



## Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Connecticut Certification Report of Avon, a Sustainable Connecticut bronze certified applicant.

Avon was certified on October 27, 2020 with 210 points. Listed below is information regarding Avon's Sustainable Connecticut efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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## Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Avon was approved for in 2020 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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### 1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

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#### 1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.1 Optimize for Equity (10 points) applied to Action 7.2 Provide Effective Community Communications, completed 7/2020

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [ACTION 9.1 REVISED](#)

**Documentation Details:** n/a

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

## 2. Thriving Local Economies

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

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.6.1 Pass a resolution, Sign an Agreement, Update Municipal Website (5 points), adopted April 2013.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [1.6 PARTICIPATE IN AND PROMOTE C-PACE SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please refer to cover memo.

**Partners:** None.

**Additional Information:** None.

## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

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### 3.1 Provide Watershed Education

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.1.1c Watershed Health Pledge, (5 points), 7/7/2020 2.1.2 Citizen Science, (5 points), 08/2019"

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.1 PROVIDE WATERSHED EDUCATION SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** n/a

**Partners:** Farmington River Watershed Association. Town contributes funding for these efforts and other FRWA operations annually.

### 3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.4.1 Complete an open space inventory (5 points) 11/15/2016. 2.4.2 Prioritize resources for protection (5 points) 11/15/2016. 2.4.3 Develop an open space plan (10 points) 11/15/2016.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.4 DEVELOP AN OPEN SPACE PLAN SUBMISSION PACKET](#)

**Documentation Details:** Open space inventory Map 5-1 Priorities for future acquisition page 47 of POCD and Map 5-2

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

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### 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.8.2a Include a section on the importance of storm water management and support of LID solutions in your POCD , 11/2016 (5 points). 2.8.2b Encourage and promote LID in your regulations, most recently updated January 2020 (5 points).

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.8 IMPLEMENT LID SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please refer to cover memo.

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

### 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.10.2 Municipal Removal of Invasive Species, (5 points), 2019

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2.10 INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION & MANAGEMENT SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** n/a

**Partners:** See cover memo for details. Town partners with Farmington River Watershed Association for these activities. Town permits the work on Town-owned property along Farmington River and provides financial support to FRWA for these activities and other operations annually.

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## 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

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### 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.2.2 Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (02/2020); 3.2.3 Commit dedicated funding to the arts (ongoing); 3.2.7 Streamline permitting system for events, performances, etc. in public spaces (04/2020) - 10 points 3.2.10 Support arts and cultural activities offered at local library (ongoing) - 5 points.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [3.2 SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please refer to cover memo

**Partners:** Avon Free Public Library; Avon Historical Society; Avon Senior Center - please refer to cover memo

**Additional Information:** n/a

## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

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### 5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

25 Points

**Approved Information:** Maximum total of 25 points awarded for action 4.3: 4.3.3 Develop a Transfer or Purchase of Development Rights Program (10 points), updated 10/5/2016 4.3.5 Establish Open Space Fund (10 points), most recent fund balance available as of 6/30/2019 4.3.6 Develop and promote community garden spaces (10 points), most recent gardening season Summer 2020

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [4.3 DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL FRIENDLY PRACTICES SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.3.3 Transfer of Development Rights section of Zoning Regs begins on Page 30 of the attached PDF. 4.3.6 January 2020 Town Newsletter please refer to page 5 for an article about Green New Year's resolutions containing an ad for the garden plot program. Please refer to page 4 of the Recreation WinterSpring 2020 brochure for a Garden plot ad.

**Partners:** none.

**Additional Information:** none.

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### 5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.5.1 Inventory Historic Resources (5 points), updated 12/1/2016 4.5.2 Assess Viability of Historic Assets (10 points), updated 5/2020

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [4.5.1 TOA HISTORIC-ARCH SURVEY VOL 1 - MAY 1997](#)

PDF: [4.5 INVENTORY & ASSESS HISTORIC RESOURCES SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

PDF: [4.5.1 TOA HISTORIC-ARCH SURVEY VOL 2 - MAY 1997](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please refer to cover memo. 1997 historical survey is included as two separate PDF files due to size.

**Partners:** The Town and the Avon Historical Society worked jointly to develop, fund and implement the capital improvement/adaptive reuse plan for Schoolhouse No. 3.

## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

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### 6.5 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), 11/2016.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [5.5 PROMOTE PUBLIC TRANSIT SUBMISSION PACKET](#)

**Documentation Details:** POCD Chapter 10 Page 108 - 112 contains the Town's existing policies and goals for bicycles and pedestrians

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

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### 6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.6.1 Inventory Fleet, updated 7/2020 6.6.2 Complete and adopt a municipal fleet improvement strategy 7/2020

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [6.6 MANAGE MUNICIPAL FLEETS SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** n/a

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

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## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

## 7.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.4.1. Purchase or install Class I clean energy sources to power municipal buildings (including Board of Education), installed 2015, currently operational.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [AHS RENEWABLE ENERGY FORM FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [AMS RENEWABLE ENERGY FORM FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [DPW RENEWABLE ENERGY FORM FINAL.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** see cover memo.

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

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## 7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.5.1a, b: Develop a Municipal Energy Plan and formally adopt it, (10 points), adopted 10/4/2012 and analyzed April 2016

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [6.5 DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Municipal Energy Plan Requirements table found in Cover Memo Consideration and Adoption of 2012 plan on pages 8-11 of Town Council Minutes

**Partners:** None.

**Additional Information:** None.



## 7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.7.1 Plan and Convert Utility Owned Street Lights, (5 points), July 2020 6.7.3 Convert Town-Owned Decorative Street Lights and Exterior Park Lighting, (10 points), Village Center Sidewalks/Lighting Phase IV completed 2018

### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [6.7 INSTALL EFFICIENT EXTERIOR LIGHTING SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** see cover memo

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

## 8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

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### 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.1.1 a-c Hold a Sustainability Event (10+ events = 15 points), calendar years 2019 and 2020.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.1 HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY EVENT SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

EXCEL: [7.1 SPREADSHEET AVON.XLSX](#)

**Documentation Details:** Please review cover memo.

**Partners:** Avon Historical Society - Town and Society worked together to plan and host the Paleo-Indian Site Presentation at the Avon Senior Center.

**Additional Information:** n/a

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### 8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.2.1 Provide effective community communications (15 points) 7.2.1a Inventory existing municipal communications channels and assess their effectiveness. (7/2020) 7.2.1b Develop your communications strategy. (7/2020) 7.2.1c Implement your municipal communications strategy. (7/2020)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [7.2 PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS SUBMISSION PACKAGE](#)

**Documentation Details:** n/a

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a

## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

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### 11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.1.1 Create, expand or maintain your community's housing data profile (10 points), with data presented 10/27/20.

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [8.1 DESIGN & IMPLEMENT HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION PACKET](#)

PDF: [AVON ACTION 8.1 WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [PSC\\_2018HSGPROFILE\\_AVON.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on October 27th in conjunction with the kick-off of the Town's development of an Affordable housing plan.

**Partners:** n/a

**Additional Information:** n/a