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.3 - Complete Streets Policy (20 points), 6/13/19 5.1.5 - Bicycle Friendly Community (10 points), Fall 2018 5.1.6 - Projects as a result of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (45 points)--(1) Safety Enhancement Project (15 points), (2) Sidewalk and curb ramp assessment project (15 points) and (3) Rainbow crosswalk, 12/2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.3 - SIMSBURY COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.5 - BFC FALL 2018 REPORTCARD SIMSBURY CT.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.5 - PARTNERS - SIMSBURYPEDBIKE_ADVISORYCOMM_1116.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1 SIMSBURY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1 COMMITTEE TEAM MEETINGS DATES.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.1 COMMITTEE TEAM DATE OF RECENT MEETING.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.4 - PLANNING RESULTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.4 - SPBMP INVENTORY, CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.6 - COMPLETED PROJECTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.3 - SPBMP PART 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.3 - SPBMP PART 2.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 5.1.6 - RAINBOW CROSSWALK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1 - List of Complete Streets Team Members - Simsbury Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Members list 5.1.1 - Date of most recent Advisory Committee Meeting - Highlighted in Yellow 5.1.1 - Dates of Advisory Committee Meetings - Highlighted in Yellow 5.1.1 - Additional Documentation - Hyperlink to web page <https://www.simsbury.bike/> 5.1.3 - Simsbury Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Part 1 and Part 2 5.1.3 - Simsbury Complete Streets Policy, Resolution, and Dissemination 5.1.4 - Inventory and Review of Planning & Design, and Checklist of Changes Needed 5.1.4 - Updates as a Result of the Inventory and Review Process 5.1.5 - Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card 5.1.5 - Simsbury Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee 5.1.6 - Projects in the Design Phase

Partners: Simsbury Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee - See Attached.

Additional Information: 5.1.5 - Simsbury was the first town in Connecticut to receive Silver Level in Bicycle Friendly Community Designation. 5.1.6 - Community Connectivity is a pedestrian and bicycle safety enhancement project focused on six high traffic road crossings. Recommendations from the 2016 Road Safety Audit included ADA compliant signals, updated signage, cyclist stop bars, and solar powered beacons.

5.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.2.1 Strategy Development November 10, 2015.pdf

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.2.1 PARKING STUDY 6-9-17.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 PARKING STUDY PRESENTATION 6-12-17.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.2.1 - Parking Study and Presentation by Department of Public Works to the Board of Selectmen. 5.2.2 - Non-Regulatory Action - Formalize Shared Parking Pg 30-31, Exhibit A pg 35, Occupancy Date Exhibit B pg 41, Shared Parking Documentation Research

Partners: Simsbury Department of Public Works, DESMAN Design Management, Connecticut Main Street Center, 'Preservation of Place' program, State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut

5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.4 Create and formally adopt a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan (10 points), 12/1/18

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.3 BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN AUDIT CHART.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.4 SIMSBURY PED BIKE MASTER PLAN PART 1](#)

PDF: [5.5.3 SIDEWALK & CURB ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

[BOS 2-11-19 SIDEWALK PROGRAM.PPTX](#)

PDF: [5.5.4 SIMSBURY PED BIKE MASTER PLAN PART 2](#)

Documentation Details: Documents labeled 5.5.3 work together to fulfill the requirements of item 5.5.3 5.5.4 Simsbury Ped Bike Master Plan broken into two parts due to size is responsive to item 5.5.4

Partners: Capital Region Council of Governments - work together with other towns towards a unified effort across our communities for a variety of topics.

6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

6.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.1 Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings (5 points), updated 7/23/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [THG ENERGY SOLUTIONS BOARD OF EDUCATION 2014-19 ENERGY USAGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [THG ENERGY SOLUTIONS BOARD OF EDUCATION 2014-19 USAGE VS COST GRAPH.PDF](#)

PDF: [THG ENERGY SOLUTIONS TOWN OF SIMSBURY 2014-19 ELECTRICITY USAGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ENERGY INTELLIGENCE SUITE USER MANUAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [THG ENERGY SOLUTIONS TOWN OF SIMSBURY USAGE VS COST GRAPH.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The Town of Simsbury and the Board of Education have been tracking energy usage using the THG Energy Solutions system for many years. This system contains detailed historical data for electricity, natural gas and water usage. Our submission contains four reports from this system demonstrating that data is current and extends back to 2014 for both the municipality and board of education. This system has extensive benchmarking capabilities, including live linking to Energy Star facilities as well as multi-commodity benchmarking. These capabilities are explained in detail in the system user manual submitted here under the name "Energy Intelligence Suite User Manual.pdf" (see especially pages 20-22 of this manual).

