



## Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Hamden was certified on September 29, 2023 with 505 points. Listed below is information regarding Hamden'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 Hamden 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

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.1 Optimize for Equity (30 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [PHOTO OF KEEFE COMMUNITY GARDEN](#)

WORD: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT KEEFE COMMUNITY GARDEN.DOCX](#)

WORD: [KEEFE VIDEO.DOCX](#)

WORD: [10.6.2 WORKSHEET 2 \(1\) \(1\).DOCX](#)

PDF: [ARPA APPROVAL \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [7-6-2023 - PR - COOLING STATIONS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.6.2 EQUITY REPORT UPDATED.PDF](#)

WORD: [2.1.6 EQUITY REPORT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POSTER FINAL.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** Equity Toolkit: Keefe Community Garden is organized around the 5 questions in the Toolkit. Photo is to show the beauty of the Garden in the neighborhood!  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/128YdH9QcuEUsGRkvGqOHpcN4jtCePQhS/view?usp=sharing> - Keefe Video  
Cooling Center Equity Report - organized around the 5 questions in the Toolkit  
Worksheet - documents all centers and their amenities in Hamden  
ARPA - represents our path forward to make these centers modern and relevant  
PR - shows our dedication to giving our residents up-to-date and relevant information  
2.1.6 - Equity Report  
Community Engagement Flyer - Demonstrates event was put on, with multiples methods of participating

**Partners:** 1.1 Keefe Community Garden Partners: United Way of New Haven provided funding for Garden start-up costs and Hamden Hunger Summit; Hispanic Health Council provided community education programs in bilingual format; Quinnipiac University (QU) Occupational Therapy students in Capstone Project conducted a door-to-door needs assessment related to management of chronic diseases; QU Physical Therapy students in Capstone Project provided resources on nutritional benefits of fresh produce in formats for distribution; Southern CT State University Public Health students gathered information for flyers and newsletters, and conducted a survey of residents and food bank clients on their experience of the Food Bank and the Garden. 2.1.6 Brownfield Reuse Public Hearing (none)

**Additional Information:** All above activities took place in coordination with Keefe Center staff who also hosted the Health Fair and the Hunger Summit.

## 1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.2.1 Attend Equity Training (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [DATES AND ATTENDEES](#)

**Documentation Details:** 1.2 Participate in Equity Training. - Training was hosted by Sustainable CT

**Partners:** Sustainable CT provided this training for participating municipalities with grant funding to support the program. Thought Partner Solutions, based in Manchester, CT, delivered the program sessions-- they are amazing!

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## 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

15 Points

**Approved Information:** 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [1.3 - WTNH ARTICLE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [1.3 - MEETING MINUTES 07202020-1863.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.3 - 07202020\\_RESOLUTION\\_DECLARING\\_RACISM\\_AS\\_A\\_PUBLIC\\_HEALTH\\_CRISIS\\_IN\\_HAMDEN.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 1.3 - Meeting Minutes 07202020-1863.pdf - Agenda item 8

**Partners:** Hamden Equity & Inclusivity Task Force Southern Connecticut State University Department of Public Health Quinnipiac Valley Health District

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## 2. Thriving Local Economies

## 2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.1.1: Create a municipal or regional brownfield inventory (10 points) 2.1.4: Prepare a grant proposal for site assessment or clean-up (10 points) 2.1.6: Hold a process of public engagement to identify potential reuse options that are connected to the broader community vision and revitalization priorities (5 points) 2.1.8: Remediate a brownfield site and redevelop the site (15 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.1.8 TOWN OF HAMDEN BUDGET IN SUPPORT OF HEDC 2015-2021](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 ABANDONED BLDG AWAITING RE-USE](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 VIEW OF ONE CEILING BEFORE REMEDIATION](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 VIEW OF ONE CEILING DURING REMEDIATION](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 VIEW OF TRAINING ROOM FULLY RESTORED](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 VIEW OF TRAINING ROOM FULLY RESTORED](#)

WORD: [2.1.8 NARRATIVE OF REDEVELOPED SITE FOR COMMERCIAL USE BOROUGH496.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [2.1.1 WORKSHEET FOR BROWNFIELD INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 NEW ENTRANCE FROM RESTORED PARKING LOT](#)

