

Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

East Haddam was certified on October 01, 2025 with 805 points. Listed below is information regarding East Haddam's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which East Haddam was approved for in 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



Approved Information: 1.1 (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 1.1.A APPENDIX B OF EAST HADDAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN.PDF

PDF: 1.1.A EAST HADDAM DEMOGRAPHICS
WORD: 1.1.A EQUITY NARRATIVE.DOCX
PDF: 1.1.B POP_TOWNS2022PDF.PDF

PDF: 1.1 B EAST HADDAM HOUSING DATA PROFILES 2022 INFORMATION FROM CONNECTICUT PARTNERSHIP FOR

STRONG COMMUNITIES.PDF

WORD: 1.1.B EQUITY NARRATIVE FOR FOOD WASTE PREVENTION EDUCATION.DOCX
WORD: 1.1.C MINUTES FROM CLIMATE RESILIENCE MEETING JULY 17 2023.DOCX

IMAGE: 1.1.C SCREENSHOT 2024-03-19 AT 08-28-29 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST

HADDAM CONNECTICUT - TOWN RESILIENCE.PNG

WORD: 1.1.C RESILIENCY SEPTEMBER 17 2023 MEETING.DOCX

PDF: 1.1.C EAST HADDAM COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY IN PREPARATION FOR CRB.PDF

WORD: 1.1.C EAST HADDAM.CRB WORKSHOP TOOLKIT.2023.DOCX

WORD: 1.1D CONVERSATIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE EAST HADDAM TOOLKIT NARRATIVE

Documentation Details: "East Haddam Demographic Statistics" provides an overview of the residents living in East Haddam, serving as material for step 1 of the equity tool kit. Appendix B of East Haddam Affordable Housing Plan adds more in depth information about residents in East Haddam and their economic situation. The Equity Narrative describes the 5 steps our Sustainability Team went through in accordance with those described in Optimizing for Equity --- 1.1 a New action credit. Step 1 and 2 of Equity project started in April. Step 3 started in May 2022. Step 4 was planned in June and July and implementation is being planned in August culminating in an event August 27th. Stage 5 discussion occured August 2 2022 1.1.b New Action credit. Step 1 and 2 updated in 2024, Step 3. Survey done in May - August 2022. Step 4. Workshops in April and September 2023, Step 5 discussions were conducted between and after workshops in 2023 and in January and February of 2024. 1.1. c New action credit Step 1, updated in April 2024. Steps 2,3,4 conducted winter and spring of 2023. Step 5 conducted in Summer and Fall 2023 and is ongoing. 1.1d Toolkit completed in July 2025

Partners: 1.1 East Haddam Town Clerk Deb Dennette for verifying our mapping process. 1.1 Renae Reese - Our Equity Coach - We met with Renae on zoom numerous times. She attended through zoom one of our formal monthly meetings. And she came for a tour of the town and discussion with Amalia Shaltiel. We also exchanged many emails and she commented on our equity narrative from the equity perspective. 1.1.b Nancy Ballek from Ballek's Garden Center conducted the Workshops and assisted in feedback. 1.1.c The Nature Conservancy gave the Community Resilience Building Workshop. John Olin, Chair of the Climate Resilience Sub-committee in East Haddam Conservation Commission spearheaded the community engagement with assistance from a core group. The Sustainability Team continuously supported expanding the scope of engagement with the community.

Additional Information: 1.1.a,b Survey results are available at

 $https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rKkPoGVs9GAVg4WJuJwxTPlcdPx99rsUqGgMi_f6VUg/viewanalytics$

1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:WORD: <u>EQUITY TRAINING.DOCX</u>

Documentation Details: Document gives names, title and dates of training, all between 2022-2025

Partners: 1.2.1 Sustainable CT provided the training

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

20 Points

Approved Information: 1.3.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: EQUITY STATEMENT.DOCX

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2025-07-11 AT 20-04-55 HOME - EAST HADDAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.PNG

 $\textbf{PDF:}\ \underline{\textbf{5131.911}}\ \underline{\textbf{POLICY}}\ \textbf{-}\ \underline{\textbf{SCHOOL}}\ \underline{\textbf{CLIMATE.PDF}}$

PDF: 6 JUNE 25, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.PDF

Documentation Details: The first document is the Equity Statement with the date of approval. The Second document shows the placement of the Equity Statement on the easthaddamschools.org landing page, followed by the district Vision and Mission statements The vote on the Equity Statement occurred on June 6 2025 on the monthly Board of Education meeting. The recording of the meeting can be accessed here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnaVu-kxD2Y . The discussion of the Equity Statement and the vote on it start at minute 46. Also included is the BOE policy regarding School Climate that was Updated June 26, 2024 and shows the policies in place regarding creating and equitable environment that takes into account a. Norms, values, and expectations that support people feeling socially, emotionally, culturally, racially, intellectually, and physically safe.

Partners: 1.3 Equity Statement (East Haddam Department of Education, East Haddam Board of Education) Created the Equity Statement and the curriculum and policy work to ensure adherence to it.

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites



Approved Information: 2.1.3 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: <u>APPLICATION-FORM-OBRD-ASSESS-GRANT-ROUND-17AO_-FEB-29-2023.PDF</u>

PDF: A-O AWARD LETTER_EAST HADDAM VILLAGE CENTER_EAST HADDAM_RDI7 \$200K AD ESIG RH ESIG 062123.PDF

WORD: BROWN FIELDS NARRATIVE.DOCX

Documentation Details: 2.1.3 East Haddam Redevelopment Agency applied and received a grant from the Department of Community Development for the amount of 200,000 for the assessment of Brownfield cleanup of 1 and 7 Main Street East Haddam and 10 adjoining properties. The reason for the application can be found especially on page 4 of the application sec 1 and 2. The need for mitigation is explained on page pg. 7 sections B and C. --- 2.1.3 New Action credit. Grant application was April 13, 2023. Grant received June 2023

Partners: 2.1.3 The grant is from a program from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. Office of Brownfield Remediatiin and Development

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 2.2.1 BEST PRACTICES IN SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT.DOCX

Documentation Details: 2.2.1 The information requested is in the document.

Partners: 2.2.1 Sustainable CT conducted the training session and made it available.

Additional Information: A day after taking the training it came in use in a meeting with the school superintendent about changing practices in the school cafeterias to be more sustainable. I was able to share the training and the summary with her.

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

20 Points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT EAST HADDAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2023 -**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY FACEBOOK.PNG**

IMAGE: SHOP LOCAL EVERYONE PROFITS BELLS ON TRAILS CAMPAIGN SCREENSHOT 2022-07-21 AT 14-14-50 **FACEBOOK.PNG**

IMAGE: WHY SHOP LOCAL SCREENSHOT FOR LOCAL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOV. 2023 EHEDC FACEBOOK PAGE.PNG

IMAGE: EHEDC FB PAGE +SHOP LOCAL* EAT LOCAL* DRINK LOCAL* PLAY LOCAL* ENJOY LOCAL* SCREENSHOT 2024-01-

23 AT 19-42-43 FACEBOOK.PNG

WORD: 2.3 WORKSHEET FOR BELLS ON TRAILS 2022.DOCX WORD: 2.3 WORKSHEET ONGOING BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN.DOCX

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT SHOW YOUR LOVE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES IN FEBRUARY 2024-02-12 FACEBOOK.PNG

IMAGE: BINGO CARD EDC BACK.JPG IMAGE: BINGO CARD EDC.JPG

WORD: 2.3.2 BUY LOCAL HERITAGE MARKET.DOCX

WORD: NARRATIVE FOR BUSINESS DIRECTORY AND SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGNS.DOCX

WORD: 2.3_WORKSHEET HERITAGE MARKET.DOCX **IMAGE: 2.3.1 BUSINESS INVENTORY SCREENSHOT 2025**

Documentation Details: 2.3.1a The link to the directory is in the business Narrative and a screenshot of the inventory is attached. 2.3.2 highlighted are 3 campaigns. Both are mentioned in the Narrative, the first one is shown in the Bells on Trails Screen shot and the attached 2.3 Worksheet Bells on the Trails. This was run by a private local limited LLC company, supported by Economic Development Commission and Sustainabilty Team promotion on social media. The second campaign is ongoing and is undertaken by Lauren A. Pszczolkowski, Economic Development Administrator of the EHEDC. The related screenshots are from the EDC Newletter and their FB Page and an Event Small Business Friday and Show Your Love in February which are part of this ongoing campaign. The 3rd campaign is Heritage Market 2025 occuring summer 2025 from May to September. Attached is a sample of the promotion and photos from the market and the worksheet for the campaign.

