



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Clinton was certified on September 29, 2023 with 275 points. Listed below is information regarding Clinton'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 Clinton was approved for in 2023 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: [1.1.1 CLINTON2021 TOWN PROFILE ADVANCECT.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.1.1 CLINTON DATA HAVEN EQUITY PROFILE 2021.PDF](#)

WORD: [1.1.1 13.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT WRITE UP.DOCX](#)

Partners: 1.1.1 (equity toolkits): Please refer to the toolkit write-ups for information on partnerships with Desegregate CT and town residents.

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1: Create a municipal or regional brownfield inventory (10 points) 2.1.2: Create a map of brownfield sites within your community (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [2.1.1 CLINTON CT BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY 2023.XLSX](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 LINK TO CLINTON CT BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY MAP.DOCX.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.1 Refer to the attached Brownfields inventory 2.1.2 Refer to the attached Brownfields map

Partners: None

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a: Develop an inventory of local business options, inventory only (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.3.1 INVENTORY AND PROMOTE LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES: BUY LOCAL IN CLINTON](#)

PDF: [2.3.1 CLINTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS LISTINGS](#)

PDF: [2.3.1 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: We have included here a PDF screenshot of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce's comprehensive listing of local businesses listed by category. The Clinton Chamber of Commerce remains active in the publication of materials aimed to help and assist local businesses. In addition, we have included a flyer from a local holiday "buy local" promotion.

Partners: 2.3 Clinton Chamber of Commerce

Additional Information: hyperlink to Clinton Chamber of Commerce business listings by category: <https://www.clintonct.com/listing/>

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.4d: Establish an open space acquisition fund (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.4.1 OPEN SPACE MAP - CONSERVATION COMMISSION \(1\).PDF](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1 CLINTON_TOWN_OPENSOURCEINVENTORY \(1\).XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.4.4D OPEN SPACE FUND FEE DECISION PZC-22-11 RECORD OF DECISION THU MAR 23 2023 14-16-47.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.4D CLINTON OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUND.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.1: Refer to attached open space inventory template and map 3.4.4d: See attached planning and zoning records documentation of the funds existence and amounts.

Partners: 3.4.1 Map drawn by Gesick & Associates PC

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1: Provide education to residents and local businesses to improve pollinator habitat (5 points) 3.12.2: Create native pollinator gardens, upgrade existing gardens to be pollinator friendly (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.1 CONSERVATION PRESENTATION.PDF 2022](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 CONSERVATION 2.PDF 2022](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR PATHWAY.JPG 2022](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 81 EAST MAIN POLLINATOR GARDEN PIC 2.JPG 2023](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 81 EAST MAIN POLLINATOR GARDEN PIC 1.JPG 2023](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 103 EAST MAIN POLLINATOR GARDEN PIC.JPG 2023](#)

WORD: [3.12.2 INDIAN RIVER POLLINATOR GARDEN.DOCX 2023](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 FB SEPTEMBER 22 PRESENTATION1.PNG 2022](#)

WORD: [3.12.2 SEED PACKET DISTRIBUTION EMAIL.DOCX 2023](#)

WORD: [3.12.2 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTE ENTRIES SPECIFIC TO POLLINATOR PATHWAYS.DOCX 2023](#)

WORD: [3.12.1 EVERSOURCE BROCHURE LINK.DOCX 2023](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 FB SEPTEMBER 22 PRESENTATION2.PNG 2022](#)

WORD: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR PATHWAY LINK AND MAP.DOCX 2023](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1: A presentation on Pollinator Pathway Gardens was hosted by member of the Beautification Committee and Conservation Commission Nick Webb and master gardeners Sherry Smith and Sue Kelly on July 16, 2022 at the Henry Carter Hull Library. The presentation covered the importance of pollinator pathways, how to create one, and how homeowners can support pollinators by mowing less and encouraging native plant growth. The Clinton website also has materials explaining the importance of pollinators and native plants, such as the Eversource brochure. 3.12.2: Clinton has many gardens on the pollinator pathway, some of which are pictured here. Nick Webb, Sue Kelly, and Sherry Smith gave another presentation at Clinton Town Hall to talk about Clinton's gardens and provide residents with seeds and a handout to help them start their own gardens.