PDF: [2.1.6 GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF NEWHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.8 NEW ENTRANCE FROM RESTORED PARKING LOT](#)

PDF: [2.1.6 GRANT APPROVAL FOR NEWHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BROWNFIELD](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POSTER FINAL.JPG](#)

PDF: [2.1.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REUSE IDEAS](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2.1.1 - Brownfields Inventory determined by City Engineer (10 points) 2.1.8 - Redeveloped brownfield site narrative. (15 points) 2.1.8 - Town of Hamden supported BF redevelopment with budget line item 2015-2021 2.1.8 - View from the corner where abandoned building sat empty and awaiting re-use 2.1.8 - View of ceiling BEFORE 2.1.8 - View of ceiling DURING 2.1.8 - View of ceiling AFTER Grant for Middle School) Documents our reception and approval of 10 million in funds to demolition the old middle school in the Newhall neighborhood in Hamden. This doc contains our LC approving the money, our grant application, and a memorandum by our Grants director Community Engagement - Flyer created to advertise this event. The ideas for reuse are as follows -Cooling/Warming center -Social services, such as homelessness, youth, community, and others -Auditorium -Outdoor growing space

**Partners:** 2.1.1 ; 2.1.8 The Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC). 2.1.1 - UConn Department of Engineering students as part of practicum. 2.1.4 - Carol Hazen, Director of Grants and Capital Projects. Funds came from Community Investment Fund through the state 2.1.8 - Various state and utility funding partners.

**Additional Information:** The Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is an independent, 501(c)(4) Corporation that serves as an additional tool for developing the tax base in Hamden and as an advocate for businesses in Town. The Corporation was formed as part of Hamden's long-range Economic Development Plan and is focused on redevelopment of contaminated or under-performing properties. Town of Hamden supported a budget line item for HEDC to cover insurance, marketing, and preliminary assessment costs. The Board of Directors is comprised of eleven members, including business, banking, utility and institutional partners. HEDC facilitated work on expanded inventory information conducted by students at UConn Department of Engineering as part of practicum. Notably, HEDC managed the remediation of CT's largest contaminated residential neighborhood in the Highwood neighborhood in Hamden. Also redeveloped by HEDC with town support, The Business Incubator project is located across the street from the redeveloped Villano Park in the Highwood neighborhood. See more at: [www.hamdeneconomicdevelopment.org](http://www.hamdeneconomicdevelopment.org)

## 2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.4.2 Create or support Small Business Development Centers, Main Street Programs, Tourism Boards, Central Business Development Districts, or other comparable entities by providing municipal leadership support, municipal staff time, and/or funding. (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HAMDEN MUNICIPAL BUDGET SUPPORT FOR HEDC 2015-2021](#)

WORD: [2.4.2 BOROUGH HISTORIC OVERVIEW FINAL.DOC](#)

**Documentation Details:** Hamden Municipal Budget supported Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) for this project in fiscal years 2015-2021. HEDC launched a brownfield redevelopment project at a former school in Hamden's distressed Highwood neighborhood with the concept of turning the site into a "business incubator" providing workforce development, small business support, and neighborhood revitalization. Town of Hamden property was transferred to HEDC for this purpose. Borough496, with its history, evolution and purposeful completion, is detailed in Borough Historic Overview document. Borough496 opened in March of 2020. Meanwhile the publicity and great work of HEDC attracted a regional workforce development entity who negotiated a purchase of the Borough and will continue to improve the building and sustain the mission of workforce and business development.

**Partners:** HEDC was the town's managing partner for this business incubator project. Funding came from the State of CT; Federal Dept of Commerce Economic Development Administration; and CT Historic Tax Credits. In addition, Guilford Savings Bank provided a bridge loan and Eversource Energy company purchased tax credits.

