



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

East Haddam was certified on October 31, 2022 with 295 points. Listed below is information regarding East Haddam's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which East Haddam was approved for in 2022 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 for All Certification Levels

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 Optimize for Equity (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [APPENDIX B OF EAST HADDAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [EAST HADDAM DEMOGRAPHICS](#)

WORD: [EQUITY NARRATIVE.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: "East Haddam Demographic Statistics" provides an overview of the residents living in East Haddam, serving as material for step 1 of the equity tool kit. Appendix B of East Haddam Affordable Housing Plan adds more in depth information about residents in East Haddam and their economic situation. The Equity Narrative describes the 5 steps our Sustainability Team went through in accordance with those described in Optimizing for Equity

Partners: 1.1 East Haddam Town Clerk for verifying our mapping process. 1.1 Renae Reese - Our Equity Coach - We met with Renae on zoom numerous times. She attended through zoom one of our formal monthly meetings. And she came for a tour of the town and discussion with Amalia Shaltiel. We also exchanged many emails and she commented on our equity narrative from the equity perspective.

Additional Information: Survey results are available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rKkPoGVs9GAVg4WJuJwxTPlcdPx99rsUqGgMi_f6VUg/viewanalytics

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.2 Support Business Association (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [NARRATIVE - EAST HADDAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUPPORT OF EAST HADDAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [NEW BUSINESS GUIDE TO EAST HADDAM - MARCH 2019\(1\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The narrative document includes statement of support from the Municipal Website page of the East Haddam Economic Development and from the EDC minutes for January, February and March of 2022.

Partners: 2.4.2 East Haddam Business Association. The East Haddam Business Association reports to The Economic Development Commission and they plan action together to benefit East Haddams businesses

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.2 Community Based Research (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2019DEEP RIFFLE BIO ASSESSMENT BY VOLUNTEERS.PDF](#)

WORD: [VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.2 Information about the East Haddam girl scouts and Nathan Hale Ray High School Students participation in the DEEP RBV program and links are supplied in the Volunteer Water Quality Document and highlighted in the attached pdf version DEEP Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring.pdf

Partners: 3.1.2 (Community Based Research - volunteer water quality program) - CT DEEP coordinates an annual statewide volunteer water quality monitoring program called The Stream Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers Program (RBV). The East Haddam Girl Scouts and the Nathan Hale Ray High School Students participated in the program. 3.1.2 Other local organizations that participated in the program are Salmon River Watershed Partnership and Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory & Map (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION3.5.1.OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION3.5.1.MAPINVENTORY.PDF](#)

PDF: [EASTHADDAM.ACTION3.5MAP.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Table of Contents reflecting the Natural Wildlife & Resources Inventory shown in document: Action3.5.1.MapInventory.pdf EastHaddam.Action3.5Map.pdf includes maps representing the Town of East Haddam CT

Partners: City of Bristol Facilities Manager David Oakes worked in conjunction with East Haddam Sustainability Member Amalia Shaltiel to provide guidance on how to obtain, compile, format and present the NWR Inventory for SustainableCT requirements and reviewer guidelines.

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 Dark sky regulations for all new and converted buildings in planning and zoning regulations (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [LIGHTING REGULATIONS IN EAST HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS 2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [P&Z APPENDIX 1.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Relevant paragraphs highlighted in Lighting Regulations in East Haddam Planning and Zoning Regulations General purpose of avoiding unnecessary upward illumination can be found on pg 158 paragraph 26.14 The applicability to all new and modified building is found on pg 159 section 26.3 The General requirements of lighting to reduce light pollution can be found on page 160 section 26.5 Bringing non conforming light situations into conformity is addressed on page 163 section 26.8 Prohibited lighting is addressed on pages 163-64 in section 26.99 Acceptable features are described in pages 165-66 section sections 26.13, 26.14 Appendix 1 of the regulations list the month when the regulations were revised and the outdoor lighting regulations added. (pg 181 Sec. 26)

Partners: 3.13.3 none

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 Update CTvisit site (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT 2022-08-05 AT 10-38-01 TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.PNG](#)

WORD: [CTVISIT NARRATIVE.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The narrative includes a link to the East Haddam CTvisit.page.

