



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Weston was certified on October 28, 2019 with 205 points. Listed below is information regarding Weston'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 Weston 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

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1.1 Brownfield Inventory (5 points), created 7/31/19 1.1.2 Brownfield Map (5 points), created 8/6/19

Supporting Documentation:

[1.1.1 BROWNFIELD INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [1.1.2 BROWNFIELD MAP](#)

WORD: [1.1.B BROWNFIELD MAP](#)

EXCEL: [1.1.A BROWNFIELD INVENTORY](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1.1 Brownfield Inventory may not be completed exactly how the form wanted it to be. This is because for the sections on the form where we were supposed to chose from "Drop-down options" we were unable to. It is completed, just not in the exact format as requested due to this. 1.1.2 When accessing this real map (not PDF), clicking on the points yield more information.

1.3 Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options

15 Points

Approved Information: 1.3.1 Local Retail Inventory (15 points), created 8/6/19 1.3.1.a--10 points (2 sectors, 5 points per sector); 5 points (special designation for women-owned businesses)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [1.3.1--LOCAL INVENTORY AND MAP.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 1.3.1a: Weston has very little commercial space. This is a complete and comprehensive list of local producers and grower's business sector as well as distributor's business sector for the town. The list as follows encompasses businesses in Weston under the producers and growers inventory: Red Bee Honey, Viv's Veggies, Dirt Road Farm and Wells Hill Farm. The list as follows encompasses businesses in Weston under the distributor's inventory: Peter's Weston Market, Peter's Spirit Shop, Lang's Pharmacy, and Lunch Box. 1.3.1b Both Red Bee Honey and Viv's Veggies per the producers/growers business sector are women-owned and provide fresh, in-season produce for the community to purchase. They both use native products to produce their food as well.

1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.6.1: C-PACE resolution (5 points), created 9/8/2014 1.6.3 List of CPACE Projects (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

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

PDF: [WESTON CPACE RESOLUTION SIGNED.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [SUSTAINABLE WESTON TOWN HALL PAGE WITH CPACE.COM](#)

WORD: [LIST OF CPACE PROJECTS IN WESTON](#)

Documentation Details: The town website will be updated to include the mention and promotion of cpace per the request below. The update will occur shortly but we do not have a Screen shot yet. Attached is the email requesting the change.

Partners: CT Green Bank

Additional Information: <http://www.cpace.com/> Weston must post this link somewhere on their town website in order to receive 5 points for Action 1.6.1.

2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

2.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1: Pledges Taken (5 points), uploaded 6/17/19

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [RIVER PLEDGE EX. 1](#)

IMAGE: [RIVER PLEDGE EX. 2](#)

IMAGE: [RIVER PLEDGE EX. 3](#)

IMAGE: [RIVER PLEDGE EX. 4](#)

PDF: [2.1.1 WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTLINE](#)

[2.1.1 WATERSHEDEDUCATIONPROGRAMMATERIALSEXAMPLE](#)

WORD: [FURTHER DESCRIPTION WATERSHED EDUCATION](#)

Documentation Details: River Pledge Examples are for 2.1.1 2.1.1 Watershed Education Program Outline and 2.1.1 WatershedEducationProgramMaterialsExample go together (materials disseminated)

Partners: None

Additional Information: Additional background for our Sustainable CT Application - 2.1 2.1.1 The River Smart Pledge (<https://www.riversmartct.org/pledge>) was supported and communicated by the Weston Sustainability Committee to its leadership and membership. It was marketed through an email and a social media campaign, to Weston's sustainability committee membership, as well as other local residents describing the importance of taking the pledge and benefits to us, Weston, and the environment. The Weston Sustainability Committee was able to follow up and track and note that multiple of its targeted respondents took part in this pledge, and continues to espouse its importance.