## 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

### 3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.1.1a. Sponsor or host a watershed education program (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [MILL RIVER WATERSHED PLANNING DOCUMENT](#)

WORD: [3.1.1A - EARTH DAY 2022 EVENT.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** Mill River Watershed Planning document) Mill River Watershed Association is a gathering of community members and allied professionals to educate one another, share information, and mobilize resources for Watershed protection. While the cover page calls this document a 'management plan' it is at this stage a compilation of educational resources and management aspirations. Each member of the group engages in outreach with constituent communities to report on monthly conversations and promote outdoor walks. This is currently a mutual-sharing educational process to include conversation partners from various stakeholder groups and local communities. Education in this sense flows both from the ground-up expertise and from academics / professionals all around! Hamden held 4 meetings between May and September of 2018, found on Page 18 of the doc, page 21 of the .pdf itself. 3.1.1a - Earth Day 2022 event.docx) The findings from the Mill River document were presented again in 2022 at a broader educational event, but the authors of this report came and spoke at the event, as indicated by their twitter advertising this

**Partners:** 3.1.1a - The Mill River Watershed Association engages civic, academic, and private sector partners under the leadership of the Regional Water Authority. Please see pages 2-3 of the attached Watershed Planning document for a complete list of working partners. This association is working toward a true management plan.

**Additional Information:** Town of Hamden, Yale University, Quinnipiac University, civic associations in New Haven, Hamden and Cheshire, non-profit organizations--all taking active interest in the Mill River Watershed stretching (at least) from Cheshire, through Hamden to New Haven before flowing into Long Island Sound. Mill River flows through East Rock Park on the border of Hamden and New Haven; the path along the river is a great migratory bird pathway, a regular Great Blue Heron feeding ground, and a popular footpath, jogging trail, and artists' painting perch, especially at the historic covered bridge that crosses the Mill River at a popular walking trail just off Whitney Avenue.

### 3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.4.4c: Improve open space parcels (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [1 AGENDA FOR 10/3/22 LC MEETING](#)

PDF: [2 ORDER FOR PAVER PATH](#)

PDF: [3 APPROVAL OF PAVER PATH PLAN](#)

PDF: [4 COMPLETION OF PARK](#)

PDF: [5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTE](#)

PDF: [6 RAIN GARDEN ORDER](#)

PDF: [7 APPROVAL FOR RAIN GARDEN](#)

**Documentation Details:** 1-3) Document the proposal and adoption for a path in our main park, Town Center Park. Path was proposed and adopted in October of 2022. Actual approval found in doc 3, under Consent Calendar, Item 16 4) Documentation of completed path in 6/30/2023 5-7) Document proposal and adoption for a rain garden in Town Center Park. Was proposed in March 23 and adopted in March 29 of 2021. Path is still under construction,

**Partners:** 3.4.4c) For the Paver Path, great help came from the Hamden Rotary Club, who graciously donated all the materials used, while Hamden Public Work supplied labor. Administration of the construction of the Rain Garden will be partnered with Save the Sound.

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### 3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.5.1: Develop a natural resource and wildlife (NRW) inventory (10 points) 3.5.2: Integrate your NRW into municipal planning documents (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [NRW: ELEVATION](#)

PDF: [NRW: LAND COVER](#)

PDF: [NRW: OPEN SPACE](#)

PDF: [HAMDEN POCD](#)

WORD: [3.5.1 AND 3.5.2 DESCRIPTIONS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [NRW?POCD MEMO](#)

**Documentation Details:** See maps for Elevation, Land Cover and Open Space and the attached inventory description. Memo is from current town planner calling for the POCD to still be followed as a guiding document

**Partners:** Maps generated by Hamden Engineering Department GIS specialist. Hamden website under redevelopment with plans for a designated Sustainable Hamden page to which maps will be uploaded. this step will have to wait until Fall 2019--Winter 2020. Stay tuned!



### 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.8.3c: Establish a program to incentivize homeowners to implement LID practices on private property (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [CONSTRUCT A RAIN BARREL - LIBCAL - HAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Rain barrel) Event was held at library during our Earth Day event for 2023. A rain barrel specialist was brought in that taught Hamden residents how to create , implement, and use their own rain barrel. Over 40 barrels were constructed and given away to residents during the event.

**Partners:** 3.8.3c) Hamden Library hosted the event, brought in Frank Panzarella, a specialist on these kinds of events to help run it.

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### 3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.9.1: Establish a Forestry Advisory Committee (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [3.9.1 NAMES AND MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 HAMDEN TREE COMMISSION 6/20/23 MINUTES](#)

**Documentation Details:** 3.9.1 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes - This is the most recent meeting minutes as of entry. The document above has a list of all meeting minutes. 3.9.1 Names and Meeting Minutes - provides a link to the Tree Commission's website and list of names as of 7/21/2023.

