



Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Connecticut Certification Report of New Milford, a Sustainable Connecticut silver certified applicant.

New Milford was certified on November 01, 2021 with 870 points. Listed below is information regarding New Milford'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 New Milford was approved for in 2021 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

30 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - (30 POINTS) EQUITY TOOL KITS ALIGNING WITH: ACTION 8.2 PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS ACTION 4.4 ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH ACTION 12.2 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS -- Success Story

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 9.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - NEW MILFORD SUSTAINABLE TOOLKIT 8-21-18](#)

PDF: [9.1 ARTICLE FROM DANBURY NEWS TIMES REGARDING QUILT TRAIL](#)

PDF: [9.1 CERC PROFILE NEW MILFORD 2018](#)

PDF: [1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY-ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS](#)

PDF: [1.1 NM OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY -ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH ACTION 4.4](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM aligns with ACTION 8.2 PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH aligns with ACTION 4.4 PROVIDE ARTS and CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY- ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS aligns with ACTION 12.2 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

Partners: 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM; see pages 2-3 for list of partners and project participants 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY- ARTS and CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH: see page 1 for list of partners and project participants 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS: see pages 1-3 for list of partners and project participants

Additional Information: 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM aligns with ACTION 8.2 PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH aligns with ACTION 4.4 PROVIDE ARTS and CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY- ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS aligns with ACTION 12.2 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

1.2 Participate in Equity Training

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.1 Equity Training attendees (10 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.2.1 EQUITY TRAINING ATTENDEES](#)

Partners: 1.2.1 NO PARTNERS

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

90 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 CREATE A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY [(15 POINTS) 2.1.2 CREATE A MAP OF THE BROWNFIELD SITES [(5 POINTS) 2.1.3 ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY TO PRIORITIZE SITES FOR REDEVELOPMENT (10 POINTS) 2.1.4 PREPARE A GRANT PROPOSAL FOR SITE ASSESSMENT (10 POINTS) 2.1.5 HAVE A LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT A PHASE I ASSESSMENT (20 POINTS) 2.1.6 HOLD A PROCESS OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL REUSE OPTIONS CONNECTED TO A BROADER COMMUNITY VISION (5 POINTS) 2.1.7 ACTIVELY MARKET BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (10 POINTS) 2.1.8 REMEDIATE A BROWNFIELD SITE [(15 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.1.3 NM 03-27-2017 TOWN COUNCIL MOTIONS](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 NM 03-27-2017 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 NM 2010_POCD](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 NM RRC CHECK-IN #5](#)

PDF: [2.1.4 NM EPA GRANT APPLICATION 10 28 20](#)

PDF: [2.1.4 NM VERIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION](#)

PDF: [2.1.6 NM DRAFT NEW MILFORD RIVERFRONT RENEWAL](#)

PDF: [2.1.7 NM DRAFT MARKETING MATERIALS](#)

PDF: [2.1.5 NM 11 RAILROAD STREET-PHASE 1](#)

PDF: [2.1.5NM 8 YOUNGS FIELD RD-PHASE 1](#)

PDF: [2.1.5NM APPENDICES A-B 8 YOUNGS FIELD RD-PHASE 1](#)

PDF: [2.1.5NM APPENDIX C PART 1-8 YOUNGS FIELD RD-PHASE 1](#)

PDF: [2.1.5NM APPENDIX C- PART 2- 8 YOUNGS FIELD RD-PHASE 1](#)

PDF: [2.1.8NM BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION LOCATION MAP](#)

PDF: [2.1.8 NM BROWNFIELD SITE REMEDIATION PLAN MAPS](#)

PDF: [2.1.8 NM BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION OVERVIEW](#)

PDF: [2.1.1 NM 002 BROWNFIELDS PROJECT REPORT_NEW MILFORD_UCONN](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 NM NEW MILFORD BROWNFIELDS MAP-UPDATED](#)

EXCEL: [2.1.1 NM 001 MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELD INVENTORY_UPDATED_JUNE 2021 FINAL](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.1 Municipal Brownfield Inventory The Brownfield Inventory expanded and updated by

UConn Brownfields Program under the supervision of Nefeli Bompoti, PhD, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

2.1.2 Map of Brownfield Sites The Map of Brownfield Sites expanded and updated by UConn Brownfields Program under the supervision of Nefeli Bompoti, PhD, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

2.1.3 List of Priority Sites New Milford has been focused on connecting its downtown to the river as a means to enhance economic development for more than a decade. Consensus on this focus is captured in the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development (attached, on page 79 of the document and p. 82 of the pdf): "Make the Housatonic River an integral asset to Downtown by capitalizing on the Town-owned land between the River and Downtown". These Town-owned properties are among the priority sites identified by residents through consultant-led public workshops for redevelopment as reflected in the recently completed vision plan entitled New Milford Riverfront Renewal (attached as 2.1.6 NM New Milford Riverfront Renewal; see pages 18-19 for an overview of the Plan area and pages 36-37 for an identification of the encompassed brownfields sites). Public interest in pursuing redevelopment of these sites is evidenced by public comment from three town residents (pages 1-2 of 2.1.3 NM 03-27-2017 Town Council Minutes) and the Planner's memo to the Town Council, seeking to establish a Riverfront Revitalization Committee (Exhibit 13, page 24 of the same 2.1.3 NM 03-27-2017 Town Council Minutes) and the Town Council's unanimous vote to approve the committee and the identified scope (page 4 of 2.1.3 NM 03-27-2017 Town Council Motions).

2.1.4 Grant Proposal The narrative portion of a recently submitted Grant Application made to the EPA for a Community-Wide Assessment Grant is attached (2.1.4 NM EPA Community-Wide Grant Application 10 28 20) as well as the email confirmation that the application has been received and validated (2.1.4 NM Verification of Submission of Grant Application).

2.1.5 Environmental Assessments Two Phase I reports are attached, one each for two sites identified as critical to redevelopment of the downtown and riverfront area - 8 Youngs Field Road and 11 Railroad Street. It should be noted that in addition a Phase I was prepared for 31 Bridge Street and a limited Phase II was performed for the 11 Railroad Street site. These two additional reports were not included in this submission, but are available should SustainableCT wish to review them.

2.1.6 Reuse Options and Dates of Community Planning Events The document attached, entitled 2.1.6 NM New Milford Riverfront Renewal, is the full and (nearly) complete report (some graphics will be modified before it is offered to the Town Council for acceptance as complete prior to 08-01-21), that was prepared with funds from the CT Department of Economic and Community Development Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization Planning Grant program, and directed by the Riverfront Revitalization Committee with its lead consultant WXY Architecture and Urban Design. A robust public outreach effort was an underpinning of this work and included stakeholder interviews, community visioning and public engagement exercises, consultation with relevant Town departments, and multiple design charrettes to focus the plan, develop appropriate options and make recommendations for reuse. Details of the three Public Workshops that were held to guide the work appear in Appendix A, beginning on page 69. These sessions were held as follows: · Workshop #1: Kick-off and Open House held June 6, 2019 · Workshop #2: Visioning and Options; held December 15, 2019 · Workshop #3: Master Plan Presentation; held April 6, 2020 Master Plan Vision Options are identified, with public comment included on each, in the section on Workshop #2, which begins on page 78 of the document and runs to page 99. Also, attached as 2.1.3 NM RRC Check-in #5, is a presentation identifying the range of re-use options and the brownfields sites they encompass.

2.1.7 Marketing Materials Marketing materials are currently being designed to promote the expanded downtown area as prime for redevelopment. Attached are these materials in draft form. We anticipate that they will be complete prior to the August 1, 2021 submission deadline.

2.1.8 Brownfield Site Remediation WILL SUBMIT AUGUST, 2021: Documentation for 2.1.8 NM TO INCLUDE: Status of New Milford's current DPW Site Clean-up and adjacent brownfield site re-purposing, anticipated next steps to prepare the site for redevelopment as part of the overall downtown vision plan.

Partners: PARTNERS

2.1.1 Municipal Brownfield Inventory The Brownfield Inventory prepared by UConn Brownfields Program under the supervision of Assistant Professor Nefeli Bompoti, PhD, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

2.1.2 Map of Brownfield Sites The Brownfield Map prepared by UConn Brownfields Program under the supervision of Assistant Professor Nefeli Bompoti, PhD, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

2.1.3 List of Priority Sites The number of people involved in identifying and promoting the targeted brownfields for redevelopment is enormous. It has included the Town Council over two administrations, committee members and untold number of members of the public who have weighed in and offered their opinion on what should be redeveloped and how.

2.1.4 Grant Proposal This proposal was prepared by Tammy Reardon, New Milford's Municipal Grant Writer and Compliance Specialist, with support and input from Jack Healy, Director of New Milford's Department of Public Works and his staff as well as Liba Fuhrman, Chair of the Town's Riverfront Revitalization Committee.

2.1.5 Environmental Assessments These reports were prepared by the Chazen Companies, based in Poughkeepsie, New York, a member of the WXY consulting team who completed the New Milford Riverfront Renewal Plan.

2.1.6 Reuse Options and Dates of Community Planning Events The reuse options and the community workshops were developed and directed by WXY Architecture and Urban Design as part of their work in completing the New Milford Riverfront Renewal Plan. Funding for this effort was made available in part by the CT Department of Economic and Community Development Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization Planning Grant program. The Town's Riverfront Revitalization Committee was also a key player in this effort.

2.1.7 Marketing Materials These materials prepared by members of the Riverfront Revitalization Committee.

2.1.8 Brownfield Site Remediation The DPW site clean-up and repurposing is spearheaded by Jack

Healy, the Director of New Milford's Department of Public Works, with the support of DPW staff and at the direction of Mayor Pete Bass and with the support of the New Milford Town Council.

