



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Essex was certified on October 01, 2025 with 370 points. Listed below is information regarding Essex'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 Essex 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_ESSEX_2025.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 5 question Equity Toolkit document attached, applied to 6.4.4

Partners: None

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SE - 2.2.1.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Susan Abbot attended these training webinars on 1/30/2022. -- 2.2.1 New Action Credit, attended a Sustainable Procurement Training. 1/30/2022.

Partners: none

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

20 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a (10 points) 2.3.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.3.1A 2025 NARRATIVE DOCUMENT](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.1A 2025 SCREENSHOT OF BUSINESS INVENTORY](#)

WORD: [2.3.2 WORKSHEET](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.2 DAFFODIL DAYS BUY LOCAL FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.2 LOVE YOUR LOCAL FLYER](#)

PDF: [2.3.1B OVERVIEW.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.2 SCREENSHOT EBOT WEBSITE LOVE YOUR LOCAL CAMPAIGN](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.2 SCREENSHOT EBOT MEMBERS AT THE TOWN HALL](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.1a: Narrative documents contains the link to Essex's business inventory as well as a link to where this inventory is linked on Essex's municipal website. See attached screenshot of the business inventory. The business inventory website was redone/relaunched on 2/14/2025. 2.3.1b: Overview document contains all submission requirements for this subsection

Partners: Essex Board of Trade (EBOT)- the Town of Essex maintains a link on its website to the EBOT business and nonprofit listings. The Town of Essex strives to make information about the town and its small businesses easily available to residents. The Town of Essex understands that its small businesses and nonprofits are the lifeblood of the town and strives to support them in any way they can.

Additional Information: None

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1.1A_SOURCE_TO_SEA_OVERVIEW_AND_LINK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1 - Source to Sea overview provides all necessary information

Partners: 3.1.1 Connecticut River Conservancy 3.1.1 Essex Land Trust 3.1.1 CT River Museum

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

5 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.9.2C ESSEX FORESTED LAND COVER.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [3.9.2C ESSEX ACTIVE TREE INVENTORY.XLS](#)

WORD: [3.9.2C ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE TOWN OF ESSEX.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3.9.2C CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ESSEX.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3.9.1 2025 NARRATIVE DOC](#)

WORD: [3.9.2C ESSEX LAND TRUST 2024 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ESSEX.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3.9.2C NARRATIVE](#)

WORD: [3.9.2.C UPDATED TREE LIST.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 2025 CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2024](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 5-14-25.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA 2024](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 ESSEX LAND TRUST ANNUAL REPORT](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 ESSEX LAND TRUST FACT SHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 3.9.1 See documents titled 3.9.1 for information. The narrative document details that there are three committees that oversee the management of our woodlands and urban forests.

Partners: Essex Land Trust Essex Conservation Commission Essex Tree Warden Essex Tree Committee

Additional Information: 1. Establish a Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC). An existing forestry commission or similar entity may serve as the FAC, but should consider broadening representation to include the stated list. • The Sustainable Essex Committee proposes that the existing Tree Committee for the Town of Essex be considered to be equivalent to a FAC. The mission of the Essex Tree Committee (ETC) is to inventory, preserve and replace street trees in Essex. It has been in existence since 1990. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the committee reports to the town selectman. Committee members include local business owners and other volunteers. • Additionally, in Essex there are two more organizations (Essex Conservation Commission and the Essex Land Trust) whose work broadens the scope of the work done by the Essex Tree Committee and addresses the objectives necessary for completion of action 3.9. • Conservation Commission: Its mission is to manage three Town-owned preserves with the purpose of protecting native plants and wildlife. The Conservation Commission works with the Essex Land Trust and the town and other land use commissions to make recommendations on the status of conservation and development. • Essex Land Trust. The mission of the Essex Land Trust is to acquire, preserve and enhance our community's open spaces and natural resources to protect the environment and the small town character of the villages of Essex, Ivorytown, and Centerbrook.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1: Provide education to residents to improve pollinator habitat. (5 points) 3.12.2: Upgrade a pollinator garden (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.2 NARRATIVE.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.12.1 2025 QUIET LAWNS](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR-BROCHURE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2025: 3.12.1: See attached 2025 quiet lawns submission to see the quiet lawns campaign currently on the Sustainable Essex site found here: <https://sustainableessex.com/projects/quiet-lawns/>

Partners: Essex Garden Club Essex Land Trust River Council of Governments

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [ACTION 4.1.2.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.2. Updating Town's CTVisit webpage. 8/13/25