Partners: Shop Local is a privately owned and funded limited liability company situated in East Haddam which has previously engaged in a holiday and then year-round sign campaign encouraging local shopping by donating advertising and Shop Local Bucks for spending during the Holiday Season. Our role is promoting the partnership as part of our Buy Local Campaign East Haddam Land Trust is a non profit organization that purchases and maintains open recreational space in East Haddam and conducts educational programs for the public on conservation related topics. It works closely with the Conservation Commission and the Land Use Administrator. Our role is promotion and encouraging tourism to buy local. East Haddam Economic Development Commission works to help local businesses thrive through promotion, help with navigating p&z regulations, coordinating with the East Haddam Business Association and supporting town infrastructure to expand opportunities for businesses and residents.

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: NARRATIVE - EAST HADDAM ECOMOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUPPORT OF EAST HADDAM BUSINESS

ASSOCIATION.DOCX

PDF: NEW BUSINESS GUIDE TO EAST HADDAM - MARCH 2019(1).PDF

Documentation Details: The narrative document includes statement of support from the Municipal Website page of the East Haddam Economic Development and from the EDC minutes for January, February and March of 2022. --- 2.4.2 New Action Credit East Haddam Economic Development Commission in direct staff support in 2022

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

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources					

3.1 Provide Watershed Education



Approved Information: 3.1.1a (5 points) 3.1.2a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2022-RBV-REPORT.PDF

WORD: VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING.DOCX

PDF: 2022- EIGHTMILE RIVER WILD AND SCENIC WATERSHED NEWSLETTER.PDF

PDF: 3.1.1A EIGHT MILE RIVER 2023-NEWSLETTER.PDF
IMAGE: 3.1.1A SRWP 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS(1).JPG

PDF: RIVERFEST-REGULAR-FLYER-2023.PDF
WORD: 3.1.2 WATER MONITORING 2025

PDF: 2024-NEWSLETTER.PDF

Documentation Details: 3.1.1a The Eightmile River newsletter for 2023 which is distributed for free talks about their educational programs for 2023 on pg. 5, Including Family Educational programs in July and River Fest in October 15. Explantion and promotion of the programs can be found on the Eigtmile River organization's website https://www.eightmileriver.org/upcoming-events/ The events were also promoted on social media. http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064828892856,

http://www.instagram.com/eightmile_wildandscenic/n the In the 2024 Eightmile River newsletter pg 10 Pat Young describes an educational program with the East Haddam Middle School Environmental club in the Fall of 2023 in which students learned to check river health by monitoring the aquatic life within it. The Salmon River Watershed Partnership Watershed accomplishments describe their educational outreach at River Fest 2023 and at Machimoodus Spring Fling in 2023, Both happening in East Haddam. 3.1.2 Information Summary can be found in Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring 2025. 3.1.2 Riffle Bio Assessment 2021 pg 9-11 mention the waterways assessed Burnham Brook, Eightmile River, Hedge Brook, and Lake Hayward Tributary and Moodus River in East Haddam . 3.1.2 Riffle Bio Assessment 2022 pg. 4 mentions Local Non profits, Eightmile Wild and Scenic Watershed and Salmon River Watershed Partnership. pg. 7,8.9 mention the waterways assessed in 2022 with the dates of assessments and results in East Haddam - Buell Brook, Burnham Brook, Eightmile River, Hedge Brook, Unnamed tributary to Lake Hayward and Muddy Brook.

Partners: 3.1.1a Eightmile River Wild and Scenic hosted River Fest. See additional information for the structural reltionship of the East Haddam and the Eightmile River. 3.1.2 (Community Based Research - volunteer water quality program) - CT DEEP coordinates an annual statewide volunteer water quality monitoring program called The Stream Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers Program (RBV). The East Haddam Girl Scouts and the Nathan Hale Ray High School Students participated in the program. 3.1.2 Local organizations that organize volunteers to participate in the program are Salmon River Watershed Partnership and Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed

Additional Information: The Eight Mile Wild and Scenic River organization was created through a town vote of the 3 municipalities involved, Salem, East Haddam and Lyme. 3 of the Board members are appointed by the East Haddam Municipality and two more belong to the East Haddam Land Trust. The Land Use administrator is and advisor to the non profit and is in constant contact with Pat Young, Salmon River Watershed Partnership has 2 members of the Board appointed by Jim Ventres, the land use administrator. The partnership also receives financial assistance from the municipality. See last paragraph of Land Use Office Goals: .https://www.easthaddam.org/departments/LandUseOffice/goals-objectives-of-the-land-use-office See pg. 66 in 22-23 East Haddam adopted budget

https://www.easthaddam.org/media/Budgets/Fiscal%20Year%202023/Adopted%20Budget/2022-2023 General Government and Capital Addopted Budget.pdf

3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.1 (10 points) 3.2.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.2.2.B EAST HADDAM ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING EIGHTMILE RIVER.PDF

PDF: 3.2.1 B EIGHTMILE BEAVER PREDICTION MAP.PDF

PDF: EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED_MANAGEMENT PLAN_TEXT.PDF

PDF: 3.2.1 A EIGHTMILE-WILD-SCENIC-MUSSEL-REPORT.PDF

WORD: 3.2.1.A EIGHTMILE RIVER RARE PLANT & COMMUNITY UPDATE SURVEY 2019-2020 -__ FINAL SUMMARY

REPORT 2022-12-23.DOCX

PDF: EIGHTMILE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN APPENDICIES WITHOUT #15.PDF

EXCEL: 3.2.1 C STORMWATER PRIORITY MANAGEMENT APPENDIX A.XLS

WORD: 3.2.1 EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED PRESERVED LAND MAPS.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.2. The Eightmile Wild and Scenic River watershed management plan describes the history of Wild and Scenic designation and the part that the different towns, state and national agencies play in the regulation and protection of the Eightmile River. The town meeting of East Haddam on January 23 2006 where this management plan was accepted is on page 108. Pg. 103-106 of this document outline the tools of protection by the different Boards, Commissions and Committees in each town.. The Appendices is a trove of information about the river and is added because it shows the reasons for protecting the watershed and the complexitiy of the management plan. The Eight Mile Wild and Scenic River Watershed Management plan is used by the Eight Mile River organization that is continuously working on fulfilling the management plan in collaboration with the towns of the Watershed, East Haddam, Lyme Salem and now also Colchester. East Haddam has members in Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee and East Haddam Land Use Administrator is in continuous contact with the organization in coordinating open space purchases and enforcing the special Planning and Zoning rules that were created for the watershed. 3.2.1 a.b, Eight Mile River Outstanding Resource Value Lists and maps are shown in Eightmile Watershed Plan Appendices. Rare Plant and Community Survey and Mussell report is part of an ongoing watershed inventory 3.2.1 b Maps of critical watershed resources are in the Watershed Management plan pg 140,.147,150,152,153 Appendicies pg 9 35 Maps of Beaver study is in progress. enclosed is Beaver Prediction Map in use in study. 3.2.1.C. Storm water listing for the whole of East Haddam was conducted by Eightmile River organization in 2010 and are used to plan priority work by the town when possible. That is the only possible source of pollutants from runoff. Maps of land use and water quality can be seen on pg 140 142-145 There are no other sources of pollutants on the River as it is designated a Wild and Scenic River by the Federal Government. East Haddam purchased the property that is the source of the River to make sure that development wouldn't happen and pollute the river. 3.2.2 a. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Goals of the management plan are described in the Watershed Management plan on Pages 14-20 of the Executive Summary and then detailed starting on page 45. Tier 1 management tools begins on page 97. b.Commitment letter of East Haddam planning and zoning to updating regulations is on p 119. the special zoning regulations for the Eightmile River Watershed are in the document with the town's commitment explained on the first page. The zoning regulations are those in current use today The watershed special protections are in the revised P&Z regulations of 2021. Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator has reviewed these regulations in March 2024.

Partners: 3.2. The Eight Mile River Watershed was declared a wild and scenic river by the US Congress. The regulations were passed by East Haddam, Salem and Lyme in 2006. The Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed Coordinating Committee manages the watershed and coordinates the implementation of the watershed management with the different towns' Conservation Commissions, Opens Space Committees and Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commissions.