Additional Information: 2.1.1 Municipal Brownfield Inventory UPDATED - submitted for additional credit 2.1.2 Map of Brownfields site: UPDATED - submitted for additional credit NOTE: GOOGLE EARTH MAPS AVAILABLE. CONTACT STEPHENTGASS@GMAIL.COM for FILES As is typical of many New England towns, the Housatonic River, which bisects New Milford, was originally a source of transportation and power for industry and agriculture. The industrial character of the Town's riverfront has changed little over the years. With its proximity to New Milford's attractive and lively downtown, however, the possibilities that are opened up by cleaning up and re-envisioning the potential of the Housatonic Riverfront are enormous. As is shown in the materials attached, most specifically in the WXY Report entitled New Milford Riverfront Renewal, among the uses envisioned are housing of a sort not currently available downtown, small, appropriate commercial and eco-tourism possibilities as well as public spaces. Town officials and committee members and volunteers are investing tremendous energy in moving that vision forward.

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

45 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1 Sustainable Procurement Training (5 points) SEE DOCUMENTATION DETAILS FOR INFO 2.2.2 ADOPT Sustainable_Purchasing_Policy (20 POINTS) 2.2.3 Implement sustainable purchasing policy (10 points) 2.2.4 Develop Vendor list (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.2.2 NM ACTION 2.2.2 WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [2.2.2 NM COPY OF TOWN PURCHASING WEBPAGE](#)

PDF: [2.2.4 NM NEWS TIMES ARTICLE FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2021](#)

PDF: [2.2.4 NM NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT OF NEW E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM](#)

PDF: [2.2.4 NM NOTICE FROM TOWN-OWNED FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PDF: [2.2.4 NM VENDOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CLASSIFICATIONS](#)

PDF: [2.2.3 NM SUST PURCHASING POLICY ADOPTION AND DISTRIBUTION, IMPLEMENTATION](#)

PDF: [2.2.2 NM ADOPTED SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING POLICY](#)

Documentation Details: 2.2.1 - The key personnel involved in the day to day purchase decision making and purchasing of goods and supplies have participated in the recommended sustainable procurement training. The below listed personnel have viewed "Sustainable CT: Best Practices in Sustainable Procurement" (May 19, 2020). Training was provided by Sustainable CT. Pete Bass, Mayor, pbass@newmilford.org (date viewed 2/17/21) Gregory Osipow, Director of Finance gosipow@newmilford.org (date viewed 3/12/21) Olga Melnikov, Comptroller omelnikov@newmilford.org (date viewed 2/22/21) Valerie Douglass, Purchasing Specialist vdouglass@newmilford.org (date viewed 2/1/21) 2.2.2 - The proposed sustainable purchasing policy is to be adopted by the Town Council at their meeting of April 26, 2021 then distributed to all departments via email and reviewed at a monthly department head meeting. Once adopted the policy will be posted on the Town's Purchasing webpage, www.newmilford.org/purchasing. A copy of the webpage is attached. We will then notify all registered vendors in our e-Purchasing software of the new policy. 2.2.3 - The Town currently encourages the purchase of "green" and "recycled" products through its supplies provider W.B. Mason. The items purchased through W.B. Mason include but are not limited to paper, binders, ink and toner, markers, folders and glue. The Town also utilizes eco-friendly, non-toxic and LEED certified cleaning products and lighting. The Town is currently in the process of replacing old outdated computers with new systems that meet the EPEAT environmental criteria as contained in the IEEE 1680 Standard for the Environmental Assessment of Personal computer Products. The impacted areas of our sustainable purchasing policy are Sections: · 1045.B.3 and 4; · 1045.D.1.d; · 1045.E.1.a, b and c; · 1045.E.3.a, b, c, g, and j; · 1045.E.4.a; · 1045.E.6.a and d; · 1045.E.9.a. The estimated percentage of the town supply budget used to purchase sustainable goods and services is approximately 10.8 percent. 2.2.4 - In the development of an up-to-date vendor list the Town has recently migrated from a paper-based bid solicitation process to an online web-based electronic bidding and vendor management system. This platform will allow the Town to not only eliminate the need for paper bids but also the need for vendors to mail or drop off the bid thus reducing the Town and vendor's reliance on fossil fuels for delivery. In addition to bids and RFP's, the Town is working toward using the system for Request for Quotes on items that do not meet the monetary threshold for the bidding

process. The software platform allows us to track the number of certified small businesses, minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises are signed up to be a vendor. This information is provided on a voluntary basis. A printout of what the current classification distribution is has been attached. We have requested that the software firm add classifications to include locally-owned and eco-friendly businesses to be further in line with our Purchasing Policy. The announcement of the new e-procurement portal was not only sent to all current interested bidders and the Chamber of Commerce but it was also covered by our local newspaper in a short article as well as advertised in the local weekly paper and noticed on the Town managed Facebook page. Copies of the article, advertisement and Facebook post are attached.

Partners: 2.2.1 - None 2.2.2 - None 2.2.3 - None 2.2.4 - None

Additional Information: 2.2.1 see documentation details. credit granted April submission 2.2.3 documentation submitted for credit to update April submission 2.2.2 documentation submitted for credit to update from April submission

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

25 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1 NM 001 Inventory and promote local businesses (master list) 5 POINTS 2.3.1 002 INVENTORY AND PROMOTE LOCAL RETAIL (Newmilfordnow.org- LOCAL RETAIL; Newmilfordfarmlandpres.org- LOCAL FARM RETAIL (10 POINTS) 2.3.2 PROMOTE LOCAL RETAIL- SHOP LOCAL (10 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [2.3.1 001 NM MASTER LIST OF NEW MILFORD BUSINESS](#)

PDF: [2.3.1 002 INVENTORY AND PROMOTE LOCAL RETAIL](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 NM 001 PROMOTE LOCAL RETAIL WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 NM 002 PROMOTE LOCAL RETAIL OPTIONS- BUY LOCAL](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.1 001 is a comprehensive master list of ALL LOCAL NM BUSINESSES 2.3.1 002 includes links to LOCAL RETAIL and LOCAL FARM BUSINESSES 2.3.2 002 provides links and images of BUY LOCAL campaign

Partners: 2.3.1 NO PARTNERS 2.3.2 LOCAL RETAILERS

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1 PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES - HOST BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE (5 POINTS) 2.4.3 SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES - RECOGNITION EVENTS (5 POINTS) 2.4.4 PROVIDE RESOURCES TO LOCAL BUSINESSES - DISASTER RESILIENCY TOOLKIT (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.1 HOST BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE WORKSHEET AND IMAGES](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 001 SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS - RECOGNITION EVENTS](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 002 SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS - RECOGNITION EVENT 2019 BEST OF THE BEST BUSINESS AWARDS.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.4 VIRTUAL COVID TOOLKIT FOR BUSINESSES](#)

Partners: 2.4.1/2.4.2 NO PARTNERS 2.4.3 New Milford Chamber of Commerce

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a Education program (x 2) (10 points) 3.1.1 b Signage program (5 points) 3.1.1 c Pledge (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1.1A-3.1.1B.NMEDUCATIONPROGRAMANDSIGNAGEPROGRAM](#)

PDF: [3.1.1C.NMRIVERSMARTPLEDGE](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1.a April 10th Planting and Clean Up Page 1, 4, 5-9 Announcement, publicity and attendance sheet. 3.1.1.a June 26th Invasives Program Page 1, 5, 10, 11 and 14. Announcement, publicity and photo of work result. 3.1.1.b Invasives Signage Page 14. Sign installed at Hulton Meadow Park. 3.1.1.c Watersmart Pledge Page 1, 4, 13 Pledges solicited at multiple different venues. 3.1.1.a Projects described Page 1, 8-9 and 14. 3.1.1c.NMRiverSmartPledge.pdf 3.1.1.c Watersmart Pledge Entire document.

Partners: Housatonic Valley Association New Milford Economic Development Corporation As a result of a crowd funding campaign and matching funding from Sustainable CT, the New Milford Economic Development Corporation was able to engage with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) to assist with the data collection and projects of these actions.

3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.1 Inventory (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.2.NMGREAT BROOK WSP](#)

PDF: [3.2.2B HOUSATONIC RIVER ZONING REGS](#)

Documentation Details: see 3.2.NMGreat Brook WSP.pdf for: 3.2.1.a Resource Inventory Pages 1-7. 3.2.1.b Maps Pages 15-36 3.2.1.c Land Uses Page 19-24. 3.2.2.a Protection Goals Pages 7-13 Protection projects with community input. Pages 27-36 Stream Impacts

Partners: Housatonic Valley Association New Milford Economic Development Corporation As a result of a crowd funding campaign and matching funding from Sustainable CT, the New Milford Economic Development Corporation was able to engage with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) to assist with the data collection and projects of these actions.

Additional Information: requesting partial credit for 3.2.2

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.1 - WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.3.2 NEW MILFORD MS4 STORMWATER MANAGMENT PLAN](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 HOUSATONIC RIVER DISTRICT OF ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 CANDLEWOOD LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT OF ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 SOURCE WATER, RIPARIAN CORRIDORS REGULATORY PROTECTION NARRATIVE AND LINKS](#)

PDF: [3.3.1.NM WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.3.1.NM Watershed protection and restoration.pdf report includes details for 2 projects

Partners: Housatonic Valley Association New Milford Economic Development Corporation As a result of a crowd funding campaign and matching funding from Sustainable CT, the New Milford Economic Development Corporation was able to engage with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) to assist with the data collection and projects of these actions.