Partners: 4.1.2 CTvisit.com (East Haddam Economic Development Commission updates the site on a regular basis as part of their support of our local businesses and our tourism.

Additional Information: The link to the Town of East Haddam's information on ctvisit.com is <https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-east-haddam> A document with a screen shot of the page is also enclosed

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.2 Support the Arts (10 Points) 4.2.2 Advertise the Arts in Municipal Space 4.2.10 Library Arts Programs 4.2.11 Support Artist Network

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [EAST HADDAM ART LEAGUE GALLERY SPACE IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [EAST HADDAM ART LEAGUE GALLERY WALL IN TOWN MEETING ROOM.JPG](#)

PDF: [EHAL APRIL 2022 MEETINGNOTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [MUSIC ON THE RIVER PROMOTION BY EAST HADDAM PARKS AND REC.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [EXHIBIT INFORMATION IN TOWN MEETING ROOM.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT 2022-08-08 AT 14-53-40 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM CONNECTICUT - CIVIC_COMMUNITY LINKS, EAST HADDAM ART LEAGUE.PNG](#)

WORD: [ARTICLE SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN EVENTS MAGAZINE.DOCX](#)

WORD: [4.2 PROMOTING THE ARTS.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.2 Enclosed is and Article supporting of the Arts in General in the East Haddam Events Magazine that is delivered to every household and also available at the Municipal building and in various locations for tourists. 4.2.2 Also enclosed is the specific promotional support of the Parks and Recreation Department for the Annual Music on the River summer program mentioned in the article. Parks and Rec hosts the program and does the promotion for the events. 4.2.11 .The photos are documenting the promotion of the East Haddam Art League with permanent Gallery Space in the Municipal Building for action 4.2.11 The meeting notes for April meeting show the connection and ongoing support of the municipality in creating exhibit spaces including reception possibility for the organization in the East Haddam Library 4.2.11 EHAL April 2022 meeting is an example of the networking and the activities of the East Haddam Art League including in municipal spaces. 4.2.2, 4.2.10 4.2.11 The document Promoting the Arts is the narrative for the three subactions and holds links to the library calendar that shows the art programs held in the libraries this summer and the link for the mention of the East Haddam Art League in the Municipal website.

Partners: 4.2.2 Music on the River(local non profit that organizes the event, Goodspeed Musicals, non profit for sharing their lawn and Gelston house, restaurant for hosting the musicians. 4.2.10 East Haddam Library system 4.2.11 East Haddam Art League Artist Network

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.2 Sustainability categories in POCD (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2019 POCD - FINAL \(WEB\).PDF](#)

WORD: [ACTION 5.1 WORKSHEET 2.DOCX](#)

Partners: 5.1.2 (POCD) was the creation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Land Use Administrator with Milone & MacBroom, Inc. as consultants. Every Committee, Commission and Board who work with many organizations and gathered information from many organizations and entities in town gave input in the process. Other partners mentioned in the worksheet are DEEP, Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed Stewardship Committee, Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies, Uconn Extension center, Ct Farmers' Bureau, FFA, VoAg,

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 Adopt land use policies and regulations that promote and support active agricultural uses. (5 points) 5.3.2 Active agricultural use of town owned Farm Land (5 points) 5.3.5 Farmland Aquisition Fund (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2019 POCD - FINAL \(WEB\).PDF](#)

WORD: [TOWN LEASE TO SAVITSKY.DOCX](#)

WORD: [TOWN LEASE TIMELINE.DOC](#)

PDF: [AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

WORD: [EH AG REGS APPROVED 2021.DOCX](#)

WORD: [OPEN SPACE AQUISITON FUND.DOC](#)

