

Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Vernon, a Sustainable CT silver certified applicant.

Vernon was certified on May 31, 2022 with 770 points. Listed below is information regarding Vernon'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 Vernon 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

30 Points

Approved Information: Equity Toolkit for action items 12.2.3 Community Conversations to Discuss Homelessness Equity Toolkit for action items 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action Equity Toolkit for Action 10.2.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessment

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 RBOT DECEMBER 2020.PDF

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 SUSTIANABLE CT ACTION ITEM FLYER.PDF
PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 SUSTIANABLE CT ACTION ITEM FLYER.PDF
PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 APPROVED MINUTES 9-27-2021.PDF

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 VCN FORUM LETTER (EDIT TITLE).PDF

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 EVENT POWERPOINT.PDF

IMAGE: SEC. 12.2.3 POST-EMAIL EVENT.JPG

WORD: SEC. 12.2.3 POST ACTIVITY REPORT.DOC

PDF: SEC. 12.3 2021_EITC_POSTCARD_VILLAGE.PDF

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 2020 ALICE REPORT.PDF

PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT ACTION 13.1 VACCINE PROGRAM

PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT ACTION 12.2.3 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HOMELESSNESS

PDF: SEC. 10.2.2 APPENDIX A - C HIA.PDF

PDF: SEC. 13.1 NCDHD AWARDED GRANT TO ADDRESS VACCINE INEQUITIES.PDF

PDF: SEC. 10.2.2 APPENDIX D HIA QUESTIONNAIRE.PDF

PDF: SEC. 13.1 NCDHD AWARDED GRANT TO ADDRESS VACCINE INEQUITIES.PDF

PDF: TOWN OF VERNON HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA).PDF

WORD: EQUITY TOOLKIT ACTION 10.2.2 HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA)

Documentation Details: See toolkit for description details.

Partners: - Equity Toolkit Action 13.1 Vaccine Program: Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities, various Departments in Town, Faith Based Organizations, North Central District Health Department (NCDHD), Vernon Senior Center, Food Pantries, Eastern Connecticut Health Network, Police Officers and firefighters. - Equity Toolkit Action 12.2.3 Community Conversation: Energy Improvement District Board (EIDB). - Equity Toolkit Action 10.2.2 HIS: Two graduate students from UCONN helped the town to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on the proposed Rockville Art and Cultural District and they developed a survey to gather local data.

Additional Information: N/A

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

55 Points

Approved Information: 2.1: Overview of all actions related to Town of Vernon Brownfields 2..1.1: Town of Vernon Brownfield Inventory (10 points) 2.1.2: Town of Vernon Map of Brownfield Sites (5 points) 2.1.4: Town of Vernon Grant Proposal - Daniel's Mill (10 points). The grant was submitted to DECD-CT on 3/31/2021. Attached is a copy of the grant submission and the awarded letter 6/24/2021. 2.1.5: Town of Vernon Phase I Environmental Assessment and LEP Remediation Action Plan (20 points) 2.1.7: Town of Vernon Redevelopment Opportunities (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 2.1.1 TOWN OF VERNON BROWNFIELD INVENTORY

PDF: 2.1.7 RFQ AMERBELLE DANIELS MILL REDEVELOPMENT (WITH CERC)

PDF: 2.1.2 TOWN OF VERNON MAP OF BROWNFIELD SITES

IMAGE: 2.1.7 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY

PDF: 2.1.5 TOWN OF VERNON PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WORD: 2.1 - OVERVIEW - SUPPORT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF BROWNFIELD SITES.DOCX

PDF: 2.1.5 LEP REMEDIATION ACTION PLAN (FORMER DANIEL'S MILL)

PDF: 2.1.4 TOWN OF VERNON GRANT APPLICATION TO DECD-CT - DANIEL'S MILL

PDF: 2.1.4 AWARDED LETTER DANIEL'S MILL

Documentation Details: All documents are simplified, marked appropriately and contain highlighted key words or phrases to direct reviewers attention to specific requirements.

Partners: PARTNERS: 2.1.1 (Brownfield Inventory): None 2.1.2 (Brownfield Map): None 2.1.4 (Grant Proposal): CT State Department of Economic Development, CT 2.1.5 (Phase I Environmental Assessment): None 2.1.7 (Brownfield redevelopment opportunities): None

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

30 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1- Develop an inventory of local business. The town is seeking 20 points for 2.3.1. (10 points for 2.3.1.a and 10 points for 2.3.1.b). 2.3.2 Develop, implement and maintain an ongoing "buy local" campaign. (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: SEC. 2.3.2 DISCUSSION WORKSHEET

IMAGE: SEC 2.3.2 POSTER BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN (EDIT TITLE)

WORD: SEC. 2.3.1 OVERVIEW

IMAGE: SECT 2.3.2 BUSINESS CARD

PDF: SEC 2.3.2 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTE 9-21-2021

PDF: SEC 2.3.2 PRESS RELEASE

EXCEL: <u>SEC 2.3.1 COPY OF INVENTORY SPREADSHEET</u>

PDF: <u>SEC. 2.3.1 MINUTE TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2021</u>

Documentation Details: Buy Local campaign-sponsored events can be found on page 2, Item F, 1st bullet of document Sec 2.3.2 Town Council Minute 9-21-2021. The creation of the inventory can be found on page 3, Item 6 of document Section 2.3.1 Minute Town Council September 2021.