Partners: None

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3: Require dark sky compliance in zoning regulations (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.3 CLINTON SECTION 4 ZONING REGULATIONS.PDF 2023](#)

PDF: [3.13.3 MEETING MINUTES EXTRACTS SPECIFIC TO DARK SKIES.PDF 2023](#)

Documentation Details: The zoning regulations requiring dark sky compliant fixtures can be found on page 6, section 4.8 of document 3.13.3 Clinton SECTION 4 Zoning Regulations.

Partners: 3.13.3 (update zoning regulations) None

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.1: Establish a Poet Laureate (10 points) 4.2.2: Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (5 points) 4.2.5. Establish an arts council (5 points) 4.2.8. Establish an arts district (10 points) 4.2.10a: Promote through municipal outlets, events offered at your local library (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.5 CLINTON ARTS COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT](#)

PDF: [4.2.8 RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE ARTS DISTRICT](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.2 SCREEN SHOT 2023-05-10 AT 2.37.15 PM.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.2 SCREEN SHOT 2023-05-10 AT 2.36.31 PM.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.2 SCREEN SHOT 2023-05-10 AT 2.35.54 PM.PNG](#)

PDF: [4.2.1 POET LAUREATE MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.2 SCREEN SHOT 2023-05-10 AT 2.35.11 PM \(1\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.1 POETRY FLIER.JPG](#)

WORD: [4.2.5 CLINTON ARTS COUNCIL.DOCX](#)

PDF: [4.2.1 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR POET.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 ARTS COMMUNITY FUNDING.PDF](#)

WORD: [4.2.8 CLINTON ARTS DISTRICT ROLLING CREDIT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.10 TOWN POSTING FOR HCH EVENTS.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.1 SCREENSHOT OF POET LAUREATE CURRENT WEBSITE](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.1 Attached are town council minutes addressing the poet laureate, town council minutes appointing the new poet laureate, and an outreach material for a reading from the poet laureate 4.2.2. Attached are screenshots of the town facebook page 4.2.5. Attached are the Clinton Arts Council mission statement, signed by the president, an email screenshot showing funding, and a description of the Clinton Arts Council 4.2.8. Resolution_to_Designate_Arts_District - Arts District was proposed and approved in the meeting minutes on pages 2-3 4.2.10 Attached post promoting local library event

Partners: Town of Clinton 4.2.5: Clinton Arts Council (see attached description), which is supported by the use of municipal spaces and partially funded by the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Grant

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1 a Hazard Mitigation Plan goals (5 points) 5.1.1 b Integrate sustainability concepts (35 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.1.1A WORKSHEET 1 CLINTON 2023 APPLICATION.DOCX](#)

WORD: [5.1.1A NATURAL HAZARDS MAP IN CLINTON POCD 2023.DOCX](#)

WORD: [CLINTON 5.1.1B.DOCX](#)

WORD: [5.1 CLINTON POCD.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1: The link to the POCD is attached in the document above since it was too large to add to the application. Refer to the POCD, the attached worksheets, and the natural hazards map for 5.1.1a.

Partners: 5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development - Plan was developed with internal partners (municipal boards and commissions) and in coordination with Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG)

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1: Identify multiple priority historic assets within your community (15 points) 5.5.4: Achieve "Certified Local Government" status (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.4 CLINTON CLG CERTIFICATION LETTER.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.5.4 CLINTON CLG ROLLING CREDIT.DOCX 2023](#)

EXCEL: [5.5 HISTORIC ASSETS.XLSX](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 CLINTON VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 HIGH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 OVERVIEW.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.1: Refer to the attached inventory, overview, the Clinton village historic district national register of historic places, and the high street historic district national register of historic places 5.5.4: See attached certification letter and rolling credit statement

Partners: 5.5.1: none 5.5.4 (achieve "Certified Local Government" status): Certification is determined by the National Park Service.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2: Have at least one municipal elected official and/or staff member and/or members of relevant commissions participate in a Complete Streets training (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING.PDF 2023](#)

WORD: [6.1.2 OFFICIAL CONTACT INFORMATION.DOCX 2023](#)

Documentation Details: 6.1.2: Complete Streets Training pdf contains the name and date of the training, the name of the organization, and certification that Abby Piersall completed the training. Official Contact Information docx contains Abby's title and contact information.