Additional Information: Narrative explains other uploaded documents

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

30 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 open space inventories 10 points 3.4.4b increase open spaces 5 points 3.4.4c improve open spaces 5 points 3.4.4d acquisition fund 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [ACTION 2.4 INVENTORY OF OPEN SPACE SPREADSHEET](#)

PDF: [ACTION 2.4 MAP OF OPEN SPACE PDF \(MAP LAYER LINK IS IN NOTES BELOW\)](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1 NM 1 OPENSPIECEINVENTORY NEW MILFORD](#)

PDF: [3.4.1 NM 2 PROTECTED PROPERTIES MAP PP_2020](#)

PDF: [3.4.1NM 3 TOTAL ACRES FOR OPEN SPACE](#)

PDF: [3.4.4B NM TOWN OF NEW MILFORD ANNUAL REPORTS-OPEN SPACE UPDATES 2017-2020](#)

PDF: [3.4.4B NM-1 OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS LAND ACQUISITIONS RESERVE FUND-4-YEAR SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [3.4 NM COVER SHEET OPEN SPACES](#)

PDF: [3.4.1 NM OPEN SPACE INVENTORY DATE OF REVIEW LETTER](#)

Documentation Details: · 3.4.1 NM OPEN SPACE INVENTORY DATE OF REVIEW LETTER: RESPONSE TO PRIOR REVIEWER REQUEST FOR INFO ON INVENTORY REVIEW PERIOD, REVIEWER, UPDATES. Document 3.4.1 NM1 OpenSpaceInventory New Milford: spreadsheet is organized by easement owner: tab 1: town of New Milford; tab 2: Northwest CT Land Conservancy; tab 3: others (small land trusts, state, etc.) · Document 3.4.1NM 2 is a Map of open spaces/protected properties within New Milford · Document 3.4.4bNM: Four years of Town of New Milford annual reports provides documentation for o ACTION 3.4.4b continued acquisition of Open Space property o ACTION 3.4.4c (Improve Open Spaces: see references to Hulton Meadow Park, pages 2,4,7) o ACTION 3.4.4d.(documentation of open space acquisition funds)

Partners: Town of New Milford, Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy Inc. Nature Conservancy, Steep Rock Land Trust, Roxbury Land Trust, Town of Bridgewater, State of CT DEEP, USA., USDA NRCS, CT. Department of Agriculture, CT. Audubon Society, Elliot Pratt Ed Ctr. Inc., HVA., Ousatonic Fish & Game Protective Assoc. Harrybrooke Park

Additional Information: 3.4.1 NM OPEN SPACE INVENTORY DATE OF REVIEW LETTER is a response from Michael Bird, a member of NM's Conservation Commission, to SUST CT feedback for information on DATE of INVENTORY REVIEW PERIOD, REVIEWER, AND ANY UPDATES. Seeking credit (10 points) for the update (and expansion) of this inventory.

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory (10 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.5.1 NM NATURAL RESOURCE AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY 8-21](#)

Partners: 5.1.1 No PARTNERS (several MAPS courtesy of HVA)

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

Approved Information: 3.10 FACILITATE INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT, (20 POINTS TOTAL)
 3.10.1 MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES (10 POINTS) 3.10.1. a. EXAMINE YOUR REGULATIONS 3.10.1. b. EMBED INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INTO YOUR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PRACTICES. 3.10.1. c. EDUCATE MUNICIPAL GROUNDS KEEPING STAFF ON INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PRACTICES UTILIZED BY YOUR MUNICIPALITY. 3.10.2. MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES (5 POINTS) 3.10.2 a. ENGAGE IN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES. 3.10.3 RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION (5 POINTS) 3.10.3. a. ON YOUR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE, POST INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION RESOURCES. 3.10.1.b. HOST OR SPONSOR AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES AND REMOVAL PROCESSES.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.10.1 A NEW MILFORD ZONING REGS. SCREEN SHOT OF LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS](#)

PDF: [3.10.1 B V NEW MILFORD KNOTWEED AT CLATTER VALLEY](#)

PDF: [3.10.1 C I NEW MILFORD CLASS FOR DPW](#)

PDF: [3.10.2 A I NEW MILFORD NATIVE MEADOWS PRESERVE, MAP, PHOTOS, AND PLANS](#)

PDF: [3.10.2 A II NEW MILFORD RIVERBANK INVASIVE CONTROL](#)

PDF: [3.10.2.A III NEW MILFORD AERIAL PHOTO, SULLIVAN FARM, OUTLINED IN BLUE, AND NATIVE MEADOWS PRESERVE](#)

PDF: [3.10.2 A IV NEW MILFORD CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY INVASIVE INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES](#)

PDF: [3.10.2 A V NEW MILFORD HVA KNOTWEED CONTROL DAY](#)

PDF: [3.10.2 A VI NEW MILFORD WATER CHESTNUT CONTROL PROJECT](#)

PDF: [3.10.3 A NEW MILFORD INVASIVE SPECIES INFORMATION ON TOWN WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [3.10.3 B NEW MILFORD INVASIVE PLANT CLASS FOR RESIDENTS](#)

PDF: [3.10.2 A VII DPW REMOVES MUGWORT PIX](#)

PDF: [3.10 INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT COVER SHEET-DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: DOCUMENTATION DETAILS--NOTE ALL DETAILS INCLUDED IN 3.10 INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT COVER SHEET-DOCUMENTATION.pdf 3.10 1. MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES 3.10 1.a. Examine regulations etc: Three agencies, the Zoning Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Inland Wetlands Commission, issue permits for land use. None provide approved plant lists. Subdivisions require approval by all three agencies. The regulations of each agency were reviewed for information relating to landscaping, plant lists, and invasive plants. Zoning: https://www.newmilford.org/filestorage/7526/19046/35748/36042/Zon._Regs_-_Amended_6-20-18.pdf Planning: https://www.newmilford.org/filestorage/7526/19046/34820/37378/Subdivision__Regs-Full_Copy_-_1-6-02.pdf Wetlands: https://www.newmilford.org/filestorage/7526/19046/35746/35988/IW_REGULATIONS_2010.pdf There are no special requirements in the Planning Subdivision Regulations. Zoning requirements are specific with respect to planting plans: Zoning regulations section 130-020 #6 of General Requirements specifies that "No widespread and invasive, restricted and invasive or potentially invasive plants as outlined in the publication "Non-Native Invasive and Potentially Invasive Vascular Plants in Connecticut" published March, 2001, and as periodically updated, shall be used in any planting plan." These requirements cover any planting plans requiring zoning approval. Supporting document: Relevant Zoning regs, The zoning regulations also refer to the importance of native species. Section 130-010, #9 states "native species are encouraged" and, section 104-020 #4, as a purpose for the Candlewood Lake Watershed District states "To preserve and/or create vegetative buffers of native plantings to control and filter stormwater run-off." In addition, the New Milford Inland Wetlands commission includes as standard conditions on all approvals the following: "Species listed as invasive or potentially invasive on the Non-Native Invasive and Potentially Invasive Vascular Plants in Connecticut list, dated January 2003, or any species added on supplemental lists in the future in the State of Connecticut shall not be planted on the property." This provision applies only to projects requiring approval from NMIWC, but applies not only to submitted planting plans but also to any plantings on the entire property. 4 3.10 1.b. Embed invasive species management practices into grounds maintenance practices. Almost no herbicides or other pesticides are used by Town departments doing grounds work on New Milford properties, exceptions being that a professional pesticide applicator is hired by the Park and Rec department for the lawn on the Town Green and, at Youngs Field Riverwalk, to control root sprouts of Ailanthus and Black Locust on the riverbank. The New Milford Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Park and Recreation Department are attempting to find ways to control invasive plants that do not use herbicides. DPW does not use any pesticides. i. DPW: Continuing action to control *Artemisia vulgaris*, Mugwort: DPW is currently compiling a list of roads with mugwort infestations. Beginning in August of 2021, these roads will be scheduled for mowing between mid-August and late September to disrupt flowering and prevent seed production. The town road foreman verified that this is happening, but draft copies were not ready when this