WORD: [NARRATIVE FOR DEVELOPING OF AGRICULTURAL FRIENDLY PRACTICES.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The Narrative explains all the documents. 5.3.1 Place of Agriculture in town vision can be found in first part of Agriculture Commission Ordinance and section 30.1 of EH Ag Regs. Amendment 9.4.10 talks about allowing farm stands as extension of anyone's garden. 5.3.2 Leasing of Municipal land is found in Town Lease to Savitsky.docx and Town lease timeline.doc 5.3.5 Agriculture Aquisition is mentioned in Section 1, Section 2d and Section 4 of Open Space Aquisition Fund

Partners: 5.3.1 Promotion of agricultural friendly regulations and practices (None) 5.3.2 Leasing of Agricultural land (none) 5.3.5 Farmland Aquisition Fund, Contributions to the reserve can be accepted from individuals, corporations, associations, partnerships and any other legal entities. Use of money in the fund is voted on by referendum by the residents of the Town.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.4: Zero Emission Vehicle Assessment (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ZEV.ASSESSMENT.MEMO.EASTHADDAM.AUGUST2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [PZC_04-12-2022_MINUTES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: ZEV Assessment Memo - ZEV.Assessment.Memo.EastHaddam.August2022.pdf
Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes - PZC_04-12-22_Minutes.pdf

Partners: East Haddam Land Use East Haddam Board of Education East Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 - Benchmarking Town buildings in EPA Portfolio Manager (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [DATA REQUEST_ SUSTAINABLE CT 2022 SUBMISSION FOR ACTION 7.1.EASTHADDAM.8.15.22.XLSX](#)

PDF: [7.1.1.CONFIRMATIONEMAIL.8.17.22.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [EAST HADDAM - 7.1.1 - RESPONSEDATA.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: Data Request from EPA Portfolio Manager Account provided. Confirmation email EPA EnergyStar provided as document: 7.1.1.ConfirmationEmail.8.17.22.pdf

Partners: City of Bristol Public Works Facilities & Energy Manager David Oakes provided assistance and support to input/update fuel oil and propane meters into the existing East Haddam Portfolio Manager Account, which was not being updated due to employee turnover. David Oakes continues to work with Town of East Haddam Operations Manager Donald Angersola and Dr. Amy Thompson of UCONN to close data gaps and missing information to enhance the East Haddam Portfolio Manager Account.

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.5 Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1: Collaboration with City of Bristol on 3 Actions (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.5_WORKSHEET_1.EAST.HADDAM.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 8.5.1 Worksheet 1 submitted for Actions 3.5, 7.1 and 9.3.

Partners: 8.5.1. City of Bristol

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3 Additional recycling for: 1) electronics, 2) textiles, 3) mattresses & 4) books - 40 Points (10 points each)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [EASTHADDAM.9.3.TAKE2ELECTRONICS.PDF](#)

PDF: [EASTHADDAM.9.3.BAYSTATETEXTILES.PDF](#)

PDF: [EASTHADDAM.9.3.BYEBYEMATTRESS.PDF](#)

PDF: [EASTHADDAM.9.3.DISCOVERBOOKS.PDF](#)

PDF: [TRANSFER STATION INFORMATION _ FEE SCHEDULE FLYER 2022 \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION9.3.OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Refer to Action9.3.Overview document for summary of details of action submission.

Partners: Electronics - Take 2 Recycling Textiles - Bay State Textiles Mattresses - Bye Bye Mattress Books - Discover Books

Additional Information: East Haddam is not certified as this time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.2 Implement full program to collect food scraps for anaerobic digestion; (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SERVICE AGREEMENT - BLUE EARTH COMPOSTING AND TOWN OF EAST HADDAM_SIGNED3.21.2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [ARTICLE INTRODUCING COMPOSTING IN EAST HADDAM NEWS.PDF](#)

WORD: [COMPOSTING REPORT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT OF SUSTAINABILITY ARTICLE IN EAST HADDAM NEWS 8.10.22.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: The composting report includes the date of the meeting of our First Selectwoman with the head of Chatham Health District. There are two articles from the East Haddam News, one introducing the program and the second expanding the news and asking the community to spread the news and inviting them to Sustainability Team Booth at the Airport Festival on August 27 2022.

