



Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

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

Meriden was certified on October 27, 2020 with 275 points. Listed below is information regarding Meriden'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 Meriden 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

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.1 - Application of the Equity Toolkit for the creation of the Meriden Sustainable CT Intern program (10 points), 2020

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.1-9.1 INTERN PROGRAM SUMMARY INC EQUITY TC.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1-9.1 SJELKS_RE_INTERN SELECTIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1-9.1 PROGRAM ASSIGNMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.19.1 FIRST PROPOSAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1-9.1 FIRST PROPOSAL - COMMENTS.PDF](#)

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2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

80 Points

Approved Information: Section 1.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites – Activities Overview Section 1.1.1. – Inventory brownfield sites (15 points) Section 1.1.2. – map of key brownfield redevelopment sites (5 points) Section 1.1.3. – Engaging with the community to prioritize brownfield activities (10 points) Section 1.1.4. – Brownfield assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment (10 points) Section 1.1.5. – Attached are reports for two separate priority sites. (20 points) Section 1.1.8. –Remediation of the Meriden Green. (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [1.1.1. BROWNFIELDINVENTORY_UPDATED_2020_3_27.XLSX](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.2. BROWNFIELDINVENTORYMAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.3 BLIGHT BROWNFIELDS PRESENTATIONS](#)

WORD: [SECTION 1.1.3 PRIORITY SITES DISCUSSION](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.4. ONEKINGPLACEEPA GRANT APP](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.4 ONEKINGPLACEEPA GRANT APP RECEIVED](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.5. MILLS DEMOLITION REPORT SUMMARY FINAL](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.5. ONEKING REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FINAL](#)

PDF: [SECTION 1.1.8. REMEDIATE BROWNFIELD SITE _MERIDEN GREEN_ SUMMARY CITY ROLE PICS](#)

Documentation Details: Section 1.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites – Activities Overview

Section 1.1.1. – Meriden has worked very extensively over the past 10-20 years to inventory brownfield sites throughout the City for purposes of assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment. The Brownfield Inventory attached is based on an inventory that was created in 2018 as part of the ongoing work through the Blight & Brownfields Committee, which allows the public a chance to understand and comment on brownfield activities undertaken by the City. The Inventory was updated March 27, 2020 in order to be put into the requested format with only City-owned parcels included. Section 1.1.2. – Similar to the discussion above for Section 1.1.1., the City has long included a map of key brownfield redevelopment sites in its work for the Blight & Brownfields Committee. The Map of Brownfield Sites was updated in April 2020 to reflect the City-owned parcels included on the Brownfield Inventory. Section 1.1.3. – Meriden has been engaging with the community to prioritize brownfield activities at specific sites in the City through the Blight & Brownfields Committee since at least 2005. The Priority Sites Discussion details the work of this committee further and also mentions related work undertaken through the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant the City received from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. For reference, the presentations of the 5 meetings of the Blight & Brownfields Committee from March 16, 2017 to December 13, 2018 are also included. Section 1.1.4. – Much of the brownfield assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment activities that have been happening in Meriden have been made possible through extensive federal and state grant funds. The grant application attached is for a 2018 Cleanup Grant from the EPA that was awarded for cleanup activities at the former Meriden Wallingford Hospital located at 1 King Place. Also included is confirmation of receipt of the grant application from Grants.gov in November of 2017, and an email from the EPA noting that they have received the application in December of 2017. Section 1.1.5. – Attached are reports for two separate priority sites. The first is a Remedial Action Plan for the Former Meriden Wallingford Hospital located at 1 King Place. This report was completed by Fuss & O'Neill in June of 2017 and was instrumental in the City being successful at receiving \$4 million from the CT Dept. of Economic & Community Development and \$200,000 from the US EPA in grant funds for cleanup at the site. The site has long been an economic development priority since it was acquired by the City in 2014 in part due to its size and its overall potential for redevelopment in close proximity to the revamped Meriden Train Station in the Transit Oriented Zoning District. The City issued an RFQ for a Preferred Developer on the site in 2016 and has been in a Master Developer Agreement with One King Place LLC since July of 2017. The second report included is a Demolition Completion Report for the Mills Memorial Housing Complex that was completed in October 2019 by AECOM Technical Services, Inc. This Mills public housing complex was considered distressed public housing and was the subject of not only the Blight & Brownfields Committee, but also of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant work. Much of the development of mixed-income housing currently going on in the City of Meriden was instigated by the City's desire, expressed through the Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan completed in 2016, to demolish this housing complex. The City successfully obtained funding from the CT Dept. of Economic & Community Development to demolish this complex which included outdated buildings that were contaminated with asbestos and PCB's. The demolition occurred from May of 2018 until early spring of 2019 and was overseen by LEP's from AECOM. Due to the size of the report (1.3 GB and over 5,000 pages), only the executive summary is attached. The full report can be provided if required. Section 1.1.8. – One priority site located in the center of Meriden that has successfully been redeveloped is known as the Meriden Green. This site 14 acre parcel was the site of various uses over the years and was most recently a large mall and parking lot. The site featured extensive contamination and frequently flooded due to it being built directly in the Harbor Brook floodplain. After much engineering and cleanup work, it is now the site of an award winning park that opened in 2016 that also acts as a flood control device. Attached is a write up featured on the City's Meriden 2020 website that was last updated in 2018 and was downloaded in 2020. The write up includes information on the past uses of the site, the cleanup work that was conducted, and pictures.