Additional Information: Eightmile Wild and Scenic and Salmon River Watershed Partnership are working on Watershed management as regional organizations. In the documentation of this action we are raising awareness to the relationship between these wonderful organizations and East Haddam. In that sense this

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

50 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.1 Complete a priority project (30 points) 3.3.2: Adopt or revise regulations to help protect your watershed, source water, and or riparian corridors (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED_MP_TEXT.PDF
WORD: P&Z REGULATIONS FOR EIGHTMILE RIVER.DOCX

PDF: APPENDICES_FINAL_FULL.PDF

WORD: NARRATIVE FOR PROTECTION OF EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED.DOCX

IMAGE: 3.3.1 SRWP 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS.JPG

WORD: 3.3.1 SALMONRIVER WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT 2023 APPENDIX.DOCX

PDF: 2015 HORSLEY WITTEN UPDATE.PDF

PDF: 3.3.1 SALMONRIVER WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT 2023_FINAL.PDF

PDF: 3.3.1 HORSLEY WITTEN 2010 SRWP ASSESSMENT.PDF
PDF: 3.3.1 EIGHTMILE-WILD-SCENIC-MUSSEL-REPORT.PDF

EXCEL: 3.3.1 STORMWATER PRIORITY MANAGEMENT APPENDIX A(1).XLS

WORD: 3.3.1 WATERSHED PRIORITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.DOCX

WORD: 3.3.2 EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED PRESERVED LAND.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.3.1 Freshwater Mussels of the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed was conducted in August 2022 and the Report was made in January 2024. It's relationship to the management plan is explained in the 3.3.1 Narrative. Priority project monitoring stream health in Salmon River was accomplished in summer 2023 as seen in SRWP Accomplishments. The report explains the importance of the water quality monitoring project for creating a baseline for future projects and the appendices include graphs of all the measurements. The Horsley Report of 2010 was a culmination of creating the Salmon River Watershed Partnership and initiated the process of developing recommendations for revising municipal codes and management practices/policies that would be more protective of watershed health and cooland cold-water stream habitat in particular in the Salmon River Watershed. The updated version of 2015 shows which codes were adapted in East Haddam among the other municipalities. 3.3.2 The watershed management plan describes the history of Wild and Scenic designation and the part that the different towns, state and national agencies play in the regulation and protection of the Eightmile River. The town meeting of East Haddam on January 23 2006 where this management plan was accepted is on page 108. Pg. 103-106 of this document outline the tools of protection by the different Boards, Commissions and Committees in each town.. The Appendices is a trove of information about the river and is added because it shows the reasons for protecting the watershed and the complexitiy of the management plan. The relevant portion of Planning and Zoning regulations of the Town of East Haddam is in the document P&Z regulations for the Eightmile River. --- 3.3.2 Rolling Credit. The original passage of regulations pertaining to the Eightmile River in East Haddam was on November 1 2006. Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed Coordinating Committee continues to monitor and manage the watershed. The watershed special protections are in the revised P&Z regulations of 2021. Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator has reviewed these regulations in August 2023. The Conservation Commission maintains a liaison with the Eightmile River coordinating committee and in the desire to further protect the watershed East Haddam has purchased the land that holds the source of the Eightmile River in in 2021 in the O'Connell Road Extension. changes in protected land since the issuance of the management plan in 2006 can be seen in the document Eightmile River Watershed preserved land.

Partners: 3.3.1,2 The Eight Mile River Watershed was declared a wild and scenic river by the US Congress. The regulations were passed by East Haddam, Salem and Lyme in 2006. The Eightmile River Wild and

Scenic Watershed Coordinating Committee manages the watershed and coordinates the implementation of the watershed management with the different towns' Conservation Commissions, Opens Space Committees and Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commissions. 3.3.1 The Salmon River Watershed Partnership was established in 2007 and includes East Haddam. East Haddam has municipal members on the steering committee and supports the SRWP financially. 3.3.1 The Nature Conservancy was the initiator of the SRWP and is represented in the Steering Committee. DEEP is also on the Steering Committee. 3.3.1 Biodrawversity LLC conducted the Mussel Report for EMWSW.

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

35 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 - 10 points 3.4.2 - 5 points 3.4.3 - 10 points 3.4.4b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: OPEN SPACE ORDINANCE.DOCX

PDF: OPEN SPACE MAP.PDF

WORD: EAST HADDAM OPEN SPACE PURPOSE AND AQUISITIONS

WORD: 3.4.2_WORKSHEET(1).DOCX
WORD: 3.4.3_WORKSHEET(2).DOCX
IMAGE: OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE.PNG
WORD: OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE.DOCX
WORD: OPEN SPACE PRIORITY FORM.DOCX

WORD: REFERENDUM RESULTS FOR BONDING AND LAND AQUISITION JAN 30 2024.DOCX

WORD: 2023 OPEN SPACE GRANT AWARD REPORT DEC. 2023.DOC

WORD: 3.4 OPEN SPACE NARRATIVE 2025

PDF: MEETING MINUTES OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE 2025

EXCEL: 3.4.1_EAST_HADDAM_OPENSPACEINVENTORY.XLSX

Documentation Details: The Open Space Narrative describes the history of open space in East Haddam and the organizations involved in protecting it. It also explains the different sections which we are applying for. 3.4.1 is in the Town Open Space Inventory spreadsheet 3.4.2 Includes the Town Ordinance that was adapted at the Town Meeting of June 25 1998 which explains how the mechanism by which the town prioritizes space on a one by one situation through the Open Space Committee (OSC) and through recommendations from all other Committees and Commissions that are part of the OSC. Included also is the page of the OSC on the East Haddam municipal website https://www.easthaddam.org/open-spacecommittee. Also included is the priority form used by the committee when they discuss new acquisitions. 3.4.3 is also covered by the open space ordinance. The Open Space Map 3.4.4.a. The aquisitions are shown in East Haddam Open Space purpose and acquisitions. New acquisitions are on page 10. 3.4.4.b. On January 6 2003 the Town approved by referendum a bond authorization of 5 million dollars. This is described in the document Open Space Purpose and Acquisitions drafted by the Town Land Use Administrator Jim Ventres. This bond, which has been supplemented by Generous funds from State, EHLT and other sources listed in the document has almost all been spent. The Open Space Committee requested a new bond of 5 million dollars. The request was approved by the BOS, the BOS and discussed at a Town meeting. It was widely advertised and discussed in the local paper East Haddam News and was approved by referendum on January 30th 2024. --- 3.4.1. New Credit. The Inventory was entered into the required spreadsheet in 2025 3.4.2. Rolling Credit. The open space committee that was created by ordinance June 25 1998 meets regularly on the fourth Monday of every month. They use the ordinance criteria and the priority form in evaluating each property as reiterated by Committee Chair Will Brady. 3.4.3 Rolling Credit. The Open Space Plan was developed as an ordinance voted on by the town in a referendum and listed on June 25 1998. Land Use Administrator Jim Ventres reviewed the ordinance and the aquisitions since it's inception and summarized them in the document East Haddam Open Space purpose and aquisitions in June 2022 3.4.4a Rolling and New Credit. The protections of each parcel of open space is recorded in the information entered in the

Inventory Spread sheet. This information was reviewed by Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator in June 2023. The inventory and protections recorded span the whole 20th century and reach to the last year for the property acquired in 2022. 3.4.4a New Credit The O'Connell Road extension was purchased by the town after approval in a referendum in 2021. The Kronberg property was purchased after approved by referendum in January 2024 3.4.4b New Credit. The town voted by referendum to renew a 5 million dollar bond for long term purchasing of open space on January 30th 2024 The attached meeting minutes are to show the continuation of the Open Space Committees dedication to expanding our municipal open space inventory

Partners: 3.4.1 The inventory includes parcels of the State, the Nature Conservancy, East Haddam Land Trust and the Town of East Haddam. As can be seen from the Inventory some open space tracts are owned by different entities that have partnered with each other. 3.4.2 Many agencies and committees in town are part of the Open Space Committee. They also work in tandem with the East Haddam Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy and the State in the prioritizing process to create continuous corridors of open space. 3.4.3 The Open Space Plan desires the acquisition of 10% of vacant space. This is coordinated with the East Haddam Land Trust, the State and the Nature Conservancy. 3.4.4a The Mulazzi Et al / Hayward Lot - O'Connell Road Ext. – 124.37 acres was purchased with the Town partnering with the State, the Bafflin Foundation, Eightmile Wild and scenic River, Private donation, EHLT . 3.4.4b The Bond authorization has enabled East Haddam to partner with the State and EHLT and the Nature Conservancy to receive grants to cover some to much of the cost of each purchase.