Partners: 4.1.2 Management of the profile information for CTVisit is the responsibility of Alyson Finnegan from the Town of Essex (see contact information below). She updates seasonal pictures and checks links at least quarterly. Alyson Finnegan, Administrative Assistant First Selectman's Office, Essex, CT 06426 860-767-4340 EXT 145

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

45 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1a (5 points) 5.1.1b (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.1.1 A WORKSHEET 1 HAZARD MITIGATION GOALS 2025 SUBMITTAL.DOCX](#)

WORD: [5.1.1.B WORKSHEET 2 SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPTS 2025 SUBMITTAL.DOC.DOCX](#)

PDF: [5.1.1A-RIVERCOG_RPOCD_2021-2031_.PDF](#)

PDF: [ESSEX POCD 2015-2025.PDF](#)

WORD: [RELEVANCY STATEMENT OF 2015-2025 POCD FOR 2025](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1a- Essex-Hazus-NHMP 2021 - Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021. Essex, pg.6 & 7. (Natural Hazard Areas on Future Use Land Map - 20212). 5.1.1a-RiverCOG_RPOCD 2021 - Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, 2021.

Partners: The Lower Ct River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) included Essex in its regional POCD for 2021 to 2031

Additional Information: Memo from Essex land use official, Carey Dusques states how the town's POCD (2015-2025) is currently relevant. There have been no changes to Essex's POCD. for 2015-2025.

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.2 - Community Resilience Workshop with the Nature Conservancy. (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4.1- LCRVCOG_FLOOD RESILIENCE STUDY_ESSEX 2017](#)

PDF: [5.4.1A - NATURE CONSERVANCY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP SUMMARY OF FINDINGS REPORT - FINAL - SEPTEMBER 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.4.1-RIVERCOG_PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.4.1-UCONN- SEA LEVEL RISE IN CT.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.4.1A, 5.4.2 CRB LETTER FROM LISA FASULO RELEVANCE OF CRB 7 20 25.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.4.1A WORKSHEET 1 2025 UPDATE](#)

PDF: [5.4.2 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING WORKSHOP REPORT.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.4.1 B WORKSHEET 2](#)

WORD: [2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN LINK .DOCX](#)

PDF: [2025 KICK OFF TO UPDATE OF NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN .PDF](#)

PDF: [EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.4.1 AND 5.4.2 ESSEX OVERVIEW.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The RiverCOG published a regional plan called the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2014 in response to the federal Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 (Public Law)), which required state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance. The 2014 plan received a very detailed update in 2021 which referenced the 2017 Flood Resilience Study. Plan is undergoing another update in 2025. 5.4.1a, 5.4.2 The letter from Town Health Official, Lisa Fasulo, confirms that the findings of the CRB are still relevant and the Town is making progress on the projects listed in the CRB report.(edit title)

Partners: Essex worked with the Nature Conservancy on a Community Resiliency Building workshop on August 14th, 2019. The RiverCOG prepared the Flood Resilience Study. IN 2017 RiverCOG 2022 Plan of Conservation and Development Essex's partnership with the Lower CT River COG for the study includes: - Municipal Representative. Each town in the region appoints a representative to the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. - Funding. The Town subscribes for these services as a member of the Regional Council of Government. - Education and Outreach. The region conducted three workshops throughout the process of the study.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.1 Sponsor or host a ZEV promotional or educational events with a third party (5 points) 6.4.4 Do an assessment of locations for EV chargers (10) 6.4.5 Install a EV charger station (5)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.4.1. EV EVENT.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.4.1 ADVERTISEMENT FOR EV EVENT 10-29-24](#)

WORD: [6.4.4 EV CHARGER LOCATION ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [6.4.4 ESSEX ZERO EMISSION ASSESSMENT .PDF](#)

PDF: [6.4.4 ARTIS ENERGY SOLUTIONS ASSESSMENT](#)

EXCEL: [6.4.4 ELECTRIC VEHICLE \(EV\) & CHARGING NEEDS SURVEY \(RESPONSES\).XLSX](#)

WORD: [6.4.5. RECENT EV CHARGER INSTALLATION - IVORYTON](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.4 EV charging location assessment 6.4.4 Survey responses mentioned in assessment document provided for context 6.4.4 is also applied to our Equity Toolkit

Partners: 6.4 - EVSE LLC - Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment 6.4 - Town of Essex Public Works Department 6.4 - Bonner Electric (installation of equipment) 6.4 - Town of Essex official - Maria Lucarelli 6.4.1 - Center for Sustainable Energy

Additional Information: Please note that the attachment 6.4.1 EV SEED event resource sheet is just to show what we offered as additional materials at the time of the event. None of should be necessary to get points for 6.4.1. For some reason the links don't work. But, I included the link to the YouTube event in "document details". In addressing the comments made below, under "submission information" I included the date the EV charging station was installed.