**Partners:** 3.5.1) Hamden Tree Commission

### 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.10.2: Municipal Invasive species management (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [RAIN GARDEN PLAN](#)

IMAGE: [RG\\_TWNCTR\\_PK\\_KNOTWEED.PNG](#)

**Documentation Details:** Removal of invasive species during installation of Town Center Park raingarden. Invasive plants removed include: 1. Knotweed (significantly established) 2. Mugwort 3. Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima) several well established trees Town Tree Warden and public works staff removed invasive species, public works construction crews excavated roots (beyond 3' depth) and soil was disposed of. Rain Garden was built in excavated area. Plans are attached. Rain Garden Plan - Plans for Rain Garden. Construction plans for rain garden are shown. RC\_TWNCTR\_PK\_Knotweed.PNG - Aerial image showing extent of Knotweed invasive species area.

**Partners:** 3.10.2) Save the Sound and CT DEEP

**Additional Information:** Rain Garden provides additional habitat for local fauna. Native plant species were selected to provide additional pollinator habitat.

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## 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: [4.1.2 HAMDEN VISITCT.DOCX](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.1.2 - Hyperlink and screenshot of Hamden's updated VisitCT website

**Partners:** 4.1.2- Ct Visit. and is managed by our Director of Arts and Recreation, Karen Bivens

**Additional Information:** Our Director of Arts and Recreation will update the Hamden VisitCT site annually.

## 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.2.2 Include arts and culture in public municipal marketing. (5 points) 4.2.3 Municipal Funding for Arts and Culture (10 points) 4.2.5 Establish Arts and Culture Department (5 points) 4.2.10.b Partner with local library to create an Arts and Culture program and promote through municipal outlets (5 points) 4.2.11c Artist peer-sharing network (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.5 HAMDEN ARTS & CULTURE DEPT. MISSION AND VISION](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 INCLUDE ARTS AND CULTURE IN PUBLIC MARKETING](#)

WORD: [4.2.3 ARTS BUDGET 2022-2023.DOC](#)

WORD: [DEPT. OF ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS SUPPORTED BY HAMDEN BUDGET 2019-2021](#)

WORD: [2-1-2023 - PR - MLK MURAL.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3-14-2023 - PR - MLK MURAL UPDATE.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [MLK JR. MURAL COMPLETION.JPG](#)

WORD: [4.2.10.B HAMDEN 2020 SKETCHBOOK OVERVIEW](#)

WORD: [4.2.10.B OUTREACH FOR HAMDEN 2020 SKETCHBOOK PROJECT](#)

WORD: [4.2.10.B HAMDEN 2020 SKETCHBOOK FINAL](#)

PDF: [4.2.10.B PROMOTIONAL POSTER FOR 2020 SKETCHBOOK PROJECT](#)

**Documentation Details:** 4.2.2 Arts and Culture featured as part of annual Regional Chamber of Commerce marketing publication 4.2.3 Municipal Funding for Arts and Culture Dept for fiscal years 2022-2023 4.2.3 Summary of projects/programs funded 2019--2021 (as of July 2021) 4.2.5 Hamden Arts and Culture Mission and Vision 4.2.10.b Series of documents describe Sketchbook project concept, outreach. poster, link to final library installation o f collaboration between Arts/Culture and Library 2-1/3-14 are for 4.2.11c. Document the approval, funding, and paint days for the mural that allowed for the artist to collaborate with the community to work on this mural. The goal of this was to celebrate the life of MLK Jr., as well as other famous Black residents of Hamden.

**Partners:** Chamber of Commerce produces and distributes the annual promotional magazine in which Arts and Culture appears. MLK mural received funding from Hamden Arts Commission, raised money from town citizens, and was matched by the Community Match Fund through SCT

## 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

## 5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.1.1 b Integrate sustainability concepts (30 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2019 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT](#)

WORD: [HAMDEN POCD WORKSHEET 1](#)

WORD: [HAMDEN POCD SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPTS WORKSHEET 5.1.B](#)

PDF: [SCRCOG HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN](#)

**Documentation Details:** 5.1 Plan of Conservation and Development (reference for Worksheets 1 and 2) 5.1 SCRCOG Hazard Mitigation Plan--Hamden report on pages 154-165 5.1.a Worksheet 1 (5 points) 5.1.b Worksheet 2 (30 points)

**Partners:** South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) provides multi-municipal Hazard Mitigation Planning for regional planning.