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory



Approved Information: 3.5.1 - Create NRW (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: ACTION3.5.1.OVERVIEW.PDF

PDF: <u>ACTION3.5.1.MAPINVENTORY.PDF</u>
PDF: <u>EASTHADDAM.ACTION3.5MAP.PDF</u>

PDF: 3.5.2 EIGHTMILE RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPENDICES

WORD: 3.5.2 OVERVIEW

WORD: 3.5.1 NRW MAPS RELEVANCE .DOCX

PDF: 3.5.2 EAST HADDAM POCD

Documentation Details: Table of Contents reflecting the Natural Wildlife & Resources Inventory shown in document: Action3.5.1.MapInventory.pdf EastHaddam.Action3.5Map.pdf includes maps representing the Town of East Haddam CT --- 3.5.1 New Action Credit. The Natural Resource and wildlife inventory was created by the Sustainability Team of East Haddam in July 2022. 3.5.1 Eight Mile River Management Plan Appendices includes a detailed description of the watershed that covers about a third of East Haddam and is similar in natural resources to adjoining land. Pg 12 is a Map of Water Quality. Pg 38 is a map of dams and diversions. Pg 80 shows the overlay of the whole watershed on East Haddam. Pg. 173 is a map of Habitat types. Pgs 176-185 is a listing of vegetation and habitat. Pgs 194-225 is a listing of rare species. Pg 227 shows unbroken Forest Blocks for Cerulean Warbler Breeding. 3.5.1: The Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory relevance sheet provides information about each map in the NRW to help understand why each map is important, and what it is used for. 3.5.2: The East Haddam Land administrator uses the Eightmile River Management Plan Appendices when looking at open space parcels in the area and also in adjoining areas. He also uses this document when writing grants and considering open space acquisitions. This. s is also mentioned in East Haddam's POCD on page 37: "East Haddam supports the Eightmile River as one of the seven designated Wild & Scenic Watersheds in New England through the tools and strategies provided in the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan"- referencing the continued usage of the NRI.

Partners: 3.5.1 City of Bristol Facilities Manager David Oakes worked in conjunction with East Haddam Sustainability Member Amalia Shaltiel to provide guidance on how to obtain, compile, format and present the NWR Inventory for Sustainable CT requirements and reviewer guidelines. 3.5.1,2 Pat Young, program director of Eightmile Wild and Scenic River directed us to the Maps created for the Eightmile River Basin that cover a third of East Haddam and are used by Jim Ventres, East Haddam Land Use administrator when he writes grants for assistance in purchase of open space.

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

30 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.1 - 5 points 3.9.2a - 10 points 3.9.3 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2019 POCD - FINAL (WEB).PDF

IMAGE: 3.9.2.A SCREENSHOT OF EAST HADDAM LAND COVER VIEWER CENTER FOR LAND USE EDUCATION AND

RESEARCH.PNG

WORD: 3.9.1 CONSERVATION COMMISSION CREATION AND MUNICIPAL PAGE SCREENSHOT.DOCX

IMAGE: 3.9.2.A.SCREENSHOT 2015 LAND COVER NUMBERS AND CHARTS CENTER FOR LAND USE EDUCATION AND

RESEARCH.PNG

IMAGE: 3.9.2.A. SCREENSHOT 2024-03-04 AT 12-18-37 CT HIGH RES LAND COVER (NOAA CCAP).PNG

PDF: 3.9.2 OPEN SPACE MAP FROM POCD.PDF

WORD: 3.9.2 FOREST COVER ASSESSMENT.DOCX

IMAGE: 3.9.3 PLANTING IN PATRELL RESERVE.JPEG

WORD: <u>3.9.2_WORKSHEET_1.DOCX</u>
PDF: <u>3.9.1 CC_02-06-2024_MINUTES.PDF</u>

IMAGE: 3.9.3 CHAPAL PRESERVE, PAVED LOOP ADA ACCESSIBLE, REGIONAL.JPG

PDF: <u>CC_09-03-2024_MINUTES.PDF</u>

PDF: 3.9.3 BEST PRACTICES IN FOREST MANAGEMENT 2025
WORD: 3.9.3 BEST PRACTICES AT AYERS RESERVE.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.9.1 The East Haddam Conservation Commission acts as the Forest Management Committee in town as mentioned in the screen shot of their page. It was created by ordinance on 6/15/1972. The last meeting of the EHCC before submission is April 2 2024. As the minutes are not yet available attached are the minutes from their March 2024 meeting. The Commission manages town forests and trees apart from trees along roads which are under the purview of Public Works and the Tree Warden 3.9.2a Assessment of Tree Coverage Screen Shot and Data from https://clear.uconn.edu/projects/landscape/ct-landcoverviewer/ 3.9.2a Forest cover assessment is the narrative of this subaction coupled with worksheet 1 3.9.3 Best Practices on Ayers preserve - January 28 2023 in EHLT Forest management project where overgrown sick spruces were cleared to create room for growing oak saplings. Invasives were removed and a barrier from deer was created by the removed trees. 3.9.3 Best Practices in Forest Management documents the continuous work of growing and planting of trees and natives in the different town Reserves and Preserves by the East Haddam Conservation Commission from 2023-spring of 2025

Partners: 3.9.1 East Haddam Conservation Commission is the entity in town that is responsible for Forest Management apart from trees along roads which are under the management of public works and the tree warden. The Conservation Commission works hand in hand with the Land Trust Administrator Jim Ventres . 3.9.2 East Haddam Land Trust is a continuous partner with the East Haddam Conservation Commission. 2 of the CC board members are EHLT members and their work is coordinated with the Land Use Administrator Jim Ventres. Their land preservation properties are coordinated with Land Use Administration and Open Space Committee to create continuous protected corridors.

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.2 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.10.2 NARRATIVE FOR INVASIVE SPECIES.DOCX

IMAGE: 3.10.3A SCREENSHOT 2024-02-26 SUSTAINABILITY TEAM PAGE ON MUNICIPAL WEBSITE DIRECTING TO DEEP

INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION.PNG

PDF: 3.10.3A 2023 EAST HADDAM ZONING REGULATIONS.PDF

Documentation Details: 3.10.2 The Narrative includes description and photos of Eradicating Burning Bush and other invasive at Chapal Reserve in Spring 2022 in preparation of planting of native species. Area was planted with Native species. Orange tags are of Summer Sweet plants. It also documents East Haddam Land Trust program to eradicate invasives in forest management area in Ayers preserve. A third instance is the use of a Harvester by Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group to Harvest Hydrilla from the Moodus Reservoir. 3.10.3.a The Sustainable Team posts a link to DEEP invasive species education material https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Invasive-Species/Invasive-Species as seen from screen shot. https://www.easthaddam.org/SustainabilityTeam . 3.10.3.a East Haddam Zoning regulations dedicates 4 pages to the listing of all invasive species in Connecticut and then lists suggested Native plant list. Pg. 198-204

Partners: 3.10.2 East Haddam Land Trust and the Conservation Commission and the Sustainability Team work together to fulfill the open space plan of East Haddam. 3.10.2 Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group is working to keep the Reservoir clean of Hydrilla. The Town gave some of the funds to purchase the harvester. 3.10.3a DEEP has a great section on invasive species. We direct residents to their website link. https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Invasive-Species/Invasive-Species

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 and educate the public about the importance of pollinators to society (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 3,12,2 POLINATOR GARDEN LAYOUT IN PATRELL RESERVE.JPG

IMAGE: 3,12,2 SPRING CLEANING POLLINATOR GARDEN PATRELL RESERVE 2022.JPG

IMAGE: 3.12.1 SCREENSHOT_20240225 POLINATOR GARDEN WORKSHOP AT SENIOR CENTER MARCH 21 2024.PNG
IMAGE: 3.12.2 SCREENSHOT CREATING A GARDEN AT THE EAST HADDAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS SPRING 2023

FACEBOOK.PNG

IMAGE: 3.12.2 SCREENSHOT 2024-03-08 AT 09-38-02 (2) EAST HADDAM_MOODUS RESIDENT INFO SWAP HELLO

COMMUNITY! POLLINATOR GARDEN

PDF: 3.12.2 CC_09-07-2021_MINUTES(1).PDF

PDF: 3.12.2 CONSERVATION COMMISSION_05-04-2021_MINUTES.PDF

PDF: 3.12.2 CC_08-02-2022_MINUTES.PDF PDF: 3.12.2 CC_08-01-2023_MINUTES.PDF

WORD: NARRATIVE FOR POLLINATOR PATHWAYS.DOCX

Documentation Details: -The narrative covers both 3.12.1 and 3.12.2 It includes promotion and photo from the Pollinator Gardening workshop and photos from Patrell Reserve Polinator garden and extracts from Conservation Commission (CC) meetings that show the expansion of the garden along the ADA trail.. It also includes the fb post informing the community about the Pollinator garden in the Elementary school and the brochure from 2024 created to teach the public about its purpose and expansion. The documents also include some of the more pertinent photos and screenshots referred to in the narrative and the minutes from which extracts were taken for the narrative. 3.12.2 New Action Credit. (Patrell Reserve Pollinator Garden created in 2019, Mapping of Garden and educational material was done in 2021, expansion with new plantings continuous with plans documented through 2024. 3.12.2 Planning of Garden in Elementary School started in Spring 2023 https://www.easthaddam.org/events/26422/

Partners: 3.12.1 East Haddam Garden Club invited the speaker, The town provided the space for the Event at the Senior Center and for a promotion sign at the Grange along Town Street. 3.12.2 Conservation Commission 3.12.2 Master Gardners of Connecticut. (The garden was mapped by Susan Kinsman as part of her Master Gardener program) 3.12.2 Jacqeline Endorf, initiated and is responsible for the creation of the Polinator Garden in the Elementary School.