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.4 Create and formally adopt a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan (10 points), updated 8/13/25

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.4_OVERVIEW_ESSEX](#)

PDF: [6.5.4_WORKSHEET.DOCX.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 RELEVANCE LETTER FOR BIKE PED PLAN 8132025.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 - LETTER FROM ESSEX ZONING AND LAND USE.PDF](#)

PDF: [RIVERCOG_BIKEPED_MAY2022FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [ESSEX BIKE PED PLAN TOWN PLANNER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.4 worksheet as required by this action RiverCOG Bike and Pedestrian plan relevant to Essex as part of RiverCOG 6.5.4 Relevance letter for the RiverCOG_BikePed_ document Essex Bike Ped document shows that the Town of Essex uses and will use the strategies outlined in the RiverCOG Bike Ped plan

Partners: Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.1.1 DATA REQUEST%3ASUSTAINABLE CT 2025 SUBMISSION .XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: Data Request in Portfolio Manager did not summarize the percent of total consumption that was supplied by solar generation,... Calculations were done manually. -- Public Works buildings were initially counted as separate buildings, we added them into one Public Works campus location because you can't always split up the energy usage for each building.

Partners: Eversource Energy Star Portfolio Manager

7.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.2.1 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.1 DATA REQUEST%3ASUSTAINABLE CT 2025 SUBMISSION .XLSX](#)

EXCEL: [7.2 DATA REQUEST%3ASUSTAINABLE CT 2025 SUBMISSION .XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 7.2.1 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings (10 points). We would have liked to compare 2024 performance to 2021 performance but the report was locked so we couldn't request a starting year of 2021, which is within our 5 year look back window. INSTEAD, we compared 2024 performance to 2022 and the result was a reduction of 13% (See cell Q27) Data Request in Portfolio Manager did not summarize the percent change from 2024 to 2022.. Calculations were done manually. We would have liked to compare 2024 performance to 2021 performance but the report was locked so we couldn't request a starting year of 2021, which is within our 5 year window.

Partners: Partners were the Green Bank, Town Public Works and Town administration and AEGIS Solar, who all helped with the gathering of solar data.

7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.3.1 Achieve an Energy Efficiency or High Performance Target in Buildings

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [7.3 PROOF OF ENERGY STAR CERTIFICATION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [ENERGY STAR 2025 EES_SIGNED NN.PDF](#)

PDF: [ENERGY STAR 2025 TOWN HALL_SIGNED NN.PDF](#)

WORD: [ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED BUILDINGS & PLANTS TOWN HALL AND ELEM SCHOOL.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: See Town Hall Energy Star score of 89. See Elementary School Star Score of 90. 7.3.1 Achieve a score of 75 or above for at least one municipal building. 8/11/2025 Updated 8/11/25 - 10 Points
Essex Town Hall - Score 89, 5 points
Essex Elementary School - Score 90, 5 Points

Partners: Energy Star Portfolio Manager Everssource Green Banyan Engineering Facilities Staff at the Essex Town Hall and Essex Elementary School

Additional Information: After the Sandy Hook massacre, space conditioning was added to the Elementary School to enable the school to keep windows closed for safety's sake. Space conditioning was increased from 10% of total square footage to 90%. Despite the increase in space conditioning the school achieved an Energy Star of 90.

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 Pass a municipal resolution to opt-in to C-PACE, sign a legal agreement with C-PACE, and post a link to information about C-PACE on your municipality's website. (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.9.1 TOWN OF ESSEX C-PACE AGREEMENT](#)

IMAGE: [7.9.1 SCREENSHOT OF C-PACE ON ESSEX MUNICIPAL SITE](#)

Documentation Details: 7.9.1: See attached copy of legal agreement opting into C-PACE and screenshot of C-PACE information hyperlinked on Essex's municipal site for interested property owners

Partners: We partnered with the CT Green Bank

Additional Information: None

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

20 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Hold a Sustainability Event (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.1.1 NARRATIVE](#)

EXCEL: [8.1.1 WORKSHEET](#)

Partners: Partners are listed on the Worksheet as requested.

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.2.1A COMMUNICATIONS INVENTORY](#)

WORD: [8.2.1A COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT "REPORT A CONCERN" AND OTHER ONLINE HELP TOWN OF ESSEX WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT "YOUR OPINION MATTERS" TOWN OF