2.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1 Watershed Plan and Inventory (10 points) 2.2.3 Source water action plan (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

[2.2.1.NATURAL RESOURCES ONLINE AND PAPER MAPS](#)

PDF: [2.2.2. WATERSHEDPROTECTIONTOWNPLAN](#)

PDF: [2.2.1 SAUGATUCK RIVER WATERSHED BASED PLAN](#)

Documentation Details: Online maps found here: GIS Mapping [Interactive Mapping] where you can access Aquifer Protection Areas, Watersheds in the Map Layer [blue bar, right-hand side] <https://weston.mapxpress.net/> Even though paper maps are from 1976, little has changed in regard to the location of watershed and aquifers. Online map is modern. *Between paper and online maps all things required to earn 2.2.1. points can be found. 2.2.1 Saugatuck River Watershed Based Plan pages 31-36 discuss potential pollutants 2.2.2. WatershedProtectionTownPlan includes maps for 2.2.1., and action plans for 2.2.3 as well. 2.2.2. a: Found on pages 33-34 2.2.2 b: Found on pages 8, 11, 38, 39, throughout the rest. 2.2.2 c: Found on pages 13-18, 38 2.2.1 c: Can be found in 2.2.2.WatershedProtectionTownPlan page 40 2.2.3. a: Can be found in 2.2.2. Watershed ProtectionTownPlan on pages 30, 33 (To alleviate heavy traffic volume), and 34.

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), updated 8/19/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1. MAP AND TOURISM CULTURE ASSETS CTVISIT WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [3.1.3](#)

PDF: [3.1.4](#)

Additional Information: Weston CTVisit Website: <http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-weston>

3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.2: Arts in Municipal Marketing (Part of 10 points), created 8/1/19 3.2.3: Funding for the Arts (Part of 10 points), created 8/1/19 3.2.10: Support Arts at Library (5 Points), created 8/20/19 3.2.11: Support Artists (5 Points), created 8/6/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.2.2](#)

PDF: [3.2.3](#)

PDF: [3.2.10](#)

PDF: [3.2.11](#)

Partners: Weston Arts is a volunteer nonprofit affiliated with the town with the mission to advance the arts in the community. The First Selectman is on the board of the organization as a bridge between the town and the non-profit. The non-profit bolsters the towns efforts by providing grants that further the arts in the schools (instrument donations, support for theater programs, renovation of space) and the rest of the community (music lessons for children in need, concerts, and events). Further the organization holds events in conjunction with Lachat Farm (the town owned farm) where local artists are showcased.

4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.3.6 Community Garden and Proof with Photos and Outreach - Lachat Farm, created 7/12/18, (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.DEVELOPCOMMUNITYGARDENS_LACHATTOWNFARMGARDEN](#)

WORD: [4.3 WESTON ZONING REGULATION POLICY](#)

PDF: [4.3.2 PROOF OF AGRICULTURAL USE OF MUNICIPAL LAND](#)

WORD: [4.3.6 PROOF OF PHOTOS AND OUTREACH FOR LACHAT COMMUNITY GARDEN](#)

Partners: None

Additional Information: Lachat Town Farm Garden: <http://www.lachattownfarm.org/feature-gardens.html>

5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

5.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.3 Assessment of where ZEV charging infrastructure is needed in Weston (5 points); created 6/24/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4.3 ASSESSMENTOFZEV](#)

5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.3 Conduct a bicycle and/or pedestrian audit (10 points), 12/1/18

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.1 EDUCATINGALTERNATIVEROUTES](#)

PDF: [5.5.4 BICYCLE PLAN](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.1 EducatingAlternativeRoutes completed 5.5.1 5.5.4 Bicycle plan completed 5.5.4

6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

6.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings

30 Points

Approved Information: 6.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings updated 1/26/18

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [TOWN RENEWABLE ENERGY CALCULATOR 2019 WESTON.XLSX](#)

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.1: Host more sustainability (15 points), updated 07/26/19

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.1.3.WESTONSUSTAINABILITYEVENTSEXCEL](#)

WORD: [7.1.1.SUSTAINABILITYEVENTSSUPPORTINGDOCUMENT1](#)

PDF: [7.1.1. SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS LACHAT FARM EVENTS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

Documentation Details: Document entitled "7.1.1 Sustainability Events Lachat Farm Events Supporting Documents" provides more information the opportunities present at the monthly Farmer's Market in Weston. Document entitled "7.1.1 Sustainability Events Supporting Document 1" provides advertisement and more information on some of the sustainability events listed on the Excel spreadsheet.

