



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Beacon Falls was certified on October 01, 2025 with 270 points. Listed below is information regarding Beacon Falls'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 Beacon Falls was approved for in 2025 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: 1.1.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

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

Documentation Details: '1.1 Equity Toolkit' is the Narrative for the toolkit.

Partners: None

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.3.2 BUYLOCAL_WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

PDF: [BUY LOCAL FLYER.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [2.3.1A INVENTORY](#)

WORD: [2.3.1A HYPERLINK + SCREENSHOT \(1\).DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.1a: "2.3.1a Hyperlink + Screenshot" Includes screenshots of the Local Business List and a hyperlink to the list on the municipal website. "2.3.1a Inventory" includes the spreadsheet version of the inventory. *Addresses for local businesses appear once they are clicked on in the website* 2.3.2 includes the worksheet ("2.3.2 BuyLocal Worksheet") and the "Buy Local Flyer"

Partners: None

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [BUSINESSMEETUP_JUNEMEETING.PDF](#)

WORD: [2.4.1_WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

PDF: [BEACON FALLS ENERGY FLYER UPDATED.PDF](#)

WORD: [BF BUSINESS MEET-UP FLYER.DOCX](#)

WORD: [PHOTOS FROM 6_19_25 BUSINESS MEETUP EVENT.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The Town of Beacon Falls' Economic Development Commission hosted an event for local businesses in June 2025.

Partners: Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission, Beacon Falls Land Use Department and the United States Postal Service

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.1.1 - OVERVIEW.DOCX](#)

PDF: [PHOSPHORUS ON LAWNS \(NEW\).PDF.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: '3.1.1 - Overview': Action description and writeup An educational material example are uploaded below 3.1.1 Overview. More links to examples can be found in the 3.1.1 Overview document

Partners: None - town-distributed and planned

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 Open Space Inventory (10 points) 3.4.3 - Develop an open space plan that will prioritize acquisitions (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.4.3_WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1_BEACONFALLS_OPENSOURCEINVENTORY.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.3 worksheet is uploaded. Here is the link to the Beacon Falls POCD, as it is too large to attach: https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4141/f/uploads/beacon_falls_pocd_august_2024_final.pdf

Partners: SLR Corporation was the lead consultant firm who wrote the POCD with the Town of Beacon Falls.

3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.8.1a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.8.1A - LID EDUCATION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [RAINFALL AS A RESOURCE - PERVIOUS PAVEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [RAINFALL AS A RESOURCE - RAIN GARDENS 0.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Education overview for 3.8.1a can be found in the 'LID Education' file The two accompanying documents are the educational materials used and distributed

Partners: CT DEEP: Original flyers were provided by CT DEEP

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.1 - POLLINATOR EDUCATION \(1\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: All information can be found in the uploaded document, including the flyer used, a screenshot of and a link to the town web page with information, and the date and time of the event.

Partners: Jerry Schneider - presenter at the event Beacon Falls Library

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [TOWN OF BEACON FALLS | CTVISIT.PDF](#)

PDF: [CT VISIT LINK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Screenshot of CT VISIT Profile can be found in the 'Town of Beacon Falls | CTvisit.pdf' file Hyperlink to the site is in the accompanying file

Partners: CTvisit

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b - Sustainability Concepts in the POCD (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.1.1B_WORKSHEET_2 \(1\).DOCX](#)

WORD: [5.1.1A_WORKSHEET1.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: Here is the link to the Beacon Falls POCD, as it is too large to attach:
https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/sites/g/files/vyhli4141/f/uploads/beacon_falls_pocd_august_2024_final.pdf

Partners: SLR Corporation was the lead consultant firm who wrote the POCD with the Town of Beacon Falls.

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1a (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.4.1A_WORKSHEET1.DOCX](#)

PDF: [5.4.1 - HMP ADOPTION BY BEACON FALLS.PDF](#)

PDF: [BEACON-FALLS HMP.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Worksheet for 5.4.1a is uploaded under the same name. Because the NVCOG HMP Plan is cited in the worksheet, the official adoption of said plan by the Town of Beacon Falls is detailed in the document '5.4.1 - HMP Adoption by Beacon Falls', and can specifically be found on #18, point A in the minutes. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is also uploaded as 'Beacon Falls HMP'

Partners: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, SLR Consulting wrote the plan, with the Town of Beacon Falls reviewing, approving, and implementing it.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.3_COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

WORD: [6.1.3_WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.1.3_COMPLETE STREETS APPROVAL MINUTES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: CS Resolution: '6.1.3_Complete Streets Resolution.pdf' CS Worksheet: '6.1.3_Worksheet.docx' Proof of implementation: Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes: '6.1.3_Complete Streets Approval Minutes.pdf'

Partners: None

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 - Participate and Promote the C-PACE program (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [BEACON FALLS C-PACE AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.9.1_SCREENSHOT.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The screenshots come from this link: <https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/doing-business-beacon-falls>

Partners: none

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.1_BEACONFALLS2024.XLSX](#)

PDF: [TOWN PLANNER POCD TALKS FLYER_RVISED.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Included the flyer that advertised the events

Partners: 8.1.1 Sustainability event - none

Additional Information: Beacon Falls wanted to go above and beyond the typical public comment period by hosting community engagement events about the Plan of Conservation and Development. We were able to engage residents and help them to better understand the Plan and priorities for the community while also gathering their feedback.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [9.3_WORKSHEET BEACON FALLS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [9.3_DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.3 TAKE 2 ON MUNICIPAL WEBSITE.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: "9.3 Worksheet Beacon Falls" is the worksheet for 9.3.1 "9.3 Documentation" includes the transfer station guide, the recent Take 2 Rebate documentation, and a website post from last year's recycling event with take 2. "9.3 Take 2 on Municipal Website" include a screenshot and hyperlink for Beacon Falls' website.

Partners: None

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.4.1 - COMMUNITY GARDEN.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: All community garden details for 10.4.1 can be found in the submitted document, which includes pictures and a link to town information on the space.

Partners: None - town-organized and run

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

60 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1 (15 points) 10.5.2 (30 points) 10.5.3 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.5.1 SUBMISSION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [BEACON FALLS FARMERS MARKET FLYER-3.1.PDF](#)

WORD: [10.5.2 + 10.5.3 EMAIL DOCUMENTATION.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: All information for 10.5.1 can be found in the uploaded document. The event is hosted on town property and occurs every Friday from June until September. 10.5.2 - Promotion of the SFMNP is included on the attached flyer. 10.5.2 + 10.5.3 - email documentation explaining the implementation of the SFMNP and the Shuttle bus service to the farmer's market.

Partners: Beacon Falls Farmers Market

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2019APPEALSLIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [2024APPEALSLIST.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: From 2019 to 2024 there was a .61% increase in affordable housing.

Partners: none

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [12.2 - 211 INFO.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: "12.2 - 211 Info" includes the hyperlinks and screenshots for the 211 info and resources on Beacon Falls' website.

Partners: 12.2.2 - none