document was submitted. . ii. DPW is currently compiling a list of roads edged with a mix of native and invasive shrubs. This is likely to be a short list, since the shrubs along most roads in our town are primarily invasives. However, where there is a mix of invasive and native species, roadside brush clearing will whenever possible be scheduled for brush clearing in either early spring or late fall, the two seasons when it is easy to differentiate native from invasive species as the natives are dormant and the invasives have leaves. The native shrubs will be left in place unless they threaten the travelway or sightlines. The town road foreman verified that this is happening, but draft copies were not ready when this document was submitted. iii. DPW is making every effort to ensure that topsoil and gravel purchased for various projects including work on gravel roads is free of invasive species. In the past, gravel road materials have been contaminated with seeds or propagules of mugwort, Japanese knotweed, swallowwort, bittersweet, ailanthus and others. Whenever possible, soils will not be moved from one site to another. Whenever possible topsoil from offsite will not be used on DPW projects. When possible, soil removed from a site is screened and returned to the same site as needed. This cannot always happen and at times topsoil and gravel must be purchased through a contractor. iv. DPW is providing ongoing training to crew members so that they will be better able to differentiate between native and invasive plants. In addition to classes, invasive species identification sheets to help with roadside identification are first posted on a date when the particular species is easily recognizable. Each sheet includes examples of roads where that species is easily spotted. These sheets are posted on the home page of the DPW website (<https://www.newmilford.org/dpw>). v. Park and Recreation Department: The Park and Recreation Department cares for over 200 parks and facilities. They regularly mow recreational and trail portions of the parks, and do a yearly brushhogging in others, including Sega Meadows and Clatter Valley. At this time, the knotweed at Clatter Valley Park is being managed with a combination of regular mowing where it has encroached on the parking area plus a yearly mowing for the area beyond the parking area. The knotweed on a short steep bank across the parking area can't be mowed. 5 The department is exploring the possibility of organizing volunteers to try the herbicide-free knotweed control method presented at the CIPWG symposium in 2016. <https://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2016/10/PPT-PDF-Abby-Stokes-Petie-Reed-Session-3.pdf> and https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3616/f/uploads/nip_the_knotweed_handout.pdf They are also exploring timed mowing of mugwort to prevent seeding. Supporting documents: Knotweed photos at Clatter Valley Park and organic knotweed control methodology. 3.10 1.c Educate Municipal Grounds Keeping Staff on Invasive Species Management i. DPW hosted a class for DPW and Parks and Rec workers on June 15, 2021, at Clatter Valley Park in New Milford. This park, an old farm, is host to most of the invasive species common in New Milford. The instructor was Kathleen Nelson. Kathleen has been a member of the NMIWC since 1988. From 2007-2013 she managed a Mile-a-Minute (MAM) Control Project sponsored by Mad Gardeners, Inc. The project employed a group of college students to pull MAM vine on approximately 125 properties in New Milford, Bridgewater, and Roxbury. She is a member of the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group and received the Leslie J. Mehrhoff award from them in 2014 for her work on MAM. Supporting document: one file with class handout, pictures, and class registration ii. DPW: When in-person invasive classes were delayed due to COVID, Kathleen prepared dated handouts on common invasive species seen along New Milford roadsides for the public works department. The first was issued on October 28, 2020. Each handout is originally posted at the time the particular species is easy to spot while driving along town roads. Most handouts list particular roads where the species is abundant. The handouts - 8 so far - are posted on the home page of the DPW website. <https://www.newmilford.org/dpw>, Ailanthus and Mugwort will be posted in August, Knotweed and Oriental Bittersweet probably in September. 3.10 2. MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES (5 POINTS) 3.10 2 a. Engage in invasive species management practices on municipal properties. i. Public Works Department: DPW is currently managing a recently acquired 24 acre parcel known as Native Meadows Preserve on the west side of the Housatonic River north of Veterans Bridge. At least 3 acres of this property is dominated by mugwort. In order to reduce further spreading by seed, the mugwort is mowed just prior to seed production, either just before flowering or during flowering. In general, the mowing will take place between mid August and late September, providing this floodplain site is accessible to mowing equipment. Appropriately timed mowing of this property began in early October of 2020. Plans are underway for other invasive plant control work on the property. A list of invasive plants was prepared by Mike Grouver, Vice President of the New Milford River Trail Association, and a draft management calendar was prepared by Cathy Hagadorn, Center Director of The Connecticut Audubon Deer Pond Farm. Supporting documents: Property map, photos, invasives list, management plan. 6 ii. Park and Recreation Department with help from New Milford River Trail Association. Full sized invasive trees, Tree of Heaven, Ailanthus altissima, and Black Locust, Robinia pseudoacacia, grew along the eastern bank of the Housatonic River north of Veterans Bridge prior to the development of the area as Young's Field Riverwalk in 2016 and 2017. Both species produce prolific root sprouts and both species are very difficult to control. The full-sized trees were removed at that time but new sprouts continue to emerge from roots of the old trees. The sprouts are treated annually by professional pesticide applicators using an appropriate herbicide. This year's treatment was the week of July 12. This is a rare and necessary exception to the use of herbicides to control invasive species by our town agencies. On July 11, Sixteen volunteers from the The New Milford River Trail Association helped remove invasive plants from the flat portion of the property. Due to the roaring river, they did not work on the steep bank. Supporting documents: Photos of property and volunteer work crew; before and after photos of Ailanthus and Black Locust, and invoice for herbicide work on those species. iii. Sullivan Farm, a town-owned 109 acre property, is a vocational and

educational agricultural center that benefits local youth by providing marketable skills through hands-on involvement in 21st century farming and agro-business practices. It also provides opportunities for school children to reconnect with New England's rich agricultural heritage and learn about the benefits of healthy, fresh, and locally grown produce. The main farm crops at this time are vegetables, hay and maple syrup. Part of the food that is grown on the farm is sold at the farm stand, part is distributed by the town food bank. A crew of college students manage the vegetable growing operation and work on other community projects. Part of their work is controlling invasive plants. The extensive farm fields are constantly monitored for invasive plants such as *Elaeagnus* species, multiflora rose, barberry, and bittersweet, which are removed by hand. Although the farm is not certified organic, there are no pesticides used on the property. The crew also maintains trails on three town preserves: 1) Native Meadows Preserve, on the west side of the Housatonic River north of Veterans Bridge, 2) Nostrand Preserve, 138 acres, and 3) Sullivan Farm itself, a trail between the farm proper and Northville Elementary School. The trails at Native Meadows are mowed every two weeks. On the other properties, invasive plants impinging on the trails are removed by hand and carried out of the properties for disposal. Sullivan Farm general info: <https://www.facebook.com/sullivanfarmnewmilford/> Nostrand property trail map. https://ctland.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/KahnTrailMap_Letter-4.9.20.pdf Supporting Document: Aerial photo of Sullivan Farm, outlined in blue, and aerial photo of Native Meadows Preserve 7 iv. Candlewood Lake Authority, supported by New Milford and the four other towns surrounding the lake, is working to educate boaters on the importance of aquatic invasive species control. Much of the current work is focused on zebra mussel control. The lake was surveyed for zebra mussels over the winter of 2020-2021 A grant from DEEP provided funding to hire stewards to educate boaters on aquatic invasives threatening the lake. The stewards worked with boaters at several boat launch sites over the summer. They were at the New Milford boat launch about 8 hours each day on 6/12, 6/19, 7/11, 7/25, and 8/1. The following links from CLA websites include 1) information on zebra mussels, 2) meeting minutes with the map of where zebra mussels were found, and 3) a delightful link encouraging children (adults too) to set up zebra mussel monitoring stations. The information on the following links will be easier to read than the "supporting document" pdf of website pages. <https://candlewoodlakeauthority.org/Zebra-Mussels> https://candlewoodlakeauthority.org/files/galleries/CLA_April_14_2021_Minutes_Complete_Pkt_signed_w_reports.PDF https://myemail.constantcontact.com/DIY-Zebra-Mussel--Hotel--Instructions.html?soid=1135726906476&aid=dFKpu88Z_mA Supporting document: Screen shots from Candlewood Lake Authority websites. v. Housatonic Valley Association in Partnership with the Town of New Milford: Erik Hazelton, a NM resident and Southern Valley Conservation Projects Manager for HVA, led a group of volunteers from NM and as far away as Dover Plains and Fairfield in carefully cutting down to ground level two large swathes of Japanese knotweed on the banks of Great Brook at Hulton Meadow Park. Then very heavy commercial landscape cloth was staked over them, to be left in place for at least two years to kill the knotweed. No herbicides are necessary with this control method. Printed all-weather signs were placed on the property to inform visitors of the project. As the volunteers finished up and were eating lunch, Erik led a discussion of invasives management and being RiverSmart about taking care of our waterways. The next step was a meeting at the home of one of the volunteers up closer to the origin of Great Brook. The stream runs through her property. Erik and Mike Jastremski, Watershed Conservation Director for HVA, will work with her in a demonstration of how to steward the stream on her property. She wants to take the RiverSmart pledge. Supporting document: Photos of work day. 8 vi. Friends of the Lake in Partnership with the Town of New Milford: Rebekah White, who manages the water chestnut control project, sent the following: The not-for-profit organization, Friends of the Lake (FOTL) is working to remove the invasive aquatic plant water chestnut, *Trapa natans*, from the Still River below Harrybrook Park, and from the Housatonic River in New Milford. This project began in 2019. They received a grant in 2020 from the Environmental Professionals Organization of CT and are receiving a grant from the CT DEEP Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program later this season to be utilized next season. This year's field work began on June 26 with the FOTL's annual Save the Lake Day that brought over 25 volunteers in kayaks, john boats and pontoon boats to pull water chestnut plants located in the Still River and in the lake itself. The grant award funds from the CT DEEP grant will be utilized to hire a contractor to address the population on the Housatonic River since the area is not always easily accessible to a wide range of volunteers. The contractors will be utilized in the 2022 season, due to a delay in funding for this season. Small groups of volunteers will continue to work on the infestations through the remainder of this season. The Town of New Milford provides access from Hidden Treasures Park just upstream from the dam, opening the gate to this property as needed. Although smaller boats can be carried around the gate to the water, larger boats and trucks are needed to carry the amount of plant material removed from the site. Additionally, The Lillinonah Lake Authority, which is partially funded by the town of New Milford, will be hiring a contractor to address any remaining water chestnut populations located on the lake. (This portion of the project is delayed until next season due to a delay in funding coming from DEEP) The Town provides parking passes to volunteers for kayak and boat access from Addis Park downstream from the Bleachery Dam. The Town of New Milford Park and Recreation Department helped promote the June work day by posting the event on their Facebook page. The project, with contact information, is listed in the "CAN YOU HELP" section of the Invasives information page on the Town website: https://www.newmilford.org/filestorage/7526/35379/Invasive_plant_info_for_town_website.pdf Supporting document: New Milford announcement of June work day from Park and Rec Facebook page 3.10.3 RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION 3.10.3 a Invasive species information on town website: Invasive information is on the "Local

Environment” part of the “Community” part of the Town website:

<https://www.newmilford.org/content/3090/41310/default.aspx>. Clicking as indicated brings up the invasive species information pdf, <https://www.newmilford.org/content/3090/41310/default.aspx> Supporting document: Screen shots of Invasive Species info on Town website 9 3.10.3.b: Education workshop for residents on invasive species and invasive species control: A workshop sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department was held on April 24 at Clatter Valley Park in New Milford. Most of the common invasive species in our town are present in the park. April was a perfect season for the workshop as all the shrubs in leaf were invasive species while the native shrubs were still dormant. However, it was awkward for a field class, with masks and social distancing. Approximately a dozen people attended the workshop taught by Kathleen Nelson. Supporting document: field class announcement on Park and Rec Facebook page, photos, and class handout detailing information covered in class