Partners: None

6.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.5 Municipal Energy Plan (10 points), updated 8/19/19
6.5 Residential/Business Energy Plan (10 points), updated 8/19/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2019 SIMSBURY ENERGY PLAN: MUNICIPAL AND RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS](#)

PDF: [AUGUST 2019 CETF MINUTES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The file "August 2019 CETF Minutes.pdf" documents the vote taken by the Simsbury Clean Energy Task Force (CETF) on August 19 to adopt both the Municipal Energy Plan and the Residential/Business Energy Plan. These minutes are posted on the CETF page of the town website at <https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/clean-energy-task-force>. (6.5.2 for Municipal and 6.5.5 for Residential/Business) The file "2019 Simsbury Energy Plan_19 August 2019_Adopted by CETF.pdf" contains both the Municipal and Residential/Business energy plans, as adopted by the CETF on August 19. - Energy tracking and management are shown on pages 3 and 12. (6.5.1) - Energy reduction goals are described on page 4; energy reduction actions are shown on pages 5, 6 and 10. (6.5.1) - Clean energy production goals are described on page 2; clean energy production actions are shown on pages 7 and 10. (6.5.1) - Peak demand reduction actions are shown on page 10. (6.5.1) - Page 10 identifies how we will track residential and business sector energy use. (6.5.2) - Page 12 shows the calculation of our current residential and business sector energy use; page 3 shows our current residential and business sector renewable energy. (6.5.3) - Page 4 shows our energy use reduction target for residential and business sectors (6.5.4)

Partners: The Simsbury Clean Energy Task Force (CETF) has collaborated with the non-profit People's Action for Clean Energy in developing a methodology for estimating total energy use in a community. All calculations and action plans for Simsbury were done entirely by the Simsbury CETF.

Additional Information: This energy plan has been designed to be user-friendly and easily customizable for other towns to use. The Simsbury Clean Energy Task Force has shared this prototype plan with the non-profit People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE), who has, in turn, shared it with other communities.

6.7 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.7.1 Install Efficient Street Lights (15 points), 12/15/17

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SIMSBURY - MASTER ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [CCM SIMSBURY CT ROADWAY LIGHTING O&M 121517](#)

PDF: [EXECUTED CONTRACT - POWERSECURE](#)

Documentation Details: CCM Simsbury CT Roadway Lighting O&M 121517 provides a complete list of all upgrades to efficient street lighting. Simsbury - Master Energy Services Agreement and Executed Contract-PowerSecure are the contracts for the work performed. The upgrades were already completed in 2017.

Partners: None

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 - Hold a sustainability event (10 points), updated 8/28/19 7.1.2 - Provide municipal support for the event. (10 points), updated 8/28/19 7.1.3 - Track the number of event attendees (10 points), updated 8/28/19 7.1.1 - Zero Waste Event (5 points), updated 7.1.2 - Zero Waste Event Municipal Support (5 points), updated 7.1.3 - Zero Waste Event Track Attendees (5 points), update

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENT_SIMSBURY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [7.1.1A ZERO WASTE EVENT TEMPLATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.1.1A LIBRARY GIANT BOOK SALE.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.1.1A SWAP SHOP 2018 ANNUAL REPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.1.1A SWAP SHOP DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.1.1A SWAP SHOP 2019 SIGN IN SHEET EX..PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.1 Sustainability Film and Speaker Events held at Simsbury Public Library Template 7.1.1.a Zero Waste Event Template 7.1.1.a Swap Shop Description, Swap Shop Sign In Sheet Example, Swap Shop 2018 Annual Report 7.1.1.a Library Giant Book Sale Patch Article

Partners: 7.1 Simsbury Land Trust, Friends of the Library, Civitan Organization. Simsbury Public Library, Clean Energy Task Force Municipality provided a venue and financial support to the Land Trust events, hosted the library events. 7.1.1.a - Simsbury Recycling Committee, Simsbury Public Library, Friends of the Library, Dept. of Public Works, Community Volunteers

Additional Information:

7.3 Train Municipal Representatives

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.3.1: Train Municipal Commissions (5 Points) 3/23/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CT BAR ASSOCIATION LAND USE LAW CONFERENCE](#)

PDF: [PURCHASE ORDER 1](#)

PDF: [PURCHASE ORDER 2](#)

PDF: [PURCHASE ORDER 3](#)

PDF: [PURCHASE ORDER 4](#)

Documentation Details: Agenda for the Land Use Law Training and purchase orders for each individual attending. Each PO will contain detailed info for attendees.

Partners: None

7.5 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.5.2 Reduce Solid Waste Generated (20 points), updated 6/21/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SIMSBURY MSW \(3\).PDF](#)

PDF: [7.5.2 LETTER TO DEEP.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.5.2 MSW Tonnage Worksheet - Simsbury Line Highlighted 7.52 June 2019 Letter to DEEP with percent reduction of 23% from baseline year of 2014.