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 - (adopt zoning regulations for Dark Skies) 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2024 EAST HADDAM ZONING REGULATIONS WITH HIGHLIGHTED LIGHTING REGULATIONS.PDF

Documentation Details: Relevant paragraphs highlighted Definition (Sec 5), in Conservation zone regulations (sec 9-10) and in Lighting Regulations lighting regulations (section 26) in revised East Haddam Planning and Zoning Regulations from June 15 2024 Definitions : Connecticut River for light regulations along the Connecticut River (pg 15) Gateway Conservation zone for light regulations along the Connecticut River (pg 15) Gateway Commission regulating activity along the lower Connecticut River (Pg 18) Light Pollution (Pg 20) Gateway Conservation zone along the Connecticut River is addressed in Sec. 9-10 pg 60 and light pollution regulations to minimize light reflection within the Gateway Conservation Zone is addressed on pg 64 (Sec 9-10.2.c.x.) Outdoor Lighting regulations are addressed in section 26 pg 162 General purpose of avoiding unnecessary upward Illumination can be found on pg 162 paragraph 26.1.4 Definitions of different lighting and their effects are in section 26.2 pg 162-163 The applicability to all new and modified building is found on pg 163 section 26.3 The General requirements of lighting to reduce light pollution can be found on page 164-166 section 26.5 Bringing non conforming light situations into conformity is addressed on page 167 section 26.8 Prohibited lighting is addressed on pages 16167-168 in section 26.9 Acceptable features are described in pages 168-170 section sections 26.13, 26.14 Appendix 1 of the regulations list the month when the outdoor lighting regulations were added. November 2012 (pg 198 Sec. 26), and when the regulations were revised Gateway definition and Conservation Zone (gateway) on May 14 2024 Pg 199 Sec 5 and 9 Zoning Map pg. 217 shows the Gateway Conservation Zone along the Connecticut River --- 3.13.3 (Rolling Credits) Dark skies regulations were added to the planning and zoning regulations in November 2012. New regulations concerning light reflection along the Connecticut River were adopted on May 14 2024 and published in the zoning regulations revision of June 15 2024

Partners: 3.13.3 none

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2022-08-05 AT 10-38-01 TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.PNG

WORD: CTVISIT NARRATIVE.DOCX

Documentation Details: The narrative includes a link to the East Haddam CTvisit.page. --- 4.1.2 New Action CTvisit site updated on 8/5/2022 by Lauren A. Pszczolkowski, Economic Development Administrator of the Economic Development Commission.

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

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

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2 Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (5 points) 4.2.10 Promote culture and art events at library (5 points) 4.2.12 Develop a workshop(s) or professional artist network (5 points) 4.2.13 Support other initiatives supporting arts and creative culture in your municipality (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: EAST HADDAM ART LEAGUE GALLERY SPACE IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING.JPG
IMAGE: EAST HADDAM ART LEAGUE GALLERY WALL IN TOWN MEETING ROOM.JPG

PDF: EHAL APRIL 2022 MEETINGNOTES.PDF

PDF: MUSIC ON THE RIVER PROMOTION BY EAST HADDAM PARKS AND REC.PDF

IMAGE: EXHIBIT INFORMATION IN TOWN MEETING ROOM.JPG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2022-08-08 AT 14-53-40 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

CONNECTICUT - CIVIC_COMMUNITY LINKS, EAST HADDAM ART LEAGUE.PNG

WORD: ARTICLE SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN EVENTS MAGAZINE.DOCX WORD: 4.2.13 HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITS IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WORD: 4.2.. PROMOTING THE ARTS..DOCX

Documentation Details: 4.2.2 Enclosed is an Article from August 2022 supporting of the Arts in General in the East Haddam Events Magazine that is delivered to every household and also available at the Municipal building and in various locations for tourists. 4.2.2 Also enclosed is the specific promotional support of the Parks and Recreation Department for the Annual Music on the River summer program mentioned in the article. Parks and Rec hosts the program and does the promotion for the events. 4.2.12 .The photos are documenting the promotion of the East Haddam Art League with permanent Gallery Space in the Municipal Building for action 4.2.12 The meeting notes for April meeting show the connection and ongoing support of the municipality in creating exhibit spaces including reception possibility for the organization in the East Haddam Library 4.2.13 The Town of East Haddam supports the Historical Society through displaying rotating exhibits of museum artifacts that change every few months. 4.2.12 EHAL April 2022 meeting is an example of the networking and the activities of the East Haddam Art League including in municipal spaces. 4.2.2, 4.2.10 4.2.11 The document Promoting the Arts is the narrative for the three subactions and holds links to the library calendar that shows the art programs held in the libraries, articles in the events magazine that mention cultural events and photos from the municipal building of flyers promoting art events at the library. Also the link for the mention of the East Haddam Art League in the Municipal website. --- 4.2.2 (New Action Credit) Article on the Arts appeared in August 2022 edition of East Haddam Events Magazine. 4.2.2(New Action Credit) Promotional Support for Music by the River free Concerts, Parks and Rec Department July 11, 18,25 August 1, 8, 15 4.2.10 (New Action Credit) Promotion for events taking place in 2025 4.2.12 (Rolling Credit) - Ongoing Support for the East Haddam Art League that celebrated 10 years. Contact on municipal site updated in August 2022 reviewed and updated by Deb Denette Town Clerk 4.2.12 (New Action Credit). Exhibits in Municipal Gallery May 17 2022 and Rathbun Library Gallery space April 8 2022

Partners: 4.2.2 Music on the River(local non profit that organizes the event, Goodspeed Musicals, non profit for sharing their lawn and Gelston house, restaurant for hosting the musicians. 4.2.10 East Haddam Library system 4.2.12 East Haddam Art League Artist Network

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1 b Integrate sustainability concepts (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2019 POCD - FINAL (WEB).PDF
WORD: ACTION 5.1 WORKSHEET 2.DOCX

Documentation Details: 5.1.1b (Rolling Credit) The POCD was published in August 2, 2019 by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Land Use Administrator James F. Ventres. In Fall of 2022 all Boards, Commissions and Committees submitted revisions to the POCD to Jim Ventres, the Land Use Administrator. He is in the process of incorporating the revisions into the original document.

Partners: 5.1.1b (POCD) was the creation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Land Use Administrator with Milone & MacBroom, Inc. as consultants. Every Committee, Commission and Board who work with many organizations and gathered information from many organizations and entities in town gave input in the process. Other partners mentioned in the worksheet are DEEP, Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed Stewardship Committee, Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies, Uconn Extension center, Ct Farmers' Bureau, FFA, VoAg,

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 - 20 points 5.3.2 - 10 points 5.3.5 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2019 POCD - FINAL (WEB).PDF
WORD: TOWN LEASE TIMELINE.DOC

PDF: AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ORDINANCE.PDF

WORD: EH AG REGS APPROVED 2021.DOCX
WORD: OPEN SPACE AQUISITON FUND.DOC
WORD: 5.3.2 TOWN LEASE TO SAVITSKY.DOCX
WORD: 2022-OSWA-APPLICATION.DOCX

WORD: REFERENDUM RESULTS FOR BONDING AND LAND AQUISITION JAN 30 2024.DOCX

WORD: SHUGRUE PROPERTY TIMELINE.DOC

WORD: NARRATIVE FOR DEVELOPING AGRICULTURAL FRIENDLY PRACTICES.DOCX

Documentation Details: The Narrative explains all the documents. 5.3.1 Place of Agriculture in town vision can be found in first part of Agriculture Commission Ordinance and section 30.1 of EH Ag Regs.