Partners: 2.3- The Town of Vernon continues to partner with local business organizations (Rockville Downtown Association, Tolland County Chamber of Commerce, etc...) to promote local businesses and advertise our buy local efforts.

Additional Information: The Town of Vernon continues to support the Rockville Downtown Association efforts under the American Express's Shop Small/ shop Local Campaign, and the extended Small Business Saturday and Shop Small for the Holidays. The target audiences are the residents of Vernon and Tolland County as a whole. The outreach consists of in person visits to local retailers, distributing marketing material, social media outreach, and promoting the efforts on various websites. The Vernon Economic Development Commission is exploring ways to expand the program in the upcoming year.

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.2 Support Small business Development Centers (5 points) 2.4.3. Businesses Community Event (5 points) 2.4.4 Create & Disseminate Resiliency Toolkit (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: SEC. 2.4.2 TOWN OF VERNON ACCOUNT INFO SHOWING DISTRIBUTIONS TO RDA.XLSX

PDF: SEC. 2.4.3 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH TCCC.PDF

WORD: SEC. 2.4. OVERVIEW

PDF: SEC. 2.4.4 EMAIL LIST- TOOLKIT DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL BUSINESSES.PDF

PDF: SEC. 2.4.2 PARTNERSHIP LETTER RDA

PDF: SEC. 2.4.4 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE.PDF

Documentation Details: See overview

Partners: The Town has partnered with both our Main Street program partner the Rockville Downtown Association (RDA) and the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce (TCCC) to complete these tasks.

Additional Information: The Town of Vernon has submitted supporting documentation for all 10 points applicable to this section. We have attached an overview with a description of each action, that includes links to websites and a photo. The Town has partnered with both our Main Street program partner the Rockville Downtown Association (RDA) and the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce (TCCC) to complete these tasks. This action item has been re-uploaded to fit the correct action item numbers along with a new overview. 1/24/2022

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3.1 Provide Watershed Education



Approved Information: 3.1.1a Citizen and Business Owner Education (5 points) 3.1.1c Watershed health pledge (5 points) 3.1.1b Watershed signage (5 points) 3.1.2- Citizen Science (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

TANKPRESENTATION.PPT

PDF: WATERSHEDPLANEXECSUMM.PDF

PDF: 2019 ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT (REPORT #21)

PDF: RIVERSMART PLEDGE.PDF

PDF: VERNON & PUBLIC WORKS LETTER.PDF

PDF: <u>TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER</u>, 16, 2019
PDF: <u>TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER</u>, 10, 2021

WORD: SEC. 3.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: Please see overview for details.

Partners: Conservation Commission.

3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

30 Points

Approved Information: 3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan (30 points) 3.2.1 (A-C) Inventory (10 points for A, B, C) * Tankerhoosen Watershed Plan. Created 2009 * Bolton Lakes & Watershed-based Management Plan. Created in 2022 (in the process of being submitted to the CT DEEP for review & approval). 3.2.2 (A & B) Regulation Review and Alignment with Watershed Protection Goals (10 points) * Tankerhoosen Watershed Plan. * Bolton Lakes and Watershed-based Management Plan. 3.2.3a Priority Actions Plan (10 points) * Tankerhoosen Watershed Plan. * Bolton Lakes and Watershed-based Management Plan.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 3.2.1A TANKERHOOSEN WATERSHEDPLAN.PDF

PDF: SEC. 3.2.1A WORKSHOPITANKERHOOSEN WATERSHED 4-20-11.PDF

PDF: APPENDIX A.PDF
PDF: APPENDIX C.PDF
PDF: APPENDIX D & E.PDF

PDF: CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES - DRAFT 8-19-19.PDF

PDF: SEC 3.2.2 LID PROJECT - TASKS MILESTONES DELIVERABLES.PDF

PDF: SEC 3.2.2 VERNON PROPOSED LID ZONING REGS.PDF

PDF: SEC 3.2.2 PZC REVISED AGENDA 3-7-2013 MINUTES.PDF

PDF: SEC 3.2.2 APPLICATION 2013-02 AMENDMENT (ZONE).PDF

PDF: SEC 3.2.2 APPLICATION 2013-03 AMENDMENT (SUBDIVISION).PDF

EXCEL: SEC 3.2.2 LID STERRING COMMITTEE.XLS

PDF: CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 19 2021.PDF

WORD: 3.2.3 WORKSHEET (1).DOCX

PDF: 3.2.3 COPY OF THE ACTION PLAN BLWMPU.PDF

WORD: 3.2 OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: 3.2.3 COPY OF THE ACTION PLAN TANKEHORSEN.PDF

Documentation Details: Please see overview for description.