Partners: Simsbury Dept. of Public Works, DEEP,

7.7 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 Mattress Recycling (10 points), 8/6/15 7.7.1 Electronic Recycling (10 points). 8/6/15

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7.1 MATTRESS & ELECTONICS RECYCLING.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.71 2019 JULY BULKY WASTE FEE SCHEDULE 3.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.71 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FLIER.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.71 LANDFILL BROCHURE 10.1.15 FINAL.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.7.1 Mattress & Electronic Recycling - DPW to BOS notice of modification of fees. Letter from Paines to DPW of partnership. 7.7.1 Mattress & Electronic Recycling at No Cost - 2019 Bulky Waste fee schedule 7.7.1 Mattress & Electronic Recycling - Town of Simsbury Landfill and Recycling Center brochure. 7.7.1 Electronic Recycling Flier 7.7.1 Hyperlink to DPW Bulky Waste & Recycling Center page on town website - <https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/public-works/pages/bulky-waste-recycling>

Partners: Town of Simsbury, DPW, Paine's Recycling & Rubbish Removal, Recycling Committee, Take 2 Recycling

8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

8.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

40 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.2 - Increase the municipality's affordable housing, as compared to a baseline year within the past 5 years (40 pts) 2013 to 2018.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.2.2 - HOUSING-APPEALS-SUMMARY-SIMSBURY 2013](#)

PDF: [8.2.2 - HOUSING-APPEALS-SUMMARY-SIMSBURY 2018](#)

Documentation Details: In the baseline year of 2013, Simsbury's affordable housing percentage of affordable housing was 3.44%. In 2018, the most recent year, it increased to 4.68% This represents an increase of 1.24%. With 10 points awarded for each .25% increase, Simsbury is requesting 40 points. See "8.2.2 - Housing-Appeals-Summary-Simsbury_2013" (page 3, highlighted with red box) for baseline data for Simsbury. See "8.2.2 - Housing-Appeals-Summary-Simsbury_2018" (page 3, highlighted with red box) for 2018 data.

Partners: None.

9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

9.1 Optimize for Equity

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.1: Board of Education Equity and Inclusion Assessment, Collaboration, and Training (10 points); 2019 9.1: Martin Luther King Memorial (10 points); 2019 9.1: Rainbow Crosswalk (10 points); 2019

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.1 BOARD OF EDUCATION - EQUITY TRAINING SCHEDULE](#)

WORD: [PUBLIC FORUM LISTSERV FEB 2019.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.1.1 - COMMUNITY FOR CARE INVITATION.PDF](#)

WORD: [03-26-19 BOE MINUTES.DOC](#)

WORD: [02-26-19 BOE MINUTES.DOC](#)

PDF: [9.1 -10.1.1 EQUITY IN SCHOOLS.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.1.2 SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES LGBTQ PROCLAMATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.1.3 MLK NARRATIVE.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.1.2 SIMSBURYS RAINBOW CROSSWALK NARRATIVE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.1 - Furthering Equity in Simsbury Public Schools A description of the action can be found in "10.1.1 - Furthering Equity in Simsbury Public Schools". The attached document outlines the schedule of equity trainings throughout the school system. The February 26th minutes are included to demonstrate the extent of the community engagement at this meeting. The March 26th minutes demonstrate the Lessons Learned. Starting on the bottom of page 4, there is an 'Equity Update' that summarizes the lessons from the February 26th meeting and the necessary steps moving forward. 9.1.2 - LGBTQ Proclamation and Rainbow Crosswalk: In recognition of Pride Month the Simsbury Board of Selectmen issued a Proclamation to emphasize that Simsbury is a welcoming community and as a visual reminder of this, Simsbury painted what is believed to be the only rainbow themed crosswalk in Connecticut. The Town received an overwhelming amount of support and media recognition for our efforts to be welcoming and affirming. 9.1.3 Martin Luther King Memorial - In 2009, a group of students from Simsbury High set out on a mission to research King's time in Simsbury. The documentary received national acclaim, but the students saw this as just the beginning. In 2011, a new set of students dedicated themselves to designing a memorial to honor MLK and keep his dream alive. Current student members broke ground this past fall (October 2018), and we anticipate its dedication summer 2019. Refer to document in 10.1.4 Here is link of education to local community <https://www.mlkinct.com/presentations.html>

Partners: 9.1 - Optimizing Equity Partners: U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS), RE-CENTER – Race & Equity in Education, Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), Deacon Art Miller Municipality's role: The School Board promoted the first public meeting (in February 2019), and the Board of First Selectmen publicized it. At the request of the School Board, Simsbury Community for Care (a Board of Selectmen-appointed committee formed to bring town and school officials together with community members to discuss, communicate and problem-solve issues of mental health and substance abuse), and the Department of Community and Social Services, hosted the second meeting (May 2019), bringing in CRS to facilitate the meeting.