Amendment 9.4.10 talks about allowing farm stands as extension of anyone's garden. 5.3.2 The lease with Savitsky was extended in the Spring of 2024 for 5 years as highlighted in the second page of the lease. 5.3.2 Town lease time line mentions the extention of the lease. 5.3.5 Agriculture Aquisition is mentioned in Section 1, Section 2d and Section 4 of Open Space Aquisiton Fund 5.3.5 OSWA-application Pg. 4 shows the intent of aquiring 22 acres of the Kronberg property to keep as agricultural land. The land acqisition passed in referendum vote on January 30, 2024 2024 --- 5.3.1 Rolling Credits The Agriculture Commission creation ordinance is from 2010 and is a working commission whose last meeting was 06/23/2025 5.3.1 New Action Credit. EH Ag Regulation Approved 2021 by the P&Z Board and reviewed by Jim Ventres, Town Land Use Administrator July 2025 5.3.5 Rolling Credit Acquisition fund for open space was created in 1998 with a bond of 5 million dollars. Among many other purchases were 3 farm lands. The Open Space fund was reviewed by James Ventres the Town Land Use Administrator this summer. A new acquisiton bond for 5 million passed in referendum January 30, 2024

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

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1a - 10 points 5.4.1b - 5 points 5.4.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.4.2 FINAL EAST HADDAM COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - APRIL 2023 - II.PDF

PDF: 5.4.1.A.EAST HADDAM SURVEY PDF.PDF

PDF: 5.4.1.A.EAST HADDAM PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET PDF(1).PDF

PDF: 5.4.1.NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021 EAST HADDAM.PDF

WORD: 5.4.1A,B RESILIENCY SEPTEMBER 17 2023 MEETING.DOCX

WORD: 5.4.1A,B MINUTES FROM CLIMATE RESILIENCE MEETING 7/17/2023.DOCX

WORD: <u>5.4.1A_WORKSHEET1.DOCX</u>
WORD: <u>5.4.1B_WORKSHEET2.DOCX</u>

WORD: 5.4.1 CLIMATE RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT 2024.DOCX

Documentation Details: 5.4.1 a. New Action Credit. The assessment was created by Amalia Shaltiel in 2024 of the Town Resilience core group(https://www.easthaddam.org/TownResilience) and reviewed by John Olin, chair of the Climate Resilience Subcommittee on the Conservation Commission. The assessment overlayed the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2021 with the Survey created for the CRB and a post CRB meeting of participants and stakeholders that took place on July 17, 2024 at the Municipal Building and a subsequent meeting of Town Residents at the Grange on September 17 2024. Minutes and notes of both meetings are enclosed in the documents. The July meeting was recorded and can be viewed at https://youtu.be/TVvIntmx3_o --- 5.4.2 New Action Credit . The CRB workshop occurred on April 25 2023

Partners: 5.4.2 The Nature Conservancy ran the Community Resilience Building workshop in town.

Facilitators were Nature Conservancy members and members of Sustainable CT Participants Included:

Town of East Haddam - Office of the First Selectmen Town of East Haddam - Office of the Selectmen Town of East Haddam - Emergency Management Town of East Haddam - Youth and Family Services Town of East Haddam - Land Use Office Town of East Haddam - Department of Public Works Town of East Haddam - Conservation Commission Town of East Haddam - Economic Development Commission Town of East Haddam - Sustainability Committee Town of East Haddam - Board of Finance Town of East Haddam - Resident East Haddam Business Association Gateway Commission Member East Haddam Land Trust Chatham Health District Goodspeed Opera Cold Spring Farm First Congregational Church Two Wrasslin' Cats Café Ballek's Garden Center Shagbark Hardware Eight Mile River Committee Salmon River Watershed Partnership Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1 Identify multiple priority historic assets within your community (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND PRESERVATION EFFORTS 2022.DOCX

Documentation Details: There are more than 15 assets described. --- 5.5.1 New Action Credit. Inventory created by Will Brady, Chair of the Historic District Commission in June-August 2022

Partners: 5.5.1 Local Historic District and Property Commissions in Connecticut. has inventory list and map of historic assets 5.5.1 Information about Gillette Castle from CT.Gov site and from Friends of Gillette Castle 5.5.1 CTlandmarks for information about Amasa Day House and Palmer Warner House. 5.5.1 Sons of American Revolution site for information about Nathan Hale Ray School House 5.5.1 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism- Designation of Archeological sites as preserves 5.5.1 The Charles R. Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions and findagrave.org for information about cemeteries

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2 Complete Streets Training (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING.DOCX

Documentation Details: Information about the training is in the document

Partners: 6.1.2 (Complete Street Training) Smart Growth America conducted the webinar which was recorded and made available on their site's knowledge hub https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/knowledge-hub/resources/best-complete-streets-2023-webinar/

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.1 - Host an Electric Vehicle show case (5 points) 6.4.2 - Participate in training for Municipal ZEV adoption (5 points) 6.4.4 - Assess placement of ZEVs in East Haddam (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.4.4 ZEV.ASSESSMENT.MEMO.EASTHADDAM.AUGUST2022.PDF

PDF: <u>6.4.4 PZC_04-12-2022_MINUTES.PDF</u>
PDF: <u>6.4.1 NARRATIVE EV SHOW.PDF</u>

IMAGE: 6.4.1 SCREENSHOT 2025-03-25 AT 19-13-36 EV SHOW COOPERATION - GMAIL.PNG

WORD: 6.4.2 TRAINING ZEV READINESS BY MUNICIPALITIES.DOCX

Documentation Details: 6.4.4 ZEV Assessment Memo -

ZEV.Assessment.Memo.EastHaddam.August2022.pdf 6.4.4 Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes - PZC_04-12-22_Minutes.pdf 6.4.1 Narrative includes information about Electric Vehicle Show that took place on Oct 4 2024. It was sponsored by East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force and East Haddam Sustainability Team. Promotion material and the way it was distributed is included as are photos from the event. Planning started in J ---

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

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.2 Bicycle Education Program (5pts)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 6.5BIKERODEO.DOCX

Partners: 6.5.2 CT DOT Safe Routes to School, Airline Cycles, NEMBA, provided additional Bikes. The East Haddam Fire Department and East Haddam Police provided bike and safety inspections. 6.5.2 CT DOT and CT River COG awarded the school the Active Transportation Microgrant that provided additional bikes and safety resources

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-08-20 AT 08-32-17 RECEIPT FOR DATA REQUEST SUBMITTAL -

AMALIASHALTIEL@GMAIL.COM - GMAIL.PNG

EXCEL: RESPONSEDATA(4).XLSX

Documentation Details: The documentation retains the history of Submissions. Last approved in Spring 2024 Action was opened up with latest Data for Climate Leader application, August 20 2024 Submission New Data Request Submitted on August 19 2024 - Confirmation email EPA EnergyStar provided Response Data generated on 08/19/2024 11:47 AM Heating Oil, propane and Solar were manually entered Old applications include: Data Request from EPA Manager Account provided, 8/17/22 and 4/4/2024 Response Data generated 8/17/22 and 4/4/2024 Propane and Heating Oil were entered manually. All other Data was entered automatically New Action Credit

Partners: City of Bristol Public Works Facilities & Energy Manager David Oakes provided assistance and support to input/update fuel oil and propane meters into the existing East Haddam Portfolio Manager Account, which was not being updated due to employee turnover. David Oakes and Amalia Shaltiel continues to work with Town of East Haddam Operations Manager Donald Angersola. We are also indebted to the support of the Department of Education in retrieving, Heating Oil, Propane and Solar data for East Haddam Schools. We are grateful to Dr. Amy Thompson, and Raquel Bolling of Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology who were instrumental in uploading the Heating Oil, Propane and Solar data, helping us close data gaps and missing information find discrepancies and run the bench-marking analyses to enhance the East Haddam Portfolio Manager Account.

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

7.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings



Approved Information: 7.2.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: CT BENCHMARKING REPORT EAST HADDAM 2024-08-19.XLSX

EXCEL: RESPONSEDATA(6).XLSX

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-08-20 AT 09-30-14 RECEIPT FOR DATA REQUEST SUBMITTAL -

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Documentation Details: Response sent: 08/19/2024 5:48 PM Benchmarking report shows an 11.9% reduction in weather normalized site energy use. This could be mostly attributed to changing interior and exterior lighting to LEDs. The only building still up for the change is the elementary school. We hope to see further reduction in the future.

Partners: 7.2,1 (Reduce Energy use across all Municipal Buildings) Amy Thompson and Raquel Bolling of Connecticut Center For Advance Technology Assisted in inputting benchmarking data into energy portfolio and calculating energy reduction across all buildings.

7.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.4.1 (20 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-08-20 AT 09-45-09 RECEIPT FOR DATA REQUEST SUBMITTAL -

AMALIASHALTIEL@GMAIL.COM - GMAIL.PNG

EXCEL: CT BENCHMARKING REPORT EAST HADDAM 2024-08-19.XLSX

EXCEL: RESPONSEDATA(7).XLSX

Documentation Details: The Benchmarking report shows that East Haddam has a 24% Solar offset from Electricity generated by solar and used onsite. The Solar array was created through a C-Pace supported initiative by Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supply in 2017 which provides electricity to East Haddam Schools.

Partners: 7.4.1 (Increase use of renewable energy in municipal buildings.) Amy Thompson of Connecticut Center for Advance Technology helped us enter the data into the portfolio manager and run the calculations for the Benchmarking Report.