Partners: None

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.3: Conduct bike and/or ped audit (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.3 AARP WALK AUDIT CHECKLIST 5.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.3 AARP WALK AUDIT CHECKLIST 4.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.3 AARP WALK AUDIT CHECKLIST 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.3 AARP WALK AUDIT CHECKLIST 3.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.3 AARP WALK AUDIT CHECKLIST 2.PDF](#)

WORD: [6.5.3 WORKSHEET 1 WALK AUDIT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.5.3 WEBSITE POSTING OF INVITATION.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.5.3 DESEGREGATE CT WALK MAP.DOCX](#)

PDF: [CLINTON TOC WALK AUDIT WORKSHOP 8_17 .PDF](#)

Partners: 6.5.3 (walk audit): Clinton partnered with Desegregate CT to conduct the walk audit. The event was advertised by the town and town officials and staff participated in the walk.

Additional Information: The Town is participating in a follow-up event led by Desegregate CT on August 17, 2023. The Walk Audit Report, including findings and recommendations will be provided at this event. The Sustainability Committee worked with Sustainable CT Fellows and understands that this report may be submitted directly to Jessica LeClair as soon as it is available for consideration for this action. Clinton TOC Walk Audit Workshop - Desegregate CT - <https://www.desegregatect.org/events/ridgefield-toc-walk-audit-workshop-yhra2>

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.2 Encourage Local Building Owners to Access C-PACE Financing (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ACTION 7.9.2 C-PACE ADVERTISING IN CLINTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - WEEKLY NOTES \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [7.9.2 C-PACE INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT AND POSTINGS \(1\).DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: Refer to attached outreach regarding the C-PACE program to local building owners through the Chamber of Commerce. Fliers were posted at the Town Hall including at the Land Use Office check-in desk for high visibility. The Clinton website Sustainability page provided an additional link for getting started on the program. The Clinton Chamber of Commerce has not received any inquiries or feedback in response to the mailing at this time. As confirmed with Christina at Green Bank, no new recent inquiries or applications have been received from Clinton businesses. Based on these outcomes, the Sustainability Committee plans to continue getting C-PACE information out to our community in a more targeted and focused manner.

Partners: None.

Additional Information: 1.6.1 A Clinton joined C-PACE in 2013 as outlined in the legal agreement 1.6.1 B Clinton provides the link (<https://www.cpace.com/Building-Owner>) on its town website

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE 8.1_TEMPLATE.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: Refer to the attached template for a list of 15 sustainability events held in Clinton within the past 3 years

Partners: 8.1: Listed in template

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.2 Implement organic waste diversion program (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.4.2 CLINTON DEMO PROJECT APPROVAL FOOD SCRAPS_04.07.23_JLP.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 CLINTON FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING TO START JULY 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.4.2 CLINTON COMPOSTS MATERIALS 2023 \(1\) \(1\).PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 SCREENSHOT_20230630_010122_CHROME \(1\).JPG](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 SCREENSHOT_20230630_010157_CHROME \(1\).JPG](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 COMPOST OUTREACH FLYER.JPG 2023](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 COMPOSTING IMAGE \(1\).JPG](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 COMPOSTING IMAGE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 COMPOSTING IMAGE \(1\).JPG](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 COMPOSTING SUMMARY.DOCX 2023](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 COMPOST OUTREACH AT TRANSFER STATION.JPG 2023](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.2: Approval document attached shows approval of the program, and news flyer shows the implementation. Also attached are examples of outreach and photos. Please see the Composting Summary document for an explanation of the program.