**Additional Information:** Hamden's Planning and Zoning Commission voted to include as many Sustainable CT suggestions as possible into the work of the 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development under the leadership of Hamden Town Planner Dan Kops (retired December 2020). Now under Director Erik Johnson, the focus on sustainability is an ongoing commitment .

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## 5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.4.2 Host a Community Resilience Building Workshop (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, SEPTEMBER 2018](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORKSHOP MEMO.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Summary of Findings document attached Memo signed by town planner reiterates these findings as how their use has been implemented within the last 3 years, and for him declaring this a relevant document

**Partners:** 5.4.2 The Nature Conservancy completed a climate vulnerability assessment for our Town.

## 5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.5.4 Achieve "Certified Local Government" status (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.4 - HAMDEN CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM CONNECTICUT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.5.4 - HAMDEN LISTED ON CONNECTICUT \(U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE\).PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 5.5.4 - Hamden's certification can be found on page 5 of the PDF named "5.5.4 - Hamden listed on Connecticut (U.S. National Park Service)" and page 1 of "5.5.4 Hamden Certified Local Government from Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office"

**Partners:** none

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## 5.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.6.2 Achieve at least Bronze status in the national SolSmart program (20 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SOLSMART CREDIT SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [SOLSMART PREREQUISITE SUMMARY](#)

IMAGE: [SOLSMART WEBSITE](#)

**Documentation Details:** Credit Summary details points achieved by requirement. Completed November 2017. On a screenshot of their website taken on August 4th of 2023, we still have their certification Website Here) <https://solsmart.org/designee/hamden>

**Partners:** Hamden participated in the CT Green Bank's 2017 pilot program with SolSmart managed by Emily Basham. Bronze status achieved by Emily working with Town of Hamden Building Department officials--Bob Labulis, Director, and Joe Cirillo, Electrical Inspector.

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## 6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

## 6.1 Implement Complete Streets

25 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) 6.1.3: By municipal resolution or ordinance, adopt a Complete Streets policy (20 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [STAFF TRAINING IN MUTCD OPPORUTNITY.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 2022 PAVING LIST](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 FOOTE ST.](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 LANE ST PT. 1](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 LANE ST. PT 2](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 SCHOOL ST.](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 SIGNED COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 WORKSHEET 1](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 EMAIL ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EMAIL ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 EMAIL ATTACHMENT](#)

**Documentation Details:** 6.1.2 Staff orientation training in MUTCD completed by Sustainable CT point person, contact 203-435-2872 The training was approved prior but Hamden has not yet been Bronze Certified so this training hasn't been previously used for certification. 6.1.3 signed Complete Streets Resolution: page 21, Hamden meeting minutes approving Complete Streets Policy. The email "Email RE Complete Streets" was sent to these relevant departments: Stephen White, Town Engineer for Engineering Department Eugene Livshits, Town Planner for Planning and Zoning Department James Mesner, Traffic Technician, for Traffic Department Joseph Colello, Director of Public Works, for Public Works Department Lauren Garrett, Mayor, for Mayor's Office Sean Grace, Chief of Staff, for Mayor's Office The second email (6.1.3 Legislative Council email about complete streets) goes to all department heads, 6.1.3 email attachment is the attachment sent with this email. 6.1.6) Documents 2 sidewalk restripings (Lane and Foote), as well as a corridor wide traffic calming effort with School St. Paving list represents other projects completed. For the restriping, this is done with the pavement list. It is standard practice to restripe crosswalks as the roads they are on are repaved. As we repaved these roads, we subsequently restriped them.