Partners: 3.10.2 a iv: Candlewood Lake Authority is funded by equal appropriations from the five surrounding municipalities, one of which is the Town of New Milford. 3.10 2 a v: Housatonic Valley Association: The Town of New Milford worked with HVA throughout the planning and implementation of the Great Brook project, which included the knotweed control project at Hulton Meadow Park. The New Milford Public Works Department hauled away garbage and debris collected all along Great Brook earlier in the season, making it possible for volunteers to easily access the knotweed. The town also removed and safely disposed of the cut knotweed stems. ?????? is this true? 3.10 2 a v: Friends of the Lake, water chestnut control project: The Town of New Milford provides access for boats from Hidden Treasures Park just upstream from the dam, opening the gate to this property as needed. Although kayaks can be carried around the gate to the water, larger boats and trucks are needed to carry the amount of plant material removed from the site. The Town provides parking passes to volunteers for kayak and boat access from Addis Park downstream from the Bleachery Dam. The Town of New Milford Park and Recreation Department helped promote the June work day by posting the event on their Facebook page. The project, with contact information, is listed in the “CAN YOU HELP” section of the Invasives information page on the Town website: https://www.newmilford.org/filestorage/7526/35379/Invasive_plant_info_for_town_website.pdf Additionally, The Lillinonah Lake Authority, which is partially funded by the town of New Milford, will be hiring a contractor to address any remaining water chestnut populations located on the lake. However, this portion of the project is delayed until next season due to a delay in funding coming from DEEP.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

35 Points

Approved Information: 3.12 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS (35points total) 3.12.2 Create and promote pollinator garden (15 points) 3.12.3 Pass Pollinator Proclamation (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.2 NM 001 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - GALILEO OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 NM POLLINATOR PATHWAY PROCLAMATION 6.14.2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 NM 002 POLLINATOR PATHWAY - OUTREACH-PROMO](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.2 NM 002 includes examples of outreach via Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, local newspaper, Patronicity campaign, magazine, as well as copy of resource list provided to all visitors.

Partners: 3.12.2-3.12.3 Pollinator Garden Partners Sustainable CT Patronicity.com McCarthy Observatory

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 PROMOTE DARK SKIES (15 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.3NMOUTDOOR_LIGHTING_REGULATIONS_CHAPTER_131_ZONING](#)

PDF: [3.13.3NM_COVERSHEET_DARK_SKIES - NEW_MILFORD_OUTDOOR_LIGHTING_REGS](#)

Documentation Details: Chapter 131, an excerpt of New Milford's complete set of Zoning Regulations <https://www.newmilford.org/content/3088/3158/3917/default.aspx> provides details and requirements for outdoor lighting

Partners: 3.13.3 NO PARTNERS

Additional Information: The purpose of these regulations is to provide specific standards in regard to lighting, in order to maximize the effectiveness of site lighting, to enhance public safety and welfare, to raise public awareness of energy conservation, to avoid unnecessary upward illumination and illumination of adjacent properties due to light trespass, and to reduce glare, while at the same time providing adequate nighttime safety, utility and security.

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.1 MAP Tourism and Cultural Assets (10 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [4.1.1 A-B NM ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER LIST WORKSHEET.XLSX](#)

PDF: [4.1.1D NM MAINTENANCE PLAN WWW.NEWMILFORDNOW](#)

PDF: [4.1.1 C SITE INFO NEWMILFORDNOW](#)

Partners: Civic Lift (technical partner- site developer).

Additional Information: NOTE: 4.1.1 b Map of assets available on www.newmilfordnow.org (click MAP, click INTERACTIVE MAP).

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.2 SUPPORT ARTS AND CREATIVE CULTURE (25 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.1NM ESTABLISH POET LAUREATE](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 NM ARTS IN MUNICIPAL MARKETING](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 NM ARTS BUDGET 2021 AND 2022](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 NM COMMISSION ON THE ARTS](#)

PDF: [4.2.9-4.2.11C-D NM DEVELOP PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, EVENTS FOR AND BY ARTISTS](#)

PDF: [4.2.10A NM LIBRARY EVENTS](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.1 NM Establish Poet Laureate: see page 4 for current term extension; see page 7 for listing on CT Coalition of Poets Laureate website; see page 8 for original Proclamation of role. 4.2.2 NM Include arts and culture in municipal marketing; Representative pages from municipal site, www.newmilford.org community calendar and town Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=town%20of%20new%20milford%20ct> 4.2.5 NM Commission on the Arts: for more info, visit commission website:<https://artsnewmilfordct.org> 4.2.9/4.2.11c-d NM Develop workshops/artist networking opportunities see pages 3-6 for Action 4.2.9; see pages 7-13 for Action 4.2.11c; see pages 14-17 for Action 4.2.11d.

Partners: New Milford Commission on the Arts

4.4 Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.4.1 - Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth (20 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.4.1 A NM PRE K-12 ARTS INVENTORY NEW MILFORD CT](#)

PDF: [4.4.1 B-C-D NM ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH 8-20](#)

Documentation Details: 4.4.1 B-C-D NM ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH 8-20 see page 1 for 4.4.1 b: Roundtable details; see page 2 for 4.4.1c: Program Creation-roles; see page 3 for 4.4.1d: Program Execution-budget and timeline see page 13-14 for photos of banners flying in downtown New Milford and video of opening event (program launched August 20, 2021).

Partners: 4.4.1 PARTNERS New Milford Youth Agency (funding partner) New Milford Commission on the Arts (funding partner) Village Center for the Arts New Milford Public Schools New Milford Public Library

Additional Information: SEE 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH. This project, and the descriptive document provided here (4.4.1 B-C-D NM ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH 8-20.PDF) has also been submitted as an "Equity Tool Kit." The use of this document in two places, 1.1 and 4.4, was OK'd by Jessica Le Clair.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

35 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1 - Plan of Conservation and Development (35 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.1 B NM POCD WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [5.1.1 NM NEW MILFORD POCD 2021-2031](#)

Partners: 5.1.1 PARTNERS - the POCD was developed by a team of resident content area experts, town employees and key commission and committee members; Maps developed by HVA.

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

15 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 ADOPT LAND USE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL USES (5 POINTS) 5.3.2 ALLOW ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL USE OF MUNICIPAL LAND OR PROVIDE OUTREACH ON CT FARMLINK, LINKING MUNICIPAL OR PRIVATE LAND TO FARMERS LOOKING FOR LAND TO FARM (5 POINTS) 5.3.4 HOLD A FARMER FORUM TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL NEEDS OR ISSUES FOR AGRICULTURE IN MUNICIPALITY (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 4.3 DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL FRIENDLY PRACTICES NARRATIVE SUB-ACTIONS 1,2,3,4,5,6,8 8-22-18](#)

PDF: [4.3.4 FARMERS FORUM DOCUMENTS](#)

PDF: [4.3.1 RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [4.3.5 CLUSTER CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [4.3.6 AND 4.3.8 AGRICULTURAL USES REGARDING FARMSTANDS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES - FROM ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 NM 001 RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE CONTINUITY.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 NM 002 NEW MILFORD RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [5.3.2 NM 001 MUNICIPAL FARM USE.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3.2 NM 002 CT FARMLINK](#)

PDF: [5.3.4 NM FARMERS FORUM.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.3.1 NM 001 RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE CONTINUITY: Letter from Chair New Milford Farmland and Forest Preservation Committee, confirming how reliance on New Milford's 2008 Right to Farm Ordinance continues into present (rolling credit). 5.3.1 NM 002 NM RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE: note this is same ordinance submitted with prior application, re-submitted with new Action numbers. 5.3.2 NM 001 MUNICIPAL FARM USE: Letter from Director of Sullivan Farm, a town-owned 110-acre property confirming ongoing use of the site for a spring-summer-fall youth agricultural internship program (rolling credit). NOTE: 5.3.2 NM 002 includes NM listings on CT FARMLINK 5.3.4 NM FARMERS FORUM: Minutes of April 28, 2021 New Milford Farmland and Forest Preservation Committee meeting used as a farmers forum to better understand and support our farmers' concerns with respect to local farming regulations (new credit)

Partners: Sullivan Farm New Milford Farmland and Forest Preservation Committee

Additional Information: Narrative explains all uploaded documents

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1-5.4.3 ASSESS CLIMATE VULNERABILITY (20 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4 NM NEW MILFORD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY MAY 2021.PDF](#)

Partners: 5.4 Climate Vulnerability Assessment: partnered with The Nature Conservancy Sustainable CT see pages 14-16 for list of municipal leaders, local business, and environmental service orgs

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

55 Points

Approved Information: 5.5 INVENTORY AND ASSESS HISTORICAL ASSETS (55 points total) 5.5.1 NM HISTORICAL ASSETS INVENTORY UPDATE 8-15 (15 points) 5.5.4 Certified Local Government (5 points) 5.5.2 Assess Viability of Assets (New Milford Library, Knapp House, Hill and Plain—One Room Schoolhouse Assessment) (3 assets: 30 points) 5.5.3 Historic Resources EDUCATION (5)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1. INVENTORY AND ASSESS HISTORIC RESOURCES_CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT](#)

PDF: [5.5NM COVERSHEET HISTORIC ASSETS](#)

PDF: [5.5.4NM RECOGNITION-CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 NM HISTORICAL ASSETS INVENTORY UPDATE 8-21](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 001 COMPLETED WORKSHEET FOR THE THREE HISTORIC ASSETS](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 002 APPLICATION FOR STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT FY 2018-2019](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 003 NM PUBLIC LIBRARY CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT REPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM004 ELEVATIONS AND FLOOR PLANS FOR LIBRARY MODERNIZATION](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 005 KNAPP HOUSE ASSESSMENT, JULY 31, 2015](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 006 NEW MILFORD TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019 KNAPP HOUSE PRESERVATION AWARD](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 007 HILL AND PLAIN—ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE ASSESSMENT 01/18/2016](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 008 HILL AND PLAIN SCHOOLHOUSE RELOCATION LEGAL JUDGEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.2. NM 0010 NEW MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOOKS TO MOVE ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE. NEWS-TIMES, 08/07/20](#)

PDF: [5.5.2. NM 009 ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSES PUBLISHED BY NEW MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM](#)

PDF: [5.5.2 NM 0011 LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 07/16/21](#)

PDF: [5.5.3 NM 001 HOST WORKSHOP FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC HOMES](#)