Partners: The town partnered with Fuss & O'Neill to create a watershed management plan for the Tankerhoosen River. and the Town of Bolton, Coventry, and Tolland, along with representatives of the Friends of Bolton Lakes and the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance, comprised a steering committee that collaborated to complete the Bolton Lakes and Watershed-based Management Plan (BLWMP).

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

35 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 Complete an Open Space Inventory (10 points) 3.4.2 Prioritize Resources for Protection (5 points) 3.4.3 Develop an Open Space Plan (10 points) 3.4.4d Establish an Open Space Acquisition Fund (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 3.4.2 VERNON'S 2012 POCD OPEN SPACE.PDF

EXCEL: SEC. 3.4.1 VERNON OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

EXCEL: SEC. 3.4.1.VERNON OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

WORD: SEC. 3.4.2. WORKSHEET 1

PDF: SEC. 3.4.1 OPEN SPACE MAPS

PDF: SEC. 3.4.2 ADDENDUM A - OSP

PDF: SEC. 3.4.3 OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE MEETING" & "SEC. 3.4.3 2021 TOWN MEETINGS SCHEDULE

EXCEL: SEC. 3.4.4D AVAILABLE LAND ACQUISITION FUND 2022.XLSX

WORD: OVERVIEW 3.4 LAST VERSION.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 3.4.4D. OPEN SPACE RESERVE FOR LAND ACQUISITION.PDF

WORD: SEC. 3.4.3 - OPEN SPACE PLAN 3-4-19

PDF: SEC. 3.4.4D APPROVED BUDGET - TOWN PLANNER FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WORD: SEC. 3.4.3. WORKSHEET 2

PDF: SEC. 3.4.4B OPEN SPACE PROTECTION PLAN ADDENDUM B

Documentation Details: A detailed summary is included in the attached Sec. 3.4 Overview

Partners: N/A

Additional Information: N/A

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 Create NRW Inventory, (10 points). 3.5.2 Implement NRW in processes, (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 3.5.1 NATURAL RESOURCES MAP AND INVENTORY.PDF

WORD: <u>SEC. 3.5 OVERVIEW</u>

PDF: SEC. 3.5.1 SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY.PDF

Documentation Details: Please, see overview.

Partners: none

3.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use



Approved Information: 3.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use (10 points) 3.6.1.A Formal Policy with WaterSense 3.6.1.B Drought Communication Plan

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC 3.6.1.A VERNON SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING POLICY- DRAFT.PDF

WORD: 3.6 OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 3.6.1.B DROUGHT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.PDF

Documentation Details: See overview for descriptions.

Partners: The town of Vernon has established a formal policy with Water Sense to purchase water-saving/conservation products.

Additional Information: The town has added the Drought Plan, state link on water status, and water conservation tips to the town's website. 3/28/2022

3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

45 Points

Approved Information: Section 3.8 Overview Section 3.8.1: Education Projects 3.8.1a Low Impact Development education & material distribution (5 points) 3.8.1c Training on LID & storm water (5 points) 3.8.2 Planning. Regulation and Policy Projects 3.8.2a LID in the Zoning Regulations (5 points) completed 2012 when POCD was established 3.8.2b Adoption of LID checklist (15 points) 3.8.2c Policy construction/maintenance/development with the use of LID (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 3.8.1 NEMO LID EDUCATION PAMPHLET.PDF

WORD: 3.8. OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 3.8.2.C LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT MAINTENANCE PLAN POLICY.DOCX.PDF

 $\textbf{PDF:} \ \underline{\textbf{SEC.}} \ \underline{\textbf{3.8.1.C LID BASIC BIORETENTION WEBINAR CERT.}} \ \textbf{OF COMPLETION}$

WORD: SEC. 3.8.2A SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN ZONING REGULATION

PDF: SEC. 3.8.2A NEMO LID DEVELOPMENT

Documentation Details: Description is in overview.

Partners: N/A

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.1 Promote Invasive Species Management (10 points) 3.10.2 Municipal Management of Invasive Species (5 points) 3.10.3 Educate Residents on Invasive Species (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC 3.10.3.A INVASIVE HANDOUT 1.PDF

PDF: SEC. 3.10.3.A INVASIVE PHRAGMITES HANDOUT 1.PDF

PDF: SEC. 3.10.2A INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT IDENTIFICATION PROTOCOL.PDF

PDF: <u>SEC. 3.10.3.A INVASIVE PLANT PRESENTATION</u>

PDF: <u>SEC. 3.10.1.C NATIVE PLANT TRAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES</u>
PDF: <u>SEC. 3.10.3.A CT'S INVASIVE AQUATIC WETLAND PLANTS ID GUIDE</u>

WORD: <u>SECTION 3.10 OVERVIEW.DOCX</u>

PDF: SEC. 3.10.1.B NATIVE PLANTING AND PRUNING & INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT POLICIES

PDF: SEC 3.10.3.B WATER CHESTNUT HANDOUT - EVENT

PDF: SEC. 3.10.2A NORTH EAST AQUATIC RESEARCH INVOICE (06_08_2020).PDF

PDF: SEC. 3.10.3.B HAND PULLING WATER CHESTNUT - EVENT

WORD: SECTION 3.10 OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 3.10.2A NORTH EAST AQUATIC RESEARCH INVOICE (10 24 2019).PDF

Documentation Details: An overview summarizing the the towns submittals is attached.