**Partners:** 6.1.2 - 20 Years Strong America Walks for putting on the training

## 6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.4.1 Sponsor or Host ZEV promotional event. (5 points) 6.4.2 Have at least one municipal elected official and/or staff member and/or member of a relevant commission participate in training related to electrification of municipal vehicles. (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.4.1 HAMDEN NDEW 2022-9-24.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 MUNICIPAL EV READINESS TOOLKIT 12-WEEK PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF EV TOOLKIT TRAINING--12 SESSIONS](#)

WORD: [6.4.2 ATTENDEES AT MUNICIPAL EV READINESS TOOLKIT 12-WEEK PROGRAM](#)

**Documentation Details:** 6.4.1 Hosted an EV event, 2022-09-24 6.4.2 Municipal EV Readiness Training related to electrification of vehicles on municipal scale hosted by LiveGreenCT. 6.4.2 Certificate of completion of EV Readiness Toolkit 12-Week Program. 6.4.2 Attendees at EV Readiness 12-Week Program

**Partners:** Municipal EV Readiness Toolkit 12-Week Program grant-funded (various) and delivered by Live Green CT.

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## 6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.5.2 Conduct bicycle education program (5 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [BIKE RODEO FLYER.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [BIKE RODEO PHOTO 1.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [BIKE RODEO PHOTO 2.JPG](#)

**Documentation Details:** Bike Rodeo Flyer/Photos - Event was the Bike Rodeo, held by the Bike Squad from Hamden PD. There were 20 participants who came for the June 11th day, and about 30 that came for the June 23rd day. Its purpose was to teach about bike safety, such as smart breaking and speeding up, as well as how to navigate your bike through traffic/obstacles. There was also a bike decorating and helmet giveaway.

**Partners:** Hamden PD Bike Squad hosted both of these events, with the SPCP (Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships) advertising and assisting.

## 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

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### 7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 7.5.1 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: [HAMDEN MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLANNING GUIDE 2021](#)

WORD: [MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [MEETING MINUTES\\_07192021-2533.PDF](#)

PDF: [FULL LC APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [LC ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES](#)

**Documentation Details:** The Hamden Municipal Energy Planning Guide 2021 was prepared by Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change (EUCC) Commission in accord with the guidance in Action 7.5.a for 2021. EUCC presented the Guide was Hamden Legislative Council as information item on June 22, 2021; to Council Environment Committee on July 12, 2021; and to full Council for final approval on July 19, 2021. Attached Worksheet as required. LC Energy Committee Minutes) On June of 2021, our Environment and Conservation subcommittee voted to send the Energy Plan to full council, a crucial step to anything getting Council approval in Hamden Full LC Approval) Approved of through consent calendar. See page 5, item 18. Final approval given through Consent Calendar on July 19, 2021.

**Partners:** 7.5.1 None

## 8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

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### 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [8.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 8.1 Worksheet documents 11 sustainability events the town put on in the last 5 months

**Partners:** hamden Library, Hamden Recycling Coordinator, CT Deep, Save the Sound



## 9. Strategic Materials Management

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### 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.3.1 Recycling additional materials (textiles, paint, mattresses, electronics) - 40 points

#### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3.1.A - SIMPLE RECYCLING LTR AND CONTRACT.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.1.B - SIMPLE RECYCLING.JPG](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.C - SIMPLE RECYCLING.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.A - CONTRACT WITH PAINTCARE, INC. MARCH 2016.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.B - PAINTCARE SITE 2022-11-30.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.C - MATTRESS PATCH ARTICLE 2022-09-06.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.3.1.C - PAINTCARE HAMDEN WEBSITE.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.1.C - PAINTCARE HAMDEN WEBSITE.JPG](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.C - PAINTCARE HAMDEN WEBSITE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.C - BYE BYE MATTRESS - WEBSITE AD.JPG](#)

PDF: [9.3.1.C - TAKE2 HAMDEN WEBSITE.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.3.1.C - TAKE2 HAMDEN WEBSITE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [9.3.A - ELECTRONICS TAKE 2.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.B - ELECTRONICS TAKE 2.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.B BYE BYE MATTRESS - WEBSITE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.C - MATTRESS FACEBOOK POST.JPG](#)

PDF: [9-7-2023 - PR - BULK TRASH PICK-UP BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST.PDF](#)

PDF: [HAMDEN ACTION ITEM 9.3 CORRECTION.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Textiles: Simple Recycling is the program for textiles recycling offered by Great Lakes Recycling, they launched a curbside pick-up program in Hamden in late 2019, which was suspended during and after pandemic and is now service available at Hamden Transfer Station. Contract is for 5 years, promotional flyer was mailed to all eligible residents, and photo shows Transfer Station drop box. Paint: Since 2016, Hamden has been collecting waste paint at the Hamden Transfer Station as an enrolled participant in the Connecticut Architectural Paint Recovery Program in a Services Agreement with PaintCare, Inc. Contract with Paint Care finalized in March 2016 (see signatures on page 20 in attached document PaintCare, Inc, contract with Town of Hamden. A recent pick-up log is also attached. Electronics Recycling is a regular feature of Hamden events, most recently with Take2 Recycling on Earth Day 2021--see attached inventory of collections from that day.