10. Innovation Action

10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.1. Innovation. (1) Implemented the "Furthering Equity in Simsbury Public Schools initiative" (to address lack of diversity and cultural understanding at Simsbury High School), a multi-pronged approach to furthering equity in Simsbury schools, with plans specifically targeted at high school students, high school faculty and staff, the School District, and the community at large. (Future programming will be targeted at the middle school and elementary schools.) (10 points), ongoing, and (2) Support MLKinCT, a diverse group fo Simsbury High School student members dedicated to documenting, educating and celebrating Dr. King's life and his time spent in Simsbury and Connecticut, with a recent focus on designing an MLK memorial at Simsbury Public Library (10 points), ongoing.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.1.1 - FURTHERING EQUITY IN SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DETAILED CALENDAR](#)

WORD: [02-26-19 BOE MINUTES.DOC](#)

WORD: [03-26-19 BOE MINUTES.DOC](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY FOR CARE PARTNERS WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE ON DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY INITIATIVE.PDF](#)

WORD: [10.1.1 FURTHERING EQUITY IN SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.1.2 - FILL-IT WEBPAGE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [10.1.2 FILL IT ANTONIO'S.JPG](#)

PDF: [10.1.2 FILL IT TIMELINE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [10.1.2 FILL IT SUNRISE.JPG](#)

PDF: [10.1.4 MLK ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1.4 MLK MEMORIAL CONC. DESIGN.PDF](#)

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PDF: [10.1.4 MLK MEMORIAL TOURISM COMMITTEE MINUTES 2-19-19.PDF](#)

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Documentation Details: 10.1.1 - Furthering Equity in Simsbury Public Schools A summary of the trainings and actions taken by the Simsbury Board of Education and school administration can be found in the "Furthering Equity in Simsbury Public Schools" and "Optimize for Equity applied to 10.1.1" word documents. 10.1.2 - Fill-It Water Bottle Refill Web page with logo and list of participating businesses. Fill-It partners volunteer to provide clean tap water at no charge for filling water bottles for all who request it, helping them to stay healthy, reduce waste and save money. The Simsbury Recycling Committee provides businesses with "Fill-It" stickers to display so that residents know they can refill water bottles inside; the Committee also provides information flyers for these businesses post about the environmental and health benefits of avoiding single-use plastic bottles. <https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/recycling-committee/webforms/fill-it> 10.1.4 Martin Luther King Memorial - <https://www.mlkinct.com/>, pdf of conceptual design, pdf of design review board application, pdf of Tourism Committee

minutes, article on local celebrations. 10.1.4 MLK Memorial - hyperlink to courant article - <https://www.courant.com/community/simsbury/hc-va-simsbury-martin-luther-king-jr-memorial-groundbreaking-1011-20181009-story.html> 10.1.4 MLK Memorial - <https://simsburyfreelibrary.org/exhibits/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-in-simsbury/>

Partners: 10.1.1 - Furthering Equity in the Simsbury Public Schools Partners: U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS), RE-CENTER – Race & Equity in Education, Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), Leading for Equity Institute, Deacon Art Miller, Planning Committee, Community for Care Committee, Board of Education, School District, Community, Municipality's role: The School Board promoted the first public meeting (in February 2019), and the Board of Selectmen publicized it. At the request of the School Board, Simsbury Community for Care (a Board of Selectmen-appointed committee formed to bring town and school officials together with community members to discuss, communicate and problem-solve issues of mental health and substance abuse), and the Department of Community and Social Services, hosted the second meeting (May 2019), bringing in CRS to facilitate the meeting. 10.1.2 - Fill-It Water Bottle Refill Stations Partners: Local businesses, including Sunrise Convenience Store, Little Mazon Pizza, Jason's House Chinese Restaurant, Antonio's Restaurant, Andy's Italian Kitchen, Popover Bistro & Bakery, Ana's Kitchen Café, Thai O'Cha Restaurant, Brookside Bagels Municipality's role: The Recycling Committee provides businesses with "Fill-It" stickers to display so that residents know they can refill water bottles inside; the Committee also provides information flyers for these businesses post about the environmental and health benefits of avoiding single-use plastic bottles. 10.1.4 MLK Memorial Partners - MLKinCT, Simsbury Free Library, Simsbury Tourism Committee, Simsbury Historic Society and Committee,

Additional Information: 10.1.1 Equity Education for Equity Action 10.1.3 Rainbow Crosswalk for Equity Action 10.1.4 - MLK Memorial for Equity Action