Partners: Various Town departments and commissions have worked on this action. 3.10.3a (educate residents on invasive species): The Town of Vernon (Department of Parks and Recreation) partnered with Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR) and hosted an event at Tankerhoosen Pond on July 17th, 2021. The event aimed to educate interested residents about aquatic invasive species and teach them how to identify and remove it.

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.2a Copy of IPM Plan (5 points) 3.11.2.b Copy of Irrigation BMP (5 points) 3.11.2d Native Planting and Pruning Policy (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: <u>SEC. 3.11.2A INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN (IPM)</u>
PDF: <u>SEC. 2.11.3 REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF 2012 POCD.PDF</u>

WORD: SEC. 2.11 OVERVIEW.DOCX

WORD: SEC 2.11.3 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.DOCX

WORD: STORMWATER UPDATE.DOCX

WORD: <u>SECTION 3.11.2B RESPONSIBLE IRRIGATION POLICY AND ASSESSMENT</u>

EXCEL: SEC. 3.11.1 GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM INVENTORY

PDF: SEC. 3.11.2.D NATIVE PLANTING & PRUNING POLICY AND TRAINING

WORD: OVERVIEW 3.11

Documentation Details: Please, see overview for descriptions.

Partners: None.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

15 Points

Approved Information: Sec. 3.12.2 Meadow Garden (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: <u>SEC. 3.12.2 OVERVIEW.DOCX</u>

PDF: SEC. 3.12.2 VFF ANNUAL REPORT 2021.PDF

PDF: SEC. 3.12.2 VFF NATIVE PLANTS IDENTIFICATION 8-19-20.PDF

Documentation Details: Please see overview for detailed information.

Partners: Friends of Valley Falls, Inc., and volunteers.

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 Update Your Profile on CTVisit (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: SEC. 4.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: See overview for description.

Partners: N/A

Additional Information: The Town of Vernon maintains and periodically updates a municipal profile on

CTVisit.com.

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture. The town completed five (5) out of the fourteen (14) possible activities. 20 points for 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.5, 4.28, 4.2.10 4.2.1 Establish a Poet Laureate. created April 2019. Appointment of co-Poet Laureate created December 2021. 4.2.2 Mark arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing 4.2.3 Dedicated funding to the arts. 4.2.5 Create a Cultural Office or Arts and Culture Department/Council 4.2.8 Establish an annual recognition program for local artists 4.2.10a Support arts and cultural activities offered at the local library(ies)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC 4.2.1 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HONORARY POSITION OF POET LAUREATE.PDF

PDF: SEC.4.2.3 VERNON ARTS COMM RESOLUTION 9-21-76 9-21-82.PDF

WORD: 4.2. OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: 4.2.1 COPY OF APPOINTMENT OF CO-POET LAUREATE KAYLIN MAHER TERM 2021-2022.PDF

PDF: <u>VERNON ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET 2019/2020</u>
PDF: <u>4.2.5 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES 2/15/2022</u>

PDF: ARTS COMMISSION 2020-2021 BUDGET.PDF

WORD: 4.2.5 RESOLUTION CULTURAL DISTRICT AND CULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

PDF: ARTS COMMISSION 2021-2022 BUDGET.PDF

Documentation Details: Description is in the overview.

Partners: N/A

4.4 Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.4.1 Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth (20 points) 4.4.1a Inventory (updated 03/2022) 4.4.1b Stakeholder Meeting and Recommendations (created 3/29/2022) 4.4.1c Create educational program (created 4/24/19 and discussed ways to improve and expand it 03/29/2022) 4.4.1d Budget (updated 03/31/2022) 4.4.2 Professional Development (5 points) (completed 10/07/2019)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC 4.4.1A VERNON: INVENTORY OF YOUTH VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS 2022
PDF: SEC 4.4.1A VERNON YOUTH MUSICAL PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS.PDF
PDF: SEC. 4.4.1A PROVIDE ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH.PDF

PDF: BOE BUDGET 2020-2021.PDF
PDF: BOE BUDGET 2019-2020.PDF

WORD: SEC. 4.4.1C MYVERNONCT AWARDS.DOCX

PDF: BOE BUDGET 20021 - 2022.PDF

IMAGE: <u>SEC. 4.4.1C EMAIL WINNERS RECEPTION.JPG</u>
WORD: <u>SEC. 4.4.1C WINNERS RECEPTION.DOCX</u>

WORD: SEC. 4.4.2 NOTES ON MYVERNONCT MEETING W TEACHERS HELD ON NOV. 5 2019.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 4.4.2 TRAINING SIGN IN SHEET.PDF

WORD: 4.4 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: See description in the overview.