7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: ENERGIZE CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE ROUND 2 APPLICATION WORD

DOCUMENT_FEBRUARY 2023_TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.DOCX

IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET APRIL 6 2024.JPG
IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET MARCH 17 2024.JPG
IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET JUNE 12 2024.JPG
IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET JUNE 19 2024.JPG
IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET JUNE 22 2024.JPG
IMAGE: SIGNUP SHEET JULY 17TH 2024.JPG

IMAGE: PRESS RELEASE FOR THE CAMPAIGN IN EAST HADDAM NEWS.JPG

IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET MUSICAL BRIDGES AUGUST 12 2024.JPG

WORD: EAST HADDAM FOOD PANTRY HES-IE FLYER V2 ES EDITS_FINAL.DOCX

IMAGE: SIGN UP SHEET SENIOR CENTER PRESENTATION AUGUST 12.JPG

WORD: ENERGY CAMPAIGN NARRATIVE.DOCX

PDF: EAST HADDAM_MOU_COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE ROUND 2_JANUARY 2024.PDF

PDF: <u>EAST HADDAM_7.7.PDF</u>
WORD: 7.7 WORKSHEET 1.DOCX

Documentation Details: Documents include: Worksheet 7.7 A Narrative of our campaign including Photos of the set-up of our table at the various events and the information and brochures we handed out and explained at community events and an example of social media posts for each campaign Our application for Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative Round 2 The MOU of the grant from Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative round 2 The press release for the campaign The Home Energy Solution flyer we designed as part of the packet to hand out to all food bank, Clothes bank, Hygiene product bank customers. The packet will also include information about eversource programs to help struggling customers with the 2023-2024 Federal income guidelines, a income eligible application with a stamped envelope and contact to Lantern Energy, our chosen, local, approved contractor. The sign-up sheets for 8 of the events we had with community where we gave information to residents and signed them up for further contact. The names and personal information in the sign-up sheets are hidden.

Partners: Energize CT Community Partner (We applied and were awarded a grant for our 2 campaigns for Home Energy Solution (SM). We are in weekly contact with Devon Willemson of Eversource who is the contact person of this initiative of Energize CT Lantern Energy LLC (We used approved and vetted and local contractor Lantern Energy for the connection with people who signed up. Residents were under no obligation to go with Lantern Energy but their reputation was excellent.)

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EAST HADDAM MUNI AGREEMENT FULLY EXECUTED.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-03-27 AT 12-18-07 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

CONNECTICUT - SUSTAINABILITY TEAM.PNG

Documentation Details: 7.9.1 East Haddam has an agreement with C-PACE since. 2013. Through this program Shagbark Hardware created a solar array in 2017 that supplies all the electricity needed by East Haddam's 3 schools. The screenshot is of the Sustainability Team page with the link to the C-PACE program. This is the Hyperlink to the page: https://www.easthaddam.org/SustainabilityTeam

Partners: 7.9.1(Participation in C-PACE) The town has signed an official agreement with the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority now known as the Green Bank to facilitate loan financing of clean energy improvements to commercial properties by utilizing a state or local mechanism to provide security for repayment of the loans.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education				

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event



Approved Information: 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 8.1 1,2 FRIENDS OF MACHIMOODUS SUNRISE STATE PARK SPRING FLING 2023, 2025.DOCX

IMAGE: 8.1 3. EIGHTMILE RIVER FEST.JPG
WORD: 8.1 28,29,30 MUSICAL BRIDGES..DOCX

WORD: 8.1 37 EAST HADDAM SUPER HERO TOWN CLEANUP.DOCX

WORD: 8.1 36 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2025.DOCX
WORD: 8.1 32-35 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS.DOCX

EXCEL: 8.1 TEMPLATE FOR EVENTS.XLSX

IMAGE: 22. PROMOTION OF MUSICAL BRIDGES BY SUSTAINABILITY TEAM SCREENSHOT FACEBOOK.PNG
IMAGE: 8.1 31 HALLOWEEN IN THE VILLAGE SCARECROW COMPETITION SEP 30 OCTOBER 1ST 2024.PNG

WORD: 8.1 4-27 MUSIC ON THE RIVER.DOCX

Documentation Details: The numbers before the documents and photos refer to the event numbers on the 8.1 worksheet

Partners: 8.1 Partners are listed on the 8.1 worksheet. They include East Haddam Parks and Recreation Department. East Haddam Land Trust, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River, Friends of Machimoodus Sunrise State Parks, The Gelston House, Goodspeed Organization, East Haddam Economic Development Commission, Super Hero Training Corp. In all cases the Municipality Supported the Events with promotion and equipment and was either host or had Municipal Committees participating in the events.

Additional Information: Community Conversations Series was inspired by Sustainable CT's guidance to create more opportunities for residents to voice their opinions and to influence what happens in town.

8.4 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.4.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 8.4_SUBMISSION_TEMPLATE(1).XLSX

IMAGE: REMOVAL OF OLD ROTTING CONTAINER.JPEG

IMAGE: NEW CONTAINER.JPEG

IMAGE: INTERIOR OF NEW CONTAINER.JPEG

Documentation Details: The photos show the removal of the old rusty container that was over 25 years old. The New container in it's new more prominent location in the transfer station with signage and the people most instrumental in the timely completion of the fundraising. The interior of the new container which includes space for the returnable bottles and cans and the sorting equipement that the scouts use. --- 8.4. New Action Credit. This community fundraising goal was reached on January 12 2023. The new container was set and ready for action on April 15th 2023

Partners: 8.4 Scout Troop 22 partnered with Sustainable CT CMF program. Major donors for the fundraising through Patronicity were the Municipality of East Haddam through the Nip Fund and the Moodus Sportsmen's Club.

8.5 Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 8.5 WORKSHEET 1. BRISTOL EAST.HADDAM..DOCX

Documentation Details: 8.5.1 Worksheet 1 submitted for Actions 3.5, 7.1 and 9.4.1. --- 8.5.1 (New Action Credit) Collaboration occurred during spring and summer of 2022, spearheaded by David Oakes, Public Works Manager and Sustainability Team Leader, Bristol.

Partners: 8.5.1. City of Bristol

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

8.6 Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.6.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 8.6 WORKSHEET

WORD: GOODWIN TRAIL MEETING MINUTES_PATEDITS.DOCX

PDF: CC_08-06-2024_MINUTES.PDF
IMAGE: 8.6 GOODWIN TRAIL MAP

Documentation Details: 8.6: East Haddam collaborated with Salem, Lyme, East Lyme, East Haddam Land Trust, Salem Land Trust, Lyme Land Trust, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River, and DEEP to work together as partners in the creation, expansion, maintenance and use for recreation of the Goodwin Trail. See worksheet for collaboration details and meeting minutes for corresponding involved municipalities and parties. Source for map is: https://www.eightmileriver.org/outdoor-recreation/

Partners: Salem, Lyme, East Lyme, East Haddam Land Trust, Salem Land Trust, Lyme Land Trust, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River, and DEEP

9.	Strategic	Materials	Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials



Approved Information: 9.3.1 (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EASTHADDAM.9..3.1 .DISCOVERBOOKS.PDF

PDF: OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF USE WITH CALAMARI RECYCLING FOR METAL .PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-03-01 AT 10-09-09 DISCOVER BOOKS COLLECTION BIN LOCATOR.PNG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-03-01 AT 10-00-11 FIND A LOCATION - BYE BYE MATTRESS A PROGRAM OF THE MATTRESS

RECYCLING COUNCIL.PNG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024-03-01 AT 09-49-28 CT MUNICIPALITIES - BAY STATE TEXTILES.PNG

IMAGE: 9.3.1 2025 PHOTO OF RECYCLING

PDF: 9.3.1 2025 TRANSFER STATION RESIDENTS GUIDE

WORD: 9.3.1 RECYCLING ADDITIONAL MATERIALS OVERVIEW 2025

WORD: 9.3.1 2025 WORKSHEET

Documentation Details: Refer to Recycling additional materials overview and worksheet 9.3 for details of recycling materials programs Refer to transfer station guidelines for information to residents ---

Partners: Textiles - Bay State Textiles Mattresses - Bye Bye Mattress Books - Discover Books Metal - Calamari Recycling

Additional Information: Thank you for your time and consideration.