**Partners:** Great Lakes Recycling approached us with this offer once they had a sorting facility in CT within service range of Hamden. We worked with them to get the contract through our Legislative Council, to provide them with route and schedule information. PaintCare, Inc. vendor made available through State of CT DEEP -EPR program. SimpleRecycling

## 9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 9.4.2 Implement organic waste diversion program (30 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [FACTS & FACES: FOOD HARDSHIP IN HAMDEN](#)

PDF: [PEELS ON WHEELS '23 INVOICE](#)

PDF: [CHRISTMAS TREE MEMO](#)

PDF: [CHRISTMAS TREE PUBLICATION](#)

**Documentation Details:** Peels on Wheels) Peels on Wheels is a company Hamden contracts with that picks up residential composting waste and brings it to the Hamden transfer station. Peels on Wheels pays Hamden's dumping fees, as evidence by our dumping fees. This is an at-home service that allows residents without the time or ability to participate in our transfer-station focused composting program to still engage in town composting. Christmas tree) Hamden has informally collected Christmas Trees for over 4 decades now, however a memo was signed further formalizing the process. The director of public works and parks created this to put into writing this process. Irregardless of this memo, we still publicize this program through our website

**Partners:** 9.4.2 Our composting program is supplemented by Peels on Wheels, a private service that we contract with to deliver to our transfer station

## 10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

### 10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

25 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.3.2 Implement or maintain a smoking and tobacco use reduction campaign (10 points) 10.3.3 Adopt one or more policies designed to reduce tobacco use in your municipality (15 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HAMDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES](#)

PDF: [2/05/18 HLC MINUTES](#)

IMAGE: [NO SMOKING SIGNS P1](#)

IMAGE: [NO SMOKING SIGNS P2](#)

**Documentation Details:** Hamden Code of Ordinances (edit title)) On pg.231 to 231, there is our formal ordinance for 10.3.3 2/05/18 HLC Minutes (edit title)) On pg.2, proof our LC formally adopted ordinance for no smoking on town parks/public schools No Smoking Signs P1/2 shows signs still exist and are in the town

**Partners:** None

## 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:

**IMAGE:** [PHOTOS OF RAISED BEDS READY TO HARVEST GREENS AND FLOWERS](#)

**WORD:** [10.4.1 KEEFE COMMUNITY GARDEN.DOCX](#)

**IMAGE:** [STREET VISIBILITY AND WELCOMING GARDEN BENCHES](#)

**Documentation Details:** 10.4.1 Keefe Community Garden is located on municipal property and organized with municipal staff and partners. 10.4.1 Photo of raised beds with greens and flowers ready to harvest 10.4.1 Benches for seating at outdoor events and views from the street introduce community members to the Garden and adjacent soup Kitchen and Food Bank

**Partners:** Keefe Community Garden Partners: United Way of New Haven provided funding for Garden start-up costs and Hamden Hunger Summit; Hispanic Health Council provided community education programs in bilingual format; Quinnipiac University (QU) Occupational Therapy students in Capstone Project conducted a door-to-door needs assessment related to management of chronic diseases; QU Physical Therapy students in Capstone Project provided resources on nutritional benefits of fresh produce in formats for distribution; Southern CT State University Public Health students gathered information for flyers and newsletters, and conducted a survey of residents and food bank clients on their experience of the Food Bank and the Garden.

**Additional Information:** Keefe Community Center and Garden is Town of Hamden property. Keefe and all its services are coordinated by town staff. The building, playground, parking lot, and garden areas are maintained by town staff. Annual budget allocations pay staff salaries. This is our Southern Hamden Government Center!