Partners: N/A

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1.a Inclusion of six Hazard Mitigation Plan goals into POCD, revised 2021. (5 points) 5.1.1.b Inclusion of three Sustainable concepts into the POCD, revised 2021 (20 points points for concepts 1, 2,4), revised in 2021.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 5.1.1 A VERNON_IMPLEMENTATION 2012 - VERNON_IMPLEMENTATION.PDF

WORD: SEC. 5.1. OVERVIEW

WORD: SEC. 5.1.1A WORKSHEET 1.DOCX

IMAGE: SEC. 5.1.1A MAP OF NATURAL HAZARDS, POCD

WORD: SEC. 5.1.1B WORKSHEET 2.DOCX

Documentation Details: The page numbers can be found on both Worksheet Worksheet 1 & 2 for the actions we are seeking credit for.

Partners: None

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 Zoning Regulation that promotes and and supports active agricultural uses. (5 points) (enacted July 18, 2019.)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 5.3.5 OPEN SPACE PURCHASE FUND 2022 (002).XLSX

WORD: SEC. 5.3 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: Please see overview for description.

Partners: None

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

35 Points

Approved Information: Section 5.5.1: Priority Historic Assets (15 points) 2/3/2022 - 5.5.1 Vernon Inventory of Historic Resources Section 5.5.2 Viability of Assests (10 points) 2/3/2022 - 5.5.2 Condition Report_LucinaChapel-Silva Engineering 2/3/2022 - 5.5.2 Worksheet Section 5.5.3 Educate Historic Properties Owners (5 points) 2/9/2022 Section 5.5.4 Achieve National Recognition (5 points) 2/3/2022 - 5.5 Overview Inventory & Historic Resources 3/30/2022

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: SEC 5.5.1 VERNON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES-VIEWSHEDS.DOCX

PDF: SEC 5.5.1 TOWN OF VERNON ZONING REGULATIONS 1-1-2018.PDF

PDF: SEC 5.5.1 POCD HISTORIC RESOURCES 2012.PDF

PDF: SEC. 5.5.2 CONDITION REPORT_LUCINACHAPEL-SILVA ENGINEERING.PDF WORD: SEC 5.5.1 TALCOLVILLE CERTIFIED LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 5.5.3 SUSTAINABILITYSTUDY_EXECUTIVESUMMARY.PDF

WORD: SEC. 5.5.1 HISTORIC RESOURCE PLAN MAP AND PROPERTIES'

PDF: SEC 5.5.2 CAPITOL REGION NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.PDF

WORD: 5.5.1 UPDATED POCD HISTORIC RESOURCES

PDF: SEC. 5.5.2 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REPAIR OF THE LUCINA CHAPEL

PDF: SEC 5.5.2. "LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION AGENDA, 2020."

WORD: OVERVIEW 5.5.DOCX
WORD: 5.5.2_WORKSHEET.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 5.5.1 SCENIC VISTAS INVENTORY.PDF UPDATED 2022

PDF: 5.5.1. VERNON DESIGN GUIDELINES

Documentation Details: Full description is in the Overview for specific pages and documents.

Partners: The town of Vernon worked with Silva Engineering to create an analysis report for Lucina Chapel (section 5.5.2) The town of Vernon worked with the Friends of Valley Falls Farm to assess historic resources.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

30 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.1 Build a Complete Streets Team (5 points) 6.1.2 Attend a Complete Steets Training (5 points) 6.1.6 Implement Complete Streets Projects (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 6.1.2 AGENDA OF COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING

PDF: 6.1.6_WORKSHEET (2).PDF

PDF: SEC. 6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS INFORMATION & CONFIRMATION (EMAIL)

WORD: SEC. 6.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: N/A

Partners: NONE

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.1 Host a zero EV educational webinar (5 points) 2022.

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SEC. 6.4.1 "ELECTRIC VEHICLES WEBINAR PDF: SEC. 6.4.1 EV POWERPOINT (PRESENTATION)

WORD: OVERVIEW 6.4

WORD: SEC. 6.4.1. AGENDA EV WEBINAR

Documentation Details: Please see overview for details.

Partners: 6.4.1. (EV Webinar). We invited all local electric vehicle owners to be part of the webinar. Additionally, we partnered with Craig Peters, from Capitol Clean Cities of CT to participate in the webinar.

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1. Written summary (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 6.5.1. VERNON'S TRAIL LIST
WORD: SEC. 6.5.1. WRITTEN SUMMARY
PDF: SEC. 6.5.1. RAILS-TO-TRAILS_MAP

Documentation Details: Details in the Written Summary.

Partners: Sec. 6.5.1. Vernon Greenways Volunteers assist the Town of Vernon through the maintenance, enhancement, education, and proper use of the 30+ miles of trails in Vernon, CT.

6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.6.1 Manage Municipal Fleets, (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: SEC. 6.6.1A TOWN OF VERNON VEHICLE INVENTORY LIST.XLS

PDF: SEC. 6.6.2 VERNON MUNICIPAL FLEET IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY.PDF

EXCEL: SEC. 6.6.1.B FLEET MODERNIZATION: ADDED CARS AND TRUCKS

WORD: OVERVIEW 6.6.DOCX

Documentation Details: A description and page numbers are included in the attached Overview

document.