2.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

Approved Information: 1.6..1 Pass a municipal resolution to opt-in to C-PACE, sign a legal agreement with C-PACE, and post a link to information about C-PACE on your municipality's website. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [C-PACE AGREEMENT EXECUTED 5-24-2013.PDF](#)

PDF: [MERIDENBIZ C-PACE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: MeridenBiz C-Pace - Meridne suses the MEridenbiz as the city's website for economic development.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.10(2) a - Municipal Removal of Invasive Species (5 points) 8/5/2020 Ongoing projects for remediation of Harbor Brook. Most recent invasive species removal includes the remediation of Brookside Park. The most recent control efforts/ removal was conducted on 8/5/20 and the City Billed for the removal.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 2.10\(2\) REMOVAL INVOICE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.10\(2\) BROOKSIDE PARK PRESS RELEASE.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.10 - MERIDEN INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL NARRATIVE](#)

Documentation Details: Action 2.10(2) Brookside Park Press Release - Press release educating public about what the City is doing to improve the park including invasive species removal/control. Action 2.10(2) Removal Invoice - Most recent invoice for removal/control of invasive species Action 2.1 - (incorrectly labeled - Item 2.10) Meriden Invasive Species Control Narrative - Updated narrative to address "Revisions Required" comments, including updated areas of work and dates.

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.2 Update Your Profile on CTVisit (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CITY OF MERIDEN3.1 ACTION TOURISM & CULTURE_CTVISIT PROFILE AND MERIDEN2020.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: City Of Meriden3.1 Action Tourism & Culture_CTVisit Profile and Meriden2020 - Summary of updating procedure with link to webpage

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

50 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1 a Hazard Mitigation Plan goals into your most recent Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). (5 points) 4.1.1b Sustainability concepts into POCD (40 points), adopted February 2020 4.1.1c Implementation Plan (5 points), April 2020

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [MERIDEN_POCD_ADOPTED_2-12-20-SM.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION_AGENDA_ADOPTED_4-9-20.PDF](#)

PDF: [MERIDEN_ACTION_4.1_WORKSHEET_A.PDF](#)

PDF: [MERIDEN_ACTION_4.1_WORKSHEET_B.PDF](#)

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

15 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.6 Implementation of Pratt Street Gateway Project (15 Points) (complete Spring 2018)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.6 - PRATT STREET SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.6 PRATT ST PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.1.6 PRATT STREET BEFORE AND AFTER.PDF](#)

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.7.2 Plan and Covert Municipally-Owned Street Lights, (15 points), 2017 On May 23, 2016 the City of Meriden entered into a contract to convert street lighting and parking lot lighting to high efficient LED lighting. Thoroughout the end of 2016 into the begining of 2017 the City replaced more than 4,200 existing light fixtures.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.7.1 - FULLY-EXECUTED-TANKO-TURNKEY-LED-STREETLIGHT-CONTRACT-SIGNED-BOTH-PARTIES.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [6.7.2 - MERIDEN STREET LIGHTS - PRELIMINARY DELIVERABLE.XLSX](#)

PDF: [6.7.3 - MERIDEN – WORKERS ARE REPLACING THE SODIUM BULBS IN OVER 4,200 STREETLIGHTS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.7.1 - FULLY-EXECUTED-Tanko-Turnkey-LED-Streetlight-Contract-Signed-Both-Parties. The signed contract between the City of Meriden and Tanko. Contract to replace approximately 4,267 fixtures. Detail of the Field audit to be performed and scope of services. 6.7.2 - Tanko Lighting inventory of poles, light fixtures, and acquisition Inventory. 6.7.3 -November 15, 2016 Record Journal article regarding ongoing replacement of lights