PDF: [5.5.3 NM 002 HOST WORKSHOP FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC HOMES-OUTREACH](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.1NM Historic Assets Inventory Update 8-21.pdf: Documents refer to preservation actions that are enumerated in the introduction to the narrative. They constitute preservation protections enacted by the town or by New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation. Supporting documents on PAGES 7-18 include: Map of New Milford National Register Historic District; site of New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation Awards (map); Zoning regulations re: Village Center District (page 9) and Town Landmark District (page 15). NOTE: 5.5.1 NM HISTORICAL ASSETS INVENTORY UPDATE 8-21 is an UPDATED version of the previously submitted inventory and includes new assets. Previous inventory has been deleted. 5.5.2 NM 002 Application for State Public Library Construction Grant FY 2018-2019 – p. 7, building not accessible to wheelchairs in all public/staff spaces; p. 11, "Mission Statement summarizing assessment of existing inadequate conditions of New Milford Public Library 5.5.2 NM 005 Knapp House Assessment, Preface Letter from GNCB Consulting Engineers, PC, presenting Final

Structural Condition Assessment Report, 07/31/2015 5.5.2. NM 006, p. 4, Newsletter verifying that first phase of project based on the GNCB report, ensuring structural soundness of Knapp House, was completed by 2019 5.5.2. NM 007, p. 2, Assessment of existing conditions of Hill and Plains – One Room Schoolhouse overseen by Greg Farmer – CT Trust for Historic Preservation – Circuit Rider, p1/18/2016 5.5.2. NM 008, p. 1, Motion to relocate schoolhouse to New Milford Historical Society’s campus on the historical Green was granted by the court, indicating Historical Society action on the historical schoolhouse—based on the 2015 assessment--was ongoing by 2019 5.5.2. NM 009, p. 3, One-Room Schoolhouses published by the New Milford Historical Society 5.5.2. NM 0010 Single page, News-Times Hill & Plain Schoolhouse-2020 Article on Fund-Raising Campaign .doc 5.5.2. NM0011 Letter from Executive Director of New Milford Historical Society confirming continued use of findings from 2015 Hill and Plains Assessment in moving forward on Phase One of re-siting one-room schoolhouse on NM Historical Society campus

Partners: 5.5.1: New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation. 5.5.2: Board of Trustees of New Milford Library Friends of New Milford Library New Milford Historical Society 5.5.3: New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation

Additional Information: NOTE: 5.5.1 NM HISTORICAL ASSETS INVENTORY UPDATE 8-21 is an UPDATED version of the previously submitted inventory and includes new assets. Previous inventory has been deleted. Knapp House’s Assessment dates from 07/31/2015 Hill and Plains One Room Schoolhouse Assessment dates from 2016. In both cases, rolling credit requested as additional documentation is included above to confirm that continuing usage of both assessments is the basis for the following: ongoing restoration (Knapp House’s first phase was funded and completed in 2019) and the successful legal case by NMHS in 2019 to overturn donor stipulation to leave Hill and Plain Schoolhouse’ in its present isolated location and the ongoing fund-raising campaign to fund its move to the NMHDS’s Village Center campus and restore it occurred in 2020.

5.7 Plan for Long-Term Recovery

15 Points

Approved Information: 5.7.1 Identify a Long-Term Recovery Manager & Establish a Long-Term Recovery Committee 5.7.1a Identify Long-Term Recovery Manager 5.7.1b Appoint Long Term Recovery committee 5.7.1c Establish Long Term Recovery goals (5 points) 5.7.2 Complete a project on the work plan of the long-term recovery committee (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [5.7.1A NM LTR MANAGER CONFIRMATION EMAIL](#)

PDF: [5.7.2 NM NEW MILFORD LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN](#)

PDF: [5.7.1 - 5.7.2 NM LONG TERM RECOVERY COVER SHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 5.7.1a NM Screenshot: Email Confirmation 04-07-21 identifying Mayor as in charge, Long-Term Recovery, Town of New Milford from Greg Bollaro, Director Personnel, Town of New Milford. (LTR Committee comprised of key town employees under the direction of Mayor and supplemented by third-party consultants and volunteer resident experts as required). 5.7.1b Appoint Long Term Recovery committee see p. 5 of 5.7.2 NM New Milford Long Term Recovery Committee Action Plan.pdf for Committee Member details 5.7.1c Establish Long Term Recovery goals see p. 3 of 5.7.2 NM New Milford Long Term Recovery Committee Action Plan.pdf for LTR Committee Goals see p. 5 of 5.7.2 NM New Milford Long Term Recovery Committee Action Plan.pdf for LTR Committee Responsibilities .

Partners: -WestCOG, our CT regional Planning organization, whose staff participate in long term recovery working groups under the initiative lead by the Dept. of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) - University of Western Connecticut (WestConn), through the Provost’s office, provision of two senior interns, majoring in Economics MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS Municipal and community members of the Long-Term Recovery Committee. Committee member affiliations have been added to this excerpted list from p. 5 of the Long-Term Recovery Action Plan & Report: 1. New Milford Social Services Director - Ivana Butera 2. New Milford Police Department: Community Care Coordinator, Justin Cullmer 3. Director, Economic Development - Karen Pollard 4. Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director Denise Del Mastro 5. Health Department –Director Mike Crespan 6. Resident Katy Francis, Community Impact Coordinator, Southern Litchfield County, United Way of Western Connecticut 7. Permitting/ Land use - Laura Regan, Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer 8. Senior Services - Jasmin Ducusin-Jara, Director, New Milford Senior Center 9. COAD/CERT - James Ferlow,

Emergency Management Director/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer 10. Dana Bezerra - Resident and President, the FB Heron Foundation, New York City 11. Eli Noam - Resident and Professor of Finance and Economics, Paul Garrett Chair in Public Policy and Business Responsibility, Columbia Business School and Director of the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information 12. Emily Harvey, Resident and Investment Banker 13. Paul Murphy - Resident and Chair, the New Milford Planning Commission 14. Chairman - Jeremy Levin, Resident, Chairman and CEO, Ovid Therapeutics and Chairman, the Biotechnology Innovation Organization 15. New Milford Board of Education - Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent, New Milford Public Schools 16. New Milford Hospital, Nuvance Health-Dr.Thomas Koobatian. Chief of Staff and Director 17. Mike Nahom - Resident and President, Eastern Connector Specialty Corporation

Additional Information: As may be the case in other smaller CT towns with lean municipal staff & constrained budgets, a department head or leader takes on the responsibilities of the Long-Term Recovery Manager. In New Milford, the de facto Long Term Recovery management role has been assumed directly by Mayor Pete Bass. He carries out that role with the support of the Emergency Management Director (himself the fulltime Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer) and all relevant department heads, agencies, and commissions who serve as the core committee members. Mayor Bass assumed that role in mid-May 2020, as the dimensions and damaging health, educational, economic and social impacts of the coronavirus pandemic began to surface. He had already initiated a series of short-term emergency strategies to respond to the immediate crises, from expanding food availability for growing numbers of already needy and/or suddenly unemployed residents to hands-on coaching and support for shell-shocked small local businesses seeking federal financial assistance. At the same time, Mayor Bass began organizing for our town's post-coronavirus recuperation by naming local resident and national business leader, Jeremy Levin, Chair of the New Milford Long-Term Recovery Committee. The short-term goal: a report and comprehensive plan for strengthening our town's long-term post-Covid resilience and sustainability. To get this done as quickly as possible, Mayor Bass leveraged the longtime custom in New Milford of confronting some town-wide challenges with a working partnership between relevant municipal department leadership and proven high-level local resident business expertise. The Long-Term Recovery Committee's short-term project: develop a plan and accompanying report on what had to be done to catalyze New Milford's long-term recovery. Between mid-October,2020, when the Mayor established the Committee, and March 21, 2021, the committee met weekly to develop the Long-Term Recovery Report and plan, which was formally submitted to Mayor Bass on March 21, 2021.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.2.2a PROMOTE EFFECTIVE PARKING MANAGEMENT: non regulatory parking management strategy (15 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 5.2 PROMOTE EFFICIENT PARKING MANAGEMENT -REGULATORY ACTIONS](#)

PDF: [6.6.2A EFFECTIVE PARKING STRATEGY-INCREASE PARKING](#)

Partners: 6.2.2a NO PARTNERS

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.2 SUPPORT ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT: Participate in electrification of municipal vehicle training (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4 SUPPORT ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT #4 EV CHARGING STATION FOR PUBLIC USE ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY](#)

PDF: [5.4 MAP SHOWING EV CHARGING STATION FOR PUBLIC USE ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 SUPPORT ZEV DEPLOYMENT- CT DEEP TRAINING MUNICIPAL FLEET ELECTRIFICATION](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.2 Confirmation of CT DEEP sponsored webinar on Municipal Fleet Electrification attended by Jack Healy, NM Director of Dept of Public Works

Partners: 6.4.5 No partners 6.4.2 No partners

Additional Information: Attached documents are in support of item 5.4.4 "Host at least one electric vehicle charging station for public use on municipal property." There is one EV charging station in downtown New Milford on the Green. Photos, a map and documentation regarding EV charging station are attached.