Partners: N/A

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use



Approved Information: 7.1.1 Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings (5 points) 7.1.2 Track Energy Use of Your Wastewater Treatment Plant (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: SEC. 7.11 & 7.1.2 REPORT 1 ENERGY TRACKING PORTFOLIO MANAGER.XLSX

WORD: SEC. 7.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: Please see the overview for details.

Partners: The Town of Vernon partnered with UConn (Dr. Amy Thompson). UConn provided training and helped the town generate the required benchmark report.

Additional Information: The reports were created and submitted through Portfolio Manager Energy Star.

7.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.4.1.b Renewable Energy Benchmark and Track Energy Use (10 points) completed 04/01/2022

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: <u>SEC. 7.4 OVERVIEW.DOCX</u> **EXCEL**: <u>BENCHMARK REPORT 1.XLSX</u>

Documentation Details: Please see overview for description.

Partners: The Town of Vernon partnered with UConn (Dr. Amy Thompson). UConn provided training and helped the town generate our report.

Additional Information: The reports were created and submitted through Portfolio Manager Energy Star.

7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.6.1 - Town of Vernon Completed a Streetlight Audit and inventory (10 points) 7.6.3-Town of Vernon converted decorative streetlights and Park lights to LED (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC 7.6.1 12.01.2015 & 12.15.2015 APPROVED TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES AND ATTACHMENTS.PDF

PDF: SEC 7.6.1 IMPLEMENTATION PREPARATION OF TECH STREET LIGHT ENERGY AUDIT- TANKO CONTRACT.PDF

PDF: SEC 7.6.1 IMPLEMENTATION- MAINTENANCE POLICY- TANKO CONTRACT.PDF

PDF: SEC. 7.6.1 TURN KEY LED STREET LIGHT PROJECT- CONTRACT

PDF: <u>SEC. 7.6.1 STREET LIGHTS INVENTORY</u>

WORD: SEC 7.6 OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 7.6.1 REPLACED STREET LIGHTS INVENTORY

PDF: 7.6.3 DECORATIVE ST LIGHT CONVERSION LED INV ANDRESEN ELECTRICAL.PDF

Documentation Details: See description in overview.

Partners: The town of Vernon partnered with Tanko Streetlights Inc. where they audited the towns street light energy, released a Streetlight LED Retrofit, Management and Maintenance Services to assist with the purchase, selection, field demonstrations and installation of appropriate LED fixtures and related equipment, coordination with utility staff, application for available rebates/ incentives, and ongoing streetlight maintenance.

2	Inclusive	Engagement	Communication	and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event (10 points) updated 2/14/2022 - The Town held 5 - 10 sustainability events (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.1.1 (A-C) - POCD PUBLIC WORKSHOP FLYER 1-14-21
PDF: 8.1.1 (A-C) GUIDELINE HISTORIC PROPERTIES AGENDA

WORD: 8.1.1 (A-C) BROWNFIELD WORKSHOP SUSTAINABLE CT AGENDA
PDF: 8.1.1 (A-C) FULL ATTENDEE LIST_SCT BROWNFIELD 2020-02-07
WORD: 8.1.1 (A-C) COMMUNITY WORKSHOP POCD AGENDA 4-29-21

PDF: 8.1.1 (A-C) POCD PUBLIC WORKSHOP FLYER 4-29-21
WORD: 8.1.1 (A-C) ELECTRIC VEHICLE WEBINAR AGENDA
PDF: 8.1.1 (A-C) ELECTRIC VEHICLE WEBINAR FOLDER

PDF: 8.1.1 (A-C) FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SIMULATION AND DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE HOMELESSNESS

WORD: 8.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX

EXCEL: 8.1_TEMPLATE TOWN OF VERNON.XLSX

Documentation Details: See description in the overview.

Partners: 8.1.1 Sustainability Event: 1. Design Guidelines for Historic Properties. Vernon's Historic Property Commission conducted an educational workshop to discuss design guidelines for resident homeowners of Historic Properties. Our role was to promote the event and support the local Commission. 2. Sustainable CT Workshop Series "Supporting Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites." Sustainable CT conducted a remediating and redeveloping brownfield sites workshop in the Town of Vernon. Our role was to host the event and share our successful brownfield redevelopment story. 3. Plan of Conservation and Development Public Workshop: Vernon's Planning and Development Department hosted a workshop to ask citizens about their long-term sustainability vision for the Town of Vernon. We invited the community to learn and participate in the workshop. 4. Green Poetry Café. Poetry Rocks held an outdoor, socially distanced poetry reading about the environment. Rockville Library, Arts Center East, and Vernon Arts Commission sponsored the event. Our role was to promote and host the event at a local park in Town. 5. POCD Public Workshop. Vernon's Planning and Development Department hosted a public workshop to discuss future land use maps, strategies, and sustainable priorities for our Town. Our role was to convene the workshop. In addition, we invited residents to learn and share their sustainability vision for Vernon. 6. Electric Vehicle Webinar. The Town planned and hosted an online webinar for Vernon's residents. Our role was to invite and engage the neighborhood to discuss electric vehicles and the social, economic, and environmental benefits. Partners: Clean Cities CT. 7. Financial Hardship Simulation and Discussion to Include Homelessness. Vernon's Social Service Department planned and hosted an in-person event to discusses about homelessness and how to make it rare, brief and non-recurring" in Vernon. Additionally, the Town in partnership with United Way hosted a Financial Hardship Simulation. The simulation brought groups of participants together to experience the tough decisions ALICE households. Our role was to host and invite residents and stakeholders to participate in the discussion.