Partners: CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) - Performed RFQ services for the selection of TankoLighting as the preferred contractor.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.3 Train Municipal Representatives

5 Points

Approved Information: Meriden Land Use Academy 1-29-2020 (5 points) 1-29-2020 - The Planning Department arranged a Land Use Academy Training session conducted the UConn Center for Land Use Education and Research. This training centered around Legal Requirements & Procedures, Roles & Responsibilities. The following commissioners attended the Training Leonard Rich - Planning Commission Kevin Curry- Planning Commission Laura Uhrig - Inland Wetlands and Watercourse and Planning Commission Don Smith - Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Michael Cardona- Zoning Commission (City Council) Nicole Tomassetti- Zoning Commission (City Council) Krystle Blake- Zoning Commission (City Council) Mark Dupuis- ZBA Jason Nelson- ZBA Maryellen Mordarski- Conservation Commission Paul Mik - Design Review Board

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.3.1 MERIDEN LAND USE ACADEMY.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.3.1 Meriden Land Use Academy - Flyer for the training

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 - Recycling of E-Waste (10 Points), August 22, 2020- June 2020, and previous dates Waste collection advertised by Take 2, City of Meriden Press release, and Electronic Roadway Signs.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7 MERIDEN LIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.7 RECYCLE PRESS RELEASE.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.7 TAKE 2 RECYCLING EMAIL.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.7 Take 2 Recycling Email - Email showing amount of E-waste Collected at the June 2020 Event and confirmation of the August 2020 event

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.3 - 15 Points The City of in 2016 implemented an ordinance prohibiting smoking in Parks and Recreational areas. The policy continues to be enforced through signage and police presence and the City of Meriden Parks. In 2017 the City implemented an ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products within 25 feet of doors, windows, and air intakes around municipal city buildings. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, vaping devices, and electronic cigarettes. Signage is posted around city building, and the policy continues to be enforced by police and enforced internally by department heads.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.10.3 PRESS RELEASE FOR CHAPTER 153.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.10.3 CHAPTER 153 - PEACE AND GOOD ORDER.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.10.3 CHAPTER 151 - PARKS TOBACCO PRODUCTS REGULATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [COM DOH SMOKE FREE PARKS SIGNS 12X18 SOFTPROOF.PDF](#)

PDF: [FAQ_S ON ORDINANCE - EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL SPANISH 6.9.2016.PDF](#)

PDF: [FAQ'S ON ORDINANCE - EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ENGLISH.PDF](#)

PDF: [RJ SIGNS UP ARTICLE 7.20.2016.PDF](#)

PDF: [SURVEY QUANTITATIVE DATA_Q14_160219 \(1\).PDF](#)

[TOBACCO ORDINANCE - CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION.PPTX](#)

Documentation Details: 7.10.3 Press Release for Chapter 153 - Press release announcing the adoption of the ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products within a 25' area around municipal buildings 7.10.3 Chapter 153 - Peace and Good Order - Ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products within a 25' area around municipal buildings 7.10.3 Chapter 151 - Parks Tobacco Products Regulation - Ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products in Parks and Recreational areas.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

40 Points

Approved Information: 8.2 (1) - According to the Connecticut Department of Housing's most recent (2019) Affordable Housing Appeals List, 16.45% of Meriden's total housing units are currently affordable. (10 points)
8.2.(2) Using the most recent Connecticut Department of Housing's most recent (2019) Affordable Housing Appeals List and the baseline year of 2016, the city has increased affordable housing units by a total of 183 units (.7%) from the baseline year of 2014 - 4,077 units (15.75%) to the previous full recorded year 2019 - 4,260 units (16.45%) (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [AFFORDABLE2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [AFFORDABLE2016.PDF](#)

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.1 - Creation of Meriden Sustainable CT Intern Program (10 points), 2020 Creation of an Intern program composed of Meriden Students. 10.1 - Conduct a Health Equity Assessment (10 points) 2019 The Meriden Health Department conducted a Health Equity assessment. This assessment follows a similar process as a food assessment (Action 7.4)

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PDF: [10.1-9.1INTERNRESUMES.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.1 HEALTH EQUITY FULL.PDF](#)

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