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.5 PROMOTE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND OTHER MOBILITY STRATEGIES (20 POINTS TOTAL)
6.5.2 BICYCLE EDUCATION (5 POINTS) 6.5.6 SHARED MOBILITY SERVICES (15 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.6 SHARED MOBILITY SERVICES](#)

PDF: [6.5.2 NM BICYCLE EDUCATION](#)

Partners: 6.5.2 BICYCLE EDUCATION: PARTNERS New Milford Youth Agency New Milford Social Services Bike Express, New Milford New Milford Rotary 6.5.5 LYNX CITY (E-SCOOTER/E-BIKE SYSTEM PROVIDER)

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 - Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings (5 POINTS) 7.1.2 Track Energy Use of Wastewater Management Plants (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.1 CT REPORT-FULL-ANNUAL-BENCHMARK NEW MILFORD.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager REPORT submitted directly for both Municipal buildings and Wastewater Management Plants

Partners: 7.1.1 - 7.1.2 Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings/Wastewater Management Plants PARTNERS NM Department of Public Works Energy Systems Group (tech and data services) Amy Thompson, PhD, University of Connecticut, Professor-in-residence, Systems Engineering

Additional Information: Portfolio Manager reports uploaded directly

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1 Hold Sustainability Events (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.1_SUSTAINABILITY_EVENT_TEMPLATE](#)

PDF: [8.1 NM SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS INFO](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1.1 a -b-c information provided in template spreadsheet, 8.1_SUSTAINABILITY EVENT template 8.1.NM SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS INFO includes includes documentation, promos, and other descriptive information for each of 5 submitted events.

Partners: Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority NM Public Library NM Parks & Rec John Pettibone Community Center New Milford Rotary New Milford River Trail Association

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1a-b NM 001 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY NEW MILFORD.pdf (15 points) 8.2.1a NM 002 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY worksheet.pdf

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.2.1A-B NM 001 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY NEW MILFORD.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1A NM 002 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 8.2.1a-b NM 001 contains both the strategic plan as well as a list of implemented projects and those in process (see Digital Progress Report, page 5). SEE 1.1 NM OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.pdf for associated EQUITY TOOL KIT

Partners: Everbridge (partner, emergency communications system) CivicLift (tech partner, newmilfordnow.org)

8.4 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.4 SUPPORT COMMUNITY MATCH FUND (CMF) PROJECT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.4.1NM COMMUNITY MATCH FUND TEMPLATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 NM COMMUNITY MATCH FUND PHOTOS BARN QUILT PHASE 2](#)

PDF: [8.4.1NM COMMUNITY MATCH FUND BARN QUILT PHASE 2 POSTCARD.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.4.1 NM COMMUNITY MATCH FUND BARN QUILT TRAIL HISTORY&VISION](#)

PDF: [8.4 NM COMMUNITY MATCH FUND COVER SHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 8.4.1NM COMMUNITY MATCH FUND Barn Quilt History & Vision.PDF provides project background and thoughts on potential regional expansion of New Milford's Barn Quilt Trail

Partners: 8.4.1 (COMMUNITY MATCH FUND) – New Milford Historical Society, a 501-c-3, partnered with former Mayor Murphy to identify the original eight host farms in 2014-17 – New Milford Trust for Historic Preservation, a 501-c-3, whose board member William Devlin conducted pro bono the extensive research on all 19 host farms and on New Milford's farming history and helped publicize the trail through the Trust's newsletter. Mr. Devlin also serves as a member of the NMBQT Committee. – Village Center for the Arts, a 501-c-3, and its co-founder and studio director Jayson Roberts, led the team of artists in painting most of the barn quilt blocks, many of which took 25 hours or more of work each and participated in launching a social media campaign to publicize the trail – The Mayor's Office provided the services of its Community Resource Specialist in 2019 to film and produce the lively video of the New Milford Barn Quilt Trail that was posted on the ioby.org website to acquaint viewers with the project – New Milford Commission on the Arts, a municipally-funded Town commission, gave us a \$1200 grant to help fund the 2020 expansion and promoted the 2020 expanded trail through its website – New Milford Farmland & Forest Preservation Committee, a municipally-funded town committee, continued to host our webpages pro bono – New Milford Facilities Department, a division of the municipal New Milford Department of Public Works, fielded two employees with a mobile cherry-picker to hang 17 of the 19 barn quilt blocks sited between 2014 and 2020 – On the business side, the Sherwin-Williams paint store in New Milford, a local retail store, provided durable quality acrylic paints at cost and free paintbrushes, pans etc. for 9 of the 11 barn quilt blocks being painted by Village Center for the Arts in the 2020 expansion. (Inspired after the first eight quilt blocks were hung in 2017, two quilt blocks were painted by the barn owners themselves, who subsequently asked to be included in the expansion of the official trail)

Additional Information: CMF PROJECT BACKGROUND and UPDATES: The New Milford Barn Quilt Trail was approved by Abe Hilding-Salorio, Community Outreach Manager for Sustainable CT, concluding that our proposed \$17,000 crowdfunding project met all the CMF eligibility criteria for posting on www.ioby.org, the Sustainable CT-approved site at the time. The six-week campaign officially went live March 1, 2020 and ended April 15, 2020. Over 50 contributors donated. In October 20, CPTV filmed the quilt trail as one of five Sustainable CT community projects: <https://video.cptv.org/video/resourceful-growing-sustainable-communities-h22stv/>. By Dec. 31, 2020, all new quilt blocks were designed, painted and hung. See also <https://www.facebook.com/NewMilfordBarnQuiltTrail/>, By March 15, 2021, the newly revised New Milford Barn Quilt Trail webpages went live after being fully updated and expanded by local graphic designer Linda Poudier working with KatArt, a New Milford-based advertising agency/web design firm. The KatArt graphic designer did one quilt block design pro bono and the second at a considerable discount. The pages, which include photos of all 19 quilt blocks and historical information about each host building, mainly barns; the history of agriculture in New Milford; media coverage and acknowledgments, are accessible at <https://newmilfordfarmlandpres.org/barn-quilt-trail-2021/>. At present, plaques with Q codes are being produced to affix to the four municipally-owned host buildings that will also take viewers to the webpages with their mobile devices. From our www.ioby.org webpage: This project brings economic and quality of life benefits to our community. With nineteen barn sites, we now have enough to create a complete circuit throughout much of this semi-rural town, Connecticut's largest. Three of the quilt blocks are hung on or near our famous Green, drawing residents and visitors to our downtown Village Center to patronize our shops, theater and restaurants.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.3 RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (30 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS_FLYER AND TOWN PARTNERSHIP](#)

PDF: [2.RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS_OPERATIONS GUIDE](#)

PDF: [3.RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS_PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [ACTION 7.7 RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NARRATIVE AND DETAILS](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 NM RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3.1 NM Recycle Additional Materials.PDF includes New Milford Recycling Center webpage references www.nmctrecycling.org, along with documentation specific to New Milford's efforts to recycle TEXTILES (10 points), TIRES (10 points), and MATTRESSES (10 points). See page 2 for Mattress recycling info on website See pages 3-6 New Milford participation in Bye Bye Mattress program See pages 12, 14 for New Milford participation in Bye Bye Mattress Annual Report 2019-2020 (excerpted) See page 16 for Textile recycling info on website See page 18 for Textile info 2019 DEEP Municipal Recycling Report; page 27 for 2020 report See page 34 for Bulky Waste (Tires) info on website See page 35-45 for Tire Recycling program/partners

Partners: HRRA – Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority Plan B Tires (tires) The Salvation Army (textiles) Bye Bye Mattress (mattresses)

Additional Information: The New Milford Recycling Center represents the town's first public-private partnership brought about as a result of a careful analysis of how to make the town's recycling and waste management efforts self-sustaining, more efficient, and more effective. For details see: <https://www.nmctrecycling.org/our-mission>

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.1 Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.1 ENCOURAGING HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD NETWORKS 10.1.2 CONDUCT A COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT (10 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.1.1 NM FOOD NETWORK MEETING](#)

PDF: [10.1.1A NM FOOD NETWORK INITIAL MEETING INVITE](#)

PDF: [10.1.1B NM FOOD NETWORK INITIAL MEETING AGENDA](#)

PDF: [10.1.1C NM FOOD NETWORK MOST RECENT MEETING INVITE](#)

PDF: [10.1.1D NM FOOD NETWORK MOST RECENT MEETING AGENDA](#)

PDF: [10.1.2A NM INDICATORS OF FOOD ACCESS](#)

PDF: [10.1.2B NM COMMUNITY DIALOGUES REGARDING IMPROVING FOOD ACCESS](#)

PDF: [10.1.2C NM COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT REPORT WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [10.1 COVERSHEET-NEW MILFORD CERTIFICATION 2021](#)

Documentation Details: REFER TO WORKSHEET 10.1.2c FOR THE LOCATION OF THE REQUIRED DATA FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT REPORT

Partners: 10.1 PARTNERS: CAMELLA'S CUPBOARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD BANK WALNUT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD BANK THE COMMUNITY CULINARY SCHOOL OF NORTHWEST CT NEW MILFORD HOSPITAL AND NUVAANCE HEALTH PRATT NATURE CENTER

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES (15 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.4 NM 001 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES PROGRAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.4 NM 002 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES PRINT-SOCIAL MEDIA.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.4. NM 001 provides overview of Galileo's Garden project, NM first pollinator garden created on municipal property. 10.4 NM 002 includes examples of print and digital promotion.