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

20 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics Overview 9.3.1 Simple Recycling Initiative (10 points) created 11/27/18. Last update December, 2021. 9.3.1 'Take 2 Inc.' (Electronics Recycling Program) (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC.9.3.1 VERNON_PRESS RELEASE_SIMPLE RECYCLING_FINAL_V11272018.PDF

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1 TAKE 2 INC "APPROVAL OF COVERED ELECTRONIC RECYCLER RENEWAL"

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1. CREOC_HAZARDOUS WASTE AGREEMENT.PDF

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1 ACCEPTABLE HHW

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1 SIMPLE RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE 2021

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1 9.3.1 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES 2021

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1 VERNON SIMPLE RECYCLING FULLY EXECUTED AGREEMENT

WORD: OVERVIEW 9.3

PDF: SEC. 9.3.1 MATTRESS DISPOSAL

PDF: 9.3.1 EXECUTED RECYCLE COACH PROPOSAL

Documentation Details: See overview for description.

Partners: Take 2- The town is partnered with them to recycle covered electronics. CREOC- The town is partnered with them for Household Hazardous Waste items. Simple Recycling- The town is partnered with them for Soft Recyclables. The town promotes all of these recycling initiatives through the town website (http://www.vernon-ct.gov/public-works) and press releases.

Additional Information: Please see overview for additional information on non mandated items with agreements and list of acceptable items attached. 6/17/19

9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.2 Food Scrap recovery campaign (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC 9.4.2 VERNON SUSTAINABLE CT EVENT - FLYER 2.PDF

PDF: SEC, 7.8.2 ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DIST BRD SPECIAL MTG MIN 1-28-19.PDF

WORD: 9.4 OVERVIEW.DOCX

WORD: OFFICIAL COMPOSTING BROCHURE 2019.DOCX

Documentation Details: See description in overview.

Partners: N/A

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.1 Encourage an Equitable and Just Food System

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.1.1 Form a local or regional Food Policy Council (10 points) 10.1.2 Conduct a Community Food Assessment (10 points) 10.1.3 Distribute the Food Policy Assessment (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.1.1 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH FOODSHARE

PDF: <u>SEC 10.1.1 TRI-TOWN HAT - AGENDA 3-19-19</u>

PDF: SEC. 10.1.1 TRI-TOWN HAT DIRECTORY AS OF FEBRUARY 2019

PDF: 10.1.1 TRI -TOWN HAT MINUTES 3-19-19

PDF: DATA INDICATORS.PDF 2019

PDF: <u>SEC. 10.1.3 TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA 4-3-19</u>
PDF: <u>SEC. 10.1.3 TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA 4-16-19</u>
PDF: <u>SEC 10.1.1 TRI-TOWN HAT - MINUTES 01-27-22.PDF</u>

WORD: SEC. 10.1.2C WORKSHEET

PDF: SEC 10.1.1 TRI-TOWN HAT - MINUTES 10-28-21.PDF

WORD: <u>SEC. 10.1 OVERVIEW</u>

Documentation Details: Full description in Overview.

Partners: The town of Vernon has formed a partnership with Foodshare. In accordance with Foodshare, the town of Vernon has participated in local Hunger Action Team (HAT) meetings on a monthly basis, where various employees from various departments, along with members of the community and other non-profits meet to examine, connect and improve our food systems.

10.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

25 Points

Approved Information: Sec. 10.2.1 Training on Health (5 points) Sec. 10.2.2 Health Impact Assessment (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 10.2 STAKEHOLDER SIGN IN 12-9-22.PDF

PDF: SEC. 10.2.2 GENERAL SURVEY - GOOGLE FORSEC. 10.2.2 MS.PDF
PDF: TOWN OF VERNON HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA).PDF

WORD: <u>SEC. 10.2. OVERVIEW.DOCX</u>
PDF: <u>10.2.2_WORKSHEET.PDF</u>

Documentation Details: Page 7 of the HIA discusses the plan and strategies for dissemination. Please, see the overview for more details.

Partners: 10.2.2 Two graduate students from UCONN helped the town to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on the proposed Rockville Art and Cultural District and they have developed a survey to gather local data.