Partners: 9.4.2. Food scrap anaerobic composting. Blue Earth Composting is in a contractual agreement with the Town of East Haddam to supply the containers and take the food scraps from our voluntary program with drop offs at the transfer station. <https://www.blueearthcompost.com/>

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 Community growing area (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2022_CCA_FARM_LAND_LEASE_PACKAGE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [WATER TANK AND HOSE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [GARDENER IN ROTOTILLED PLOT.JPG](#)

WORD: [COMMUNITY GARDEN NARRATIVE.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [SITE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN ON MAP.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [PLANTING IN GARDEN.JPG](#)

Partners: 10,4.1 (community growing area) None

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

30 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.3 Affordable Housing Plan (25 points) 11.1.4 Affordable Housing Plan Distribution (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [RHP-REGIONAL HOUSING PLAN RIVER COG-07-06-22.PDF](#)

PDF: [APPENDIX A EAST HADDAM AHP SURVEY RESULTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [APPENDIX B EHADDAM DATADECK .PDF](#)

WORD: [11.1_WORKSHEET_3](#)

PDF: [EAST HADDAM AHP FINAL ADOPTED 5 24 22.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1.3 See worksheet 3 11.1.4 pages 3-8 on public hearing and vote of on plan. No PP given but full plan was available for Attendees on municipal site

Partners: 11.1.3 RiverCOG Regional housing plan. "RiverCOG hired a team of consultants, including (Tyche), Goman + York, and SLR to assist with assembling the Plan. Robert Collins and Karen Martin from SLR took the lead in working with East Haddam's local team" (From John Guzkowski of Tyche)

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

30 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.b Grow affordable housing stock (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [ACTION11.2 GROW AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK.DOCX](#)

PDF: [2016APPEALS LIST PDF.EASTHADDAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [2021-FINAL-APPEALS-FOR-REPORT-ON-LINE.EASTHADDAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [ACTION 11.2 OVERVIEW-EASTHADDAM-OLD INFO.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2016 appealslist 2nd page highlighted in yellow - East Haddam 2.2% 2021 appealslist 2nd page highlighted in yellow - East Haddam 2.97%

Partners: 11.2.b None

Additional Information: Summary of data comparison is provided in Action 11.2 Overview document. Thank you for your time and consideration.

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.3 Allow unrelated people to live in single household (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2020 REGULATION REVIEW.DOC](#)

WORD: [NARRATIVE - IMPLEMENT POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE, DIVERSE HOUSING.DOCX](#)

WORD: [2021 EAST HADDAM ZONING REGULATIONS.DOC](#)

Documentation Details: Revised Regulations – 2021 – “As of Right” Accessory Apartments, Adopted after Public Hearing – November 9, 2021 Pg highlighted in 2021 East Haddam Zoning Regulations.doc Definition pg 11, Section 7 General pg 27. Accessory Dwellings Section 10.2.3 pgs. 67-68 2020 Regulation Review Removed minimum size from regulations For Households with unrelated occupants - Definition of Family Pg 17

Partners: 11.3.2 No partners

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1.a Designate and train a Homelessness Liaison (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [HOMELESSNESS LIAISON.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The document includes the screenshot of our homelessness Liaison link on Municipal website and explanation of the connection to the sustainability team, as selectwoman Theresa Govert is also the chair of the sustainability team.

Partners: 12.1.a. MMW CAN. Our Homelessness Liaison and another member of the sustainability team met with MMW CAN Coordinator to understand our connection and how we can improve service to local residents who might become homeless.

12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.3.1 Collect Homelessness Data (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The document includes homelessness data for the last 2 years and screenshots of the source of data from 211.org

Partners: 12.3.1 Data for homelessness was found on 211.org. MMW CAN directed us to look for the data on that site.

Additional Information: There are anecdotal instances of homelessness in the community related through the Youth and Family Services and the head of the Senior Center. These were relayed to 211 and so would be counted in the data we provided.