Partners: Citizens Campaign, HRRRA (Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority), NRWA (Norwalk River Watershed Association, Inc.), Aspetuck Land Trust, Weston Garden Club, Lachat Town Farm, Sustainable Weston. Weston staff members dedicated their time to helping plan the events, including the program details, promotional/ marketing efforts, and other logistics.

Additional Information: Link to sustainability events in Weston at the Lachat Farm:
<http://www.lachattownfarm.org/farmers-market.php>

7.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.2 all elements: (15 points) 7.2.1: Communication Inventory Supporting Document, updated March 21, 2019 7.2.2: Community Outreach and proof of implementation, created 08/12/2019 7.2.3: Proof of Implementation

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.2.1 COMMUNICATION INVENTORY](#)

WORD: [7.2.1.COMMUNITY OUTREACH](#)

WORD: [7.2.3 PROOF OF IMPLEMENTATION - FACEBOOK](#)

Documentation Details: 7.2.1 Communication Inventory Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats: Slide 7-8 Community Outreach: Slide 10-11 Facebook Page: Slide 12-13 Goals: Slides 25-26 Recap: Page 28

Partners: Marketing & Communications Advisory Committee (MCAC), put together through the Town of Weston.

8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1: Housing data profile, analysis, and presentation, accessed 05/31/2019 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.1.1. WORKSHEET 2](#)

WORD: [8.1.1 PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA WITH HOUSING PRESENTATION](#)

WORD: [8.1.1 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)

PDF: [8.1.2 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

WORD: [8.1.2 GUIDE TO HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

[8.1.2 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [8.1.1 HOUSING DATA PROFILE](#)

IMAGE: [8.1.3. PROOF OF EMAIL SENT DEPARTMENT HEADS](#)

Partners: None

Additional Information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Weston-Connecticut.html>

9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

9.1 Optimize for Equity

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.1 Optimize for Equity for Town Green 10 points. (ongoing since January 2019. Most recent action is in August 2019)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [TOWN GREEN - EQUITY.DOCX](#)

WORD: [PLASTIC BAG BAN - EQUITY](#)

PDF: [9.1 WESTON.PDF](#)

Partners: Survey Company. Merchants in Weston. Southern Connecticut Council of Governments

10. Innovation Action

10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.1. Innovation. (1) Recognition of Weston High School as a 2019 Green Ribbon School recipient through the CT Green LEAF Schools Program (15 points), and (2) Surveyed the community to form a basis for the town's planned creation of a Town Green to provide more amenities/connectivity in town, 2019 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CT GREEN LEAF COMMITMENT](#)

PDF: [GREEN RIBBON NOMINATION](#)

PDF: [EDADVANCE PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF WESTON SUSTAINABLE ACTION ITEM 10.1](#)

PDF: [WHS GREEN LEAF ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEN RIBBON HIGHLIGHTS](#)

PDF: [WESTON TODAY ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [BAG BAN ORDINANCE](#)

WORD: [OVERVIEW OF BAG BAN](#)

WORD: [TOWN GREEN OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [TOWN GREEN PROPOSAL](#)

Documentation Details: Documents Listed Above are self-explanatory and easily navigated. Relevant information in US Department of Education Green Ribbon Highlights appears at page 35.

Partners: Weston High School Administration; Weston High School – Green Team Student Club.