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces



Approved Information: 10.3. Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces (45 points) completed 4/01/2022 10.3.1 Summary of local and regional data in your community on tobacco (10 points) completed 4/01/2022 10.3.2 Implement or maintain a smoking and tobacco use reduction campaign (10 points) Completed in 2020-2021 10.3.3 No Smoking Policy (15 points) New Ordinance adopted in August 2021 10.3.4 Implement or maintain a strategic campaign (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 10.3.3 NO SMOKING POLICY 2019 FINAL.PDF

PDF: <u>SEC. 10.3.4 TOWNS NO IDLING POLICY 12-8-18 MEMO.PDF</u>
PDF: <u>SEC. 10.3.4 VERNON PD VEHICLE POLICY, PG 3 SEC F.PDF</u>

WORD: SEC. 10.3.4 PHOTOS OF ANTI-IDLING POSTERS AND SIGNS.DOCX

PDF: <u>E-CIG MATERIALS.PDF</u>
PDF: <u>TOBACCO MATERIALS.PDF</u>

PDF: SEC. 10.3.2 VERNON ROCKS COALITION ANNUAL REPORT

WORD: SEC. 10.3 OVERVIEW.DOCX
WORD: 10.3.1 WORKSHEET.DOCX
PDF: SEC. 10.3.3 ORDINANCE N° 3616

Documentation Details: Descriptions are in the overview.

Partners: 10.3.2 Implement or maintain a smoking and tobacco use reduction campaign was completed with Vernon Rocks Coalition. The Town also partnered with the Town of Manchester through the Manchester Vernon Prevention Partnership (MVPP) to complete this action.

Additional Information: none

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1. Written summary (15 points) 10.4.1. Community Gardens. New Credit Action 10.4.1. Seed Lending Program. New Credit Action

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SEC. 10.4.1. BLANK GARDEN MAP

PDF: SEC. 10.4.1. COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

PDF: SEC. 10.4.1 REGISTRATION FORM
PDF: SEC. 10.4.1 WATER KEY CONTRACT

WORD: 10.4. OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: n/a

Partners: Sec. 10.4.1 Community Gardens - The Department of Public Works runs this program. Seed Lending Program - Rockville Public Library runs this program.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.2 Partners for Strong Communities Housing Data Profile (updated (03/21/2022) (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 11.1_WORKSHEET_1.PDF

PDF: SEC.11.1.3 TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA.PDF

PDF: <u>11.1_WORKSHEET_2.PDF</u>
WORD: <u>11.1_OVERVIEW.DOCX</u>

PDF: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN DRAFT

 $WORD: \underline{11.1}\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}WORKSHEET}\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}3.DOCX}$

PDF: SEC 11.1.2 PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES DATA PROFILE 2020

Documentation Details: Description is in the overview.

Partners: N/A

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2 Increase your municipality's affordable housing, as compared to a baseline year within the past 5 years. (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2017 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST.PDF

WORD: 11.2 OVERVIEW.DOCX

PDF: 2021 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST.PDF

Documentation Details: See overview for description.

Partners: N/A

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

15 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1a - Designate a municipal employee to serve as the liaison for homeless services in your municipality (5 points) 12.1.1b - Municipal representative participate training (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 12.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: Please see the overview.

Partners: None

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2 - Develop and post information on your municipality's website (5 points) 12.2.3 - Organize one or more community conversations or forums (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: SEC. 12.2.2 POST ACTIVITY REPORT

WORD: 12.2.3 WORKSHEET
WORD: OVERVIEW 12.2.DOCX

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 SIGN-IN SHEET FEB242022.PDF

PDF: SEC. 12.2.3 SUSTIANABLE CT ACTION ITEM FLYER.PDF

Documentation Details: Please, see overview.

Partners: United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut.

12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.3.1 Overview (5 Points).

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: OVERVIEW 12.3.DOCX

Documentation Details: None

Partners: none

12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.4.2 Ensure that individuals experiencing literal homelessness within your municipality have locations where they can safely access services and stay 24 hours a day, especially in extreme weather. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: OVERVIEW 12.4

WORD: 12.4.2 WORKSHEET 2 VERNON.DOCX

Documentation Details: Please, see the overview.

Partners: Cornerstone, Clairvaux House, and New Hope House.

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

25 Points

Approved Information: 13.1 Vernon's Community Vaccination Program (10 points) 13.1 Tankerhoosen Bridge Repair (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT VACCINE PROGRAM FINAL.PDF

PDF: SEC. 13.1 NCDHD AWARDED GRANT TO ADDRESS VACCINE INEQUITIES.PDF

IMAGE: SEC. 13.1 SUSTAINABLE CT VACCINATION EMAIL.JPG

PDF: SEC. 13.1 PRESS RELEASE VERNONCORPORATE CITIZEN AWARD.PDF

WORD: OVERVIEW 13.1.DOCX

IMAGE: COMMUNITY MATCH FUND PROJECT IN VERNON EMAIL.JPG

Documentation Details: Please, see the overview for documentation details.

Partners: Tankerhoosen Bridge Repair: Sustainable CT, Vernon Greenways Volunteers (VGV), and Departmento of Parks and Recreation. Vernon's Community Vaccination Program.: Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities, Priority Urgent Care, Eastern Connecticut Health Network, the North Central District Health Department (NCDHD), the State Department of Public Health, varius departments inn town, and volunteers.

Additional Information: None.