Partners: None

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.2 Implement or maintain a smoking and tobacco use reduction campaign (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.3.2_TOBACCOREDUCTIONCAMPAIGN](#)

WORD: [10.3.2_EXAMPLEPHOTOS](#)

PDF: [10.3.2_TOWNORDINANCE_SMOKING](#)

Documentation Details: In the document titled 10.3.2_TownOrdinance_Smoking please note the first section titled "1. Authority" to reference the specific grounds of the ordinance. In addition, please reference the second sentence in section "3. Cannabis Use on Town Property" which outlines how this policy extends beyond cannabis and furthers to other smoking paraphernalia.

Partners: 10.3.2: Clinton REACT and Clinton Partners in Community conducts the annual survey at both the middle and high school and reports the findings.

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.4_EASEMENT_PICTURES.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.4_GRANT_OF_EASEMENT.PDF](#)

WORD: [10.4_FOOD_FOR_ALL_GARDEN_UPDATE_8-1-23.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The document titled "10.4 Easement pictures" shows pictures of the proximity of the parking for residents easy access to the garden and where the garden is located. The document titled "Grant of Easement" is the document that ties the town and the garden together. This grant is provided by the town and allows access to the church property that houses the Food for All garden. The document titled "Food for All Garden update" documents updated information about the garden and what it is growing.

Partners: Episcopal Church of the Holy Advent in Clinton established the garden and it was later expanded to become available for people across the entire Shoreline area.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1 Create a housing committee (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [ADOPTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN AND TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [CLINTON AHP FINAL ADOPTED 7 6 22.PDF](#)

PDF: [HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES FROM 2019](#)

PDF: [HOUSING PLAN WORKSHEET 3 WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCES FROM TOWN PLANNER](#)

PDF: [FAIR RENT COMMISSION WITH MEMBERSHIP AND MINUTES](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE BYLAW SECTION](#)

WORD: [11.1.1 REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 CREATE A REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE SUMMER 2023 MEETING DATES](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1.1 Attached is a description of the Regional Housing Committee that Clinton is a part of, a list of their meeting dates, the Regional Housing Committee bylaws, and a section of RHP (regional housing plan) that describes this committee

Partners: 11.1.1: RiverCOG 11.1.4. Completed in partnership with Town of Clinton Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Clinton Economic Development Commission, Town of Clinton Town Council, and the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governors (RiverCOG),

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2: Increase affordable housing (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [11.2.2 CLINTON CT ACTION 11.2 HOUSING APPEALS LIST.DOCX](#)

PDF: [11.2.2 AMENDEDFINALAPPEALSSUMMARY2017PDF.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.2.2 AFFORDABLE-APPEALS-LIST-2022-FOR-ON-LINE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: See the 2017 and 2022 annual affordable housing appeals list. Clinton was at 2.31% in 2017, and is at 2.80% on the 2022 List. This reflects a .49% increase in affordable housing between 2017 and 2022.

Partners: 11.2.2. Referencing the Connecticut Department of Housing

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2a-b: Develop and post information on your municipality's website for those experiencing homelessness (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.2.2 SOCIAL SERVICES HOMELESS PAGE](#)

WORD: [12.2.2 CLINTON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING 8/11/22](#)

PDF: [12.2.2 MEETING WITH HUMAN SERVICES](#)

WORD: [12.2.2 CLINTON HUMAN SERVICES HANDOUT.DOCX](#)

PDF: [12.2.2 CLINTON SCREENSHOT WAYS RESIDENTS CAN HELP SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION](#)

PDF: [12.2.2 CLINTON HANDOUT ON WAYS RESIDENTS CAN SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION EFFORTS](#)

Partners: None

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

10 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Collaborate within your community or take a regional approach to implementing a sustainability action not listed on the Sustainable CT action list. (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [13.1 DIALOGUE EMAILS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [13.1 WRITE-UP.DOCX](#)

PDF: [13.1 FINAL 2023 SURVEY FLYER VERSION- ENGLISH AND SPANISH VERSION.PDF](#)

WORD: [13.1 CLINTON MANUFACTURED HOMES PARK RESOURCES.DOCX](#)

WORD: [13.1 CLINTON HUMAN SERVICES HANDOUT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [13.1 5-17-23 SOCIAL SERVICES DISCUSSION.DOCX](#)

Partners: 13.1 (implement your own sustainability action): None