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.4 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 9.5.4 NARRATIVE FOR WHATNOT SHED.DOCX

PDF: 9.5.4 TRANSFER STATION RESIDENTS GUIDE 2024_2026(1).PDF

IMAGE: 9.5.4 SCREENSHOT 2025-05-05 AT 10-34-12 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST

HADDAM CONNECTICUT - TRANSFER STATION.PNG

WORD: NARRATIVE FOR 9.5.3 FOOD WASTE EDUCATION.1.DOCX

WORD: 9.5.3 REPAIR CAFE NARRATIVE

Documentation Details: 9.5.3 The documentation for our education initiatives are imbedded in the narrative for composting education. On the first page there is a description of what we do and a quote from Sustainability Meeting minutes of April 4th 2023 discussing our first composting workshop and the promotion in the East Haddam News. There is also a link to our Youtube channel. On the second page is some of the materials we distribute at events, a flyer and photos of our first composting workshop. On the third page is the text of our Second Newspaper Article. On the fourth page are a flyer and photos of our second Composting workshop. on the 5th page is information about our third and forth and our plans for the future. 9.5.3 The Repair Cafe Narratives talks about our own Repair Cafes. We also promote Repair Cafes in other neighboring towns 9.5.4 Whatnot Shed Narrative shows the town's long-term commitment to reuse of good stuff through the transfer station. 9.5.4 The transfer station Resident Guide is used for promotion of whatnot shed. It is available on the transfer station page on the municipal website.

Partners: 9.5.3 (Compost Campaign Education) Ballek's Garden Center. Nancy Ballek, lead the workshop. Both Ballek's Garden Center and The East Haddam Sustainability Team promoted the workshop. The EHST videotaped the workshops and uploaded them to our YouTube Channel and also to our FB site. Cold Spring Farm Jess Stone hosted and conducted our third workshop 9.5.3 (Composting Campaign Education) River COG . We promoted their initiative of selling home composting kits for half price. 9.5.4 (promote waste reuse) Transfer Station attendants and local residents who keep the What Not Shed supplied and reuse it's contents and clean up the shed periodically when clear up the shed and keep it somewhat organized. 9.5.4 (Promote waste reuse) Repair Cafes - Fixers and Repairers at our Repair Cafes

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.2.1 (5 pts)

Supporting Documentation:WORD: 10.2.1 HIA TRAINING.DOCX

Documentation Details: Information of the training and summary are in the HIA training document.

Partners: 12.2.1 Training offered by Health Resources in Action.

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 10.3.3 NARRATIVE

Documentation Details: 10.3.3: See attached narrative for documentation of East Haddam's adopted nosmoking policy at the public beach

Partners: None

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces



Approved Information: 10.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2022_CCA_FARM_LAND_LEASE_PACKAGE.PDF

IMAGE: COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN.JPG
IMAGE: WATER TANK AND HOSE.JPG

IMAGE: GARDENER IN ROTOTILLED PLOT.JPG
WORD: COMMUNITY GARDEN NARRATIVE.DOCX
IMAGE: SITE OF COMMUNITY GARDEN ON MAP.JPG

IMAGE: PLANTING IN GARDEN.JPG

Documentation Details: 10.4.1 Rolling Credit - Creation of community fenced in farming area for gardening and agriculture for private citizens and organizations in 2014. In 2022 community plots were advertised and administrated by Linda J. Zemienieski, Executive Manager of the First Selectman's Office and supervised by James Ventres, Land Use Administrator.

Partners: 10,4.1 (community growing area) None

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

30 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: IMPROVEMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE.PDF

WORD: 10.7.2 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GOODWIN TRAIL

Documentation Details: 10.7.2 Our Conservation Commissions continuously works on improvements to our open space as shown in the Improvement narrative document which was vetted by Bernie Gillis in charge of stewardship and Gary Wilson former Chair of the Conservation Commission and now in charge of planting and existing gardens. 10.7.2 Goodwin trail improvement: this improvement is beyond the boundaries of East Haddam but is used by East Haddam Residents who traverse the Goodwin trail and especially those who participate in the Goodwin Trail Challenge, offered by the East Haddam Land Trust each fall.

Partners: 10.7.2 Some improvements are done with the East Haddam Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy as noted on the narrative. 10.7.2 Improvements to the Goodwin trail were done with coordination with the Goodwin Trail Working Group that includes members representing East Haddam, Salem, Lyme and East Lyme and DEEP under the auspices of the Eightmile Wild and Scenic Organization.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: NARRATIVE - IMPLEMENT POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE DIVERSE HOUSING OPTIONS..DOCX

WORD: 2021 EAST HADDAM ZONING REGULATIONS.DOC

Documentation Details: For Households with unrelated occupants - Definition of Family Pg 17 11.3.2 Rolling Credit, Definition has been in the regulations since the 60s. The zoning regulations were revised by the Planning and Zoning Commission and James Ventres, the Land Use Administrator on Oct 1 2021. No updates needed (policy still in effect and relevant)

Partners: 11.3.2 No partners

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2025-07-31 AT 07-20-32 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM CONNECTICUT - HOMELESSNESS LIAISON.PNG

WORD: 12.1.1 HOMELESSNESS LIAISON.DOCX

Documentation Details: The document includes the homelessness Liaison link on East Haddam Municipal website and explanation of the connection to the sustainability team, as selectwoman Tanya Bourgoin is also the chair of the Sustainability Team.

Partners: 12.1.a. MMW CAN. Our former Homelessness Liaison and another member of the sustainability team met with MMW CAN Coordinator to understand our connection and how we can improve service to local residents who might become homeless in 2022. Our present Homelessness Liaison coordinated with East Haddam Youth and Family Services as well as reaching out and taking a webinar with MMW CAN.

12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.3.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: <u>HOMELESSNESS STAISTICS.DOCX</u>
WORD: <u>EAST HADDAM 12.3 REVISED.DOCX</u>

Documentation Details: The document includes homelessness data from August 2020 when we started collecting data till August 2025 and screenshots of the source of data from 211counts.org

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

Additional Information: There are anecdotal instances of homelessness in the community related through the Youth and Family Services and the head of the Senior Center. These were relayed to 211 and so would be counted in the data we provided. Youth and Family Services has issued done a social needs study of East Haddam to get a more precise picture of our own needs.

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Community Resilience Building summary of findings (10 points) 13.1.1 Internet access campaign (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: FINAL EAST HADDAM COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - APRIL 2023 - II.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2023-08-14 AT 14-13-49 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP REQUEST - TOWN OF

EAST HADDAM -.PNG

PDF: APPLICATION CRB WORKSHOP.PDF

WORD: EAST HADDAM - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING COMMUNITY CHARACTERIZATION SURVEY - 2023.DOCX

WORD: EAST HADDAM - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET - 2023.DOCX

PDF: EAST HADDAM SURVEY PDF.PDF

PDF: EAST HADDAM PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET PDF.PDF

PDF: RIVERCOG MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NHMP - FINAL 12.22.14.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2023-08-14 AT 15-27-55 WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

CONNECTICUT - TOWN RESILIENCE.PNG

WORD: 3.1.1 NARRATIVE FOR CRB PROCESS.DOCX

PDF: CT BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY - FINAL 3-2-23.PDF WORD: MINUTES FROM CLIMATE RESILIENCE MEETING.DOCX

PDF: BROADBAND EVALUATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REPORT 09-08-21.PDF

WORD: BROADBAND NARRATIVE.DOCX

IMAGE: AFFORDABLE RELIABLE INTERNET SIGN.JPG

Documentation Details: The Narrative document describes the importance of each of the uploaded documents for the CRB process. The Broadband Narrative include hyperlinks to all relevant material. The Survey results are on pg 27-28 of the Broadband Evaluation Committee Recommendation. The photo of Affordable Reliable Internet sign was part of large and small yard signs that were part of the educational campaign for Municipal Broadband. This one is in front of the Town Grange. --- 13.1.1 New Action Credit. The CRB process began on Jan 4th 2023 and the workshop took place on April 25th 2023 13.1.2 New Action Credit. The initiative started in 2021 with the first committee and is continuing with the implementation Committee at present. If the campaign is successful the design of the network will commence in the fall.

Partners: 13.1 5.4.2 The Nature Conservancy ran the Community Resilience Building workshop in town. Facilitators were Nature Conservancy members and members of Sustainable CT Participants Included: Town of East Haddam - Office of the First Selectmen Town of East Haddam - Office of the Selectmen Town of East Haddam - Emergency Management Town of East Haddam - Youth and Family Services Town of East Haddam - Land Use Office Town of East Haddam - Department of Public Works Town of East Haddam - Conservation Commission Town of East Haddam - Economic Development Commission Town of East Haddam - Sustainability Committee Town of East Haddam - Board of Finance Town of East Haddam - Resident East Haddam Business Association Gateway Commission Member East Haddam Land Trust Chatham Health District Goodspeed Opera Cold Spring Farm First Congregational Church Two Wrasslin' Cats Café Ballek's Garden Center Shagbark Hardware Eight Mile River Committee Salmon River Watershed Partnership Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation For the Municipal Broad Band the town is partnering with Entry Point Networks and Biarri Network Design