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## 10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 10.6.2a: Inventory and assess existing cooling centers in the municipality (10 points)

### Supporting Documentation:

**WORD:** [10.6.2 WORKSHEET 2 \(1\) \(1\).DOCX](#)

**PDF:** [10.6.2 211 COOLING CENTERS.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** Shows all of our existing cooling centers are tracked, and on the 211 website. Information on 211 website [https://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=06514&taxonomy\\_code=6560&service\\_area=hamden](https://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=06514&taxonomy_code=6560&service_area=hamden)

**Partners:** 10.6.2a) 211 CT website

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## 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

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### 11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.1.2 Create, expand, maintain housing data profile, hold community conversation (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [PSC HOUSING DATA PROFILE 2018--HAMDEN](#)

WORD: [11.1.2 WORKSHEET 2](#)

[PRESENTATION TO HAMDEN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION JUNE 2019](#)

WORD: [PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA JUNE 22, 2021](#)

**Documentation Details:** Power Point presented to Hamden P&Z Commission on June 22 at a regular meeting of the Commission by Erik Johnson, Hamden Director of Planning and Development.

**Partners:** Downloaded information gathered by Partnership for Strong Communities.

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### 11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

40 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.2.2: Increase affordable housing (40 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [2016/2021 AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAMDEN](#)

PDF: [HAMDEN ACTION ITEM 11.2.2.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** 2017: 8.19% affordable housing 2022: 9.19% affordable housing Page 1 of document 11.2.2 CT DOH Affordable Housing Appeals List shows current year 2021 rate of 9.33% Page 4 of document 11.2.2 CT DOH Affordable Housing Appeals List shows baseline year 2016 rate of 7.99%

**Partners:** Department of Economic and Community Development provided our data table

## 11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

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

### Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.3.3 02HAMDEN8ZONINGREGULATIONSPDF.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.3.3 ZONING REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE 08-17-17 PRODUCED 08-07-17.PDF](#)

PDF: [ZONING REGULATIONS MEMO](#)

**Documentation Details:** 11.3.3 Zoning Regulations Effective 08-17-17 - Page 162 " One or more persons related by blood, marriage, civil union, or adoption; or a group of not more than four persons who need not be so related and who are living together in a dwelling unit and maintaining a common household. Foster children or wards of the state are included as members of a family. Exception: A group of unrelated individuals occupying a dwelling unit and meeting the definition of students will be classified as a student-housing unit." NOTE Student Housing Unit can be found on page 180 A prior definition of family and/or prior maximum occupancy limitations could not be found. Document 02Hamden8ZoningRegulationspdf.pdf shows regulations from November 15, 2012, and states on page 160 defines Family as: "One or more persons related by blood, marriage, civil union, or adoption; or a group of not more than four persons who need not be so related and who are living together in a dwelling unit and maintaining a common household. Foster children or wards of the state are included as members of a family. Exception: A group of unrelated individuals occupying a dwelling unit and meeting the definition of students will be classified as a student-housing unit." NOTE - Student Housing Unit can be found on page 176 Memo is from current town planner calling the regulations up to date and reiterates their use and the guiding documents for the town

**Partners:** none

## 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

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### 12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 12.4.1 - Funding to address homelessness (10 points)

**Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: [ARPA APPROVAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [HAMDEN ACTION ITEM 12.4.1 WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

**Documentation Details:** ARPA Approval) Page 2 of the doc, in the "Greater New Haven CAN" commits a million dollars to various programs, such as \$83,000 a year for diversion requests, \$73,000 a year to provide support for current homeless to get permanent housing, and \$75,000 a year to establish a fulltime homelessness services employee in Hamden. Our Mayor's signature is found on page 4 of the document

**Partners:** N/A

## 13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

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### 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: [2018 TOWN OF HAMDEN YOUTH BILLBOARDS](#)

WORD: [2019 TOWN OF HAMDEN YOUTH BILLBOARDS](#)

WORD: [2020 TOWN OF HAMDEN YOUTH BILLBOARDS](#)

WORD: [YOUTH BILLBOARDS PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN](#)

WORD: [2021 TOWN OF HAMDEN YOUTH BILLBOARDS](#)

**Documentation Details:** Youth Billboards public health campaign document describes this innovative program now in its 5th year. Enjoy seeing the billboard finalists from years 2018 through 2021.

**Partners:** None

**Additional Information:** None