Partners: 10.4 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES PARTNERS: New Milford Garden Club Sullivan Farm (town owned and operated)

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

40 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1 DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN/CREATE A HOUSING COMMITTEE (10 PTS) 11.1.2 CREATE,EXPAND OR MAINTAIN HOUSING DATA PROFILE (15 PTS) 11.1.3 CREATE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN (15 PTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.1.1.NM NEW MILFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MEETING 02-19-2021 AGENDA](#)

PDF: [11.1.1.NM NEW MILFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS](#)

PDF: [11.1.1.NM NEW MILFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MEMBER LIST](#)

PDF: [11.1.1.NM NEW MILFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [11.1.2.NM FAIR SHARE HOUSING MODEL FOR CT, 2020](#)

PDF: [11.1.2.NM NEW MILFORD 2018 HOUSING PROFILE](#)

PDF: [11.1.2.NM NEW MILFORD ANALYSIS WORKSHEET #2](#)

PDF: [11.1.2.NM NEW MILFORD CERC TOWN PROFILE 2019](#)

PDF: [11.1.2.NM NEW MILFORD COMPARISON HOUSING DATA PROFILES - CONNECTICUT](#)

PDF: [11.1.2.NM NEW MILFORD HOUSING PROFILE \(WORKSHEET 1\)](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 001 AHP TIMELINE](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 001 HOUSING DATA PROFILE - HP PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 002 AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKSHEET #3](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 002 HOUSING DATA PROFILE DISCUSSION HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MEETING 7/6/2021](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 003 AHP - INCENTIVES - 06-11-21](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 003 HOUSING DATA PROFILE PRESENTED TO HP 8-13 MINUTES](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 004-005 AHP ZONING REVIEW-HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 006 AHP DISCUSSION-AHP APPROVAL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 HOUSING PARTNERSHIP- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS-STRATEGY](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 007 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN FINAL 7-21-21](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1.1. HOUSING PARTNERSHIP-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS STRATEGY provides description of housing committee community engagement process and communications strategy AS PER REVIEWER RECOMMENDATION to receive credit. 11.1.1.NM New Milford Housing Partnership Ordinance.pdf Pursuant to Public Act 88-305 the New Milford Housing Partnership was created in November 1988. This ordinance defines the creation, powers and duties, Commission member structure, and it's reporting responsibilities 11.1.1.NM New Milford Housing Partnership Membership List.pdf The commission has a maximum of 15 members and 3 alternates. Currently there are 11 active members with 4 vacancies and 3 alternate vacancies 11.1.1.NM New Milford Housing Partnership Meeting Agenda 02-19-2021.pdf Sample Agenda for Commission 11.1.1.NM New Milford Housing Partnership Meeting Minute Highlights.pdf Summary document showing meeting highlights. 11.1.1.NM New Milford Housing Partnership Meetings - Past 3 years Lists out all meetings held by the Housing Partnership from 2018 with the associated link to the documented minutes 11.1.1.NM New Milford Housing Partnership Community Engagement and Communication Process Details the current Community Engagement and Communication Process 11.1.2 Fair Share housing data.pdf Assess Housing Needs of Housing Regions (p. 21-27) Allocate Regional Current Need to each Housing Region's Town (p. 28-37) 11.1.3 001 AHP Timeline outlines NM's AHP development process. Documents 11.1.3 002-008 provide detail documentation of each event/step presented in the Timeline. 11.1.3 006 includes two sets of minutes from Town Council Meetings, (7/26/21 and 8/9/21, respectively). SEE PAGE 11 for AHP DISCUSSION; SEE PAGE 26 FOR TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AHP.

Partners: Goman and York (Consultants engaged to develop AHP)

Additional Information: SEE 11.1.1 HOUSING PARTNERSHIP- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS-STRATEGY for housing committee community engagement process and communications strategy as per reviewer recommendation.

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

40 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2 INCREASE MUNICIPALITY' S AFH, AS COMPARED TO A BASELINE YEAR WITHIN THE PAST 5 YRS (30 POINTS) 11.2.3 COMMIT DEDICATED FUNDS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING (10 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2.2.NM 003 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST 5 YEAR ANALYSIS.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.2.2 NM 001 2016 AFFORDABLE-HOUSING-APPEALS LIST](#)

PDF: [11.2.2 NM 002 2020-AFFORDABLE-HOUSING-APPEALS-LIST](#)

PDF: [11.2.3 001 COMMIT DEDICATED FUNDING- WORKFORCE HOUSING FUND -TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES\(8/9/2021\)](#)

PDF: [11.2.3 002 COMMIT DEDICATED FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN GRANT APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [11.2.3 003 COMMIT DEDICATED FUNDING USE OF GRANT FUNDS](#)

Documentation Details: 11.2.2 NM 001 and 002 are 2016 and 2020 CT Affordable Housing Appeals lists, respectively. (SEE additional information below for how we determined level of credit for this action.) 11.2.2 NM 003 presents an additional analysis of New Milford's Affordable Housing Appeals List data over the past five years. 11.2.3 001 see page 11 of minutes for approval of Workforce Housing Fund

Partners: none

Additional Information: 11.2,2: AS PER EMAIL CONVERSATION WITH ALYSSA NORWOOD: In 2016 (baseline year from 5 years ago), New Milford was at 3.72% and currently at 4.69%...the difference between 4.69% and 3.72% is 0.97 percentage points. 10 points awarded for each 0.25 percentage point increase in affordable housing...so we've applied for 30 points..

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

40 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.3 IMPLEMENT ZONING POLICY/ALLOW 4 OR MORE UNRELATED TENANT(S) "FAMILY" (20 PTS) 11.3.5 IMPLEMENT ZONING POLICY/DENSITY INCREASE (20 PTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.3.1.NM NEW MILFORD ZONING POLICY RESPONSE](#)

PDF: [11.3.2.NM NEW MILFORD ZONING REGS AMENDED 6-20-18](#)

PDF: [11.3.NM NEW MILFORD HOUSING POLICIES COVER SHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 11.3.1.NM New Milford Zoning Policy Response.pdf 11.3.1 Response - Page 1 11.3.2 Response - Page 1 11.3.3 Response - Page 1 11.3.5 Response - Page 2 11.3.2.NM New Milford Zoning Regs Amended 6-20-18.pdf 11.3.2 Starting on Page 41 Highlighted Text for Section 025-090 - "Accessory Apartments" 11.3.3 ADUs - Page 18 highlighted regulations (Chapter 15 Section 015-010 "Definitions" 11.3.5 Density Increase - Page 50 highlighted regulations (Chapter 35 Section 035-100 "Affordable Housing Provisions" 11.3.1.NM New Milford Zoning Policy Response.pdf Update where each Action is within the process

Partners: NONE

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.3 ORGANIZE ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.1.3 NM 001 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [12.1.3 NM 002 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS EMAILS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 12.1.3 NM 002 The emails confirm Community Care Coordinator Justin Cullmer's group meetings with community representatives

Partners: New Milford Social Services New Milford Senior Center New Milford Police Department Loaves and Fishes Hospitality House New Milford Hospital (Nuvance Health) New Milford Homeless Shelter Coalition Supportive Housing Works Regional CAN (Coordinated Access Network) of Greater Danbury Catholic Charities (Greater Danbury) Eversource (for discounted power billing in some needy cases where housing has been found for homeless or those about to be evicted)

Additional Information: The position of Community Care Coordinator in the New Milford Police Department may have been the first to be established in Connecticut. It may also be unique in our state, however, in that the town pays the Community Care Coordinator's \$75,000 annual salary. He also has his own vehicle, allowing him to respond to calls and meet clients where they want to meet. SEE ACTION 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY-ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS.PDF for associated EQUITY TOOL KIT

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

15 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.1b HAVE THAT DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE TRAININGS RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS (15 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.2.1A NM 001 NMPD CCC POLICY](#)

PDF: [12.2.1A NM 002 NEWS-TIMES 07-20-20 JUSTIN CULLMER ROLE](#)

PDF: [12.2.1B NM TRAINING-JESSICA KUBICKI-JUSTIN CULLMER](#)

Documentation Details: 12.2.1a NM 001 New Milford Police Department Policy on role of Community Care Coordinator 12.2.1a <https://www.newstimes.com/local/article/We-are-ahead-of-the-curve-Danbury-area-15417833.php>

Partners: New Milford Social Services New Milford Senior Center New Milford Police Department Loaves and Fishes Hospitality House New Milford Hospital (Nuvance Health) New Milford Homeless Shelter Coalition Supportive Housing Works Regional CAN (Coordinated Access Network) of Greater Danbury Catholic Charities (Greater Danbury) Eversource (for discounted power billing in some needy cases where housing has been found for homeless or those about to be evicted)

Additional Information: The position of Community Care Coordinator in the New Milford Police Department may have been the first to be established in Connecticut. It may also be unique in our state, however, in that the town pays the Community Care Coordinator's \$75,000 annual salary. He also has his own vehicle, allowing him to respond to calls and meet clients where they want to meet.

12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.5.2 NM WORKSHEET 1 -SERVICES-SHELTER (5 POINTS)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.5.2 NM WORKSHEET 1 -SERVICES-SHELTER.PDF](#)

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13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 13.1: Created a resilience plan (10 points) and Riverfront Revitalization Plan (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [13.1 NM NEW MILFORD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY MAY 2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 NM 001 INNOVATIVE ACTION- RIVERFRONT](#)

PDF: [13.1 NM 002 INNOVATIVE ACTION RIVERFRONT TC ADOPT MINUTES 06-28-2021_MINUTES](#)

PDF: [13.1 NM 003 INNOVATIVE ACTION RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT](#)

PDF: [13.1 NM 000 INNOVATIVE ACTION RIVERFRONT RENEWAL_REPORT](#)

Documentation Details: 13.1 NM New Milford COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY is a copy of the report created following the Community Resilience Building Workshop hosted by the Nature Conservancy and Sustainable CT 13.1 NM 000-003 INNOVATIVE ACTION RIVERFRONT includes 000: copy of comprehensive Riverfront Revitalization Report; 001: overview description of project and link to video presentation to town; 002: copy of Town Council minutes approving the plan; 003: examples of ongoing community engagement in the development of the project.

Partners: 13.1 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP: partnered with The Nature Conservancy Sustainable CT see pages 14-16 for list of municipal, local business, and environmental services partners 13.1 RIVERFRONT REVITALIZATION: partners include: WXY Architecture & Urban Design. NM Chamber of Commerce NM Riverfront Revitalization Committee see page 2 of 13.1 NM 000 for list of project team

Additional Information: NOTE: We've indicated credit of 10 points for each of the plans, and an additional 10 points for the community engagement process undertaken in support of the RIVERFRONT REVITALIZATION plan 13.1 NM 000. Via email, Alyssa Norwood indicated that this initiative, based on the community engagement process might be eligible for those additional 10 points. ("10 points for the plan and 10 points for the public engagement process"). Community engagement is described in the report in APPENDIX A, starting on page 65 and well as reflected in 13.1 NM 003, examples of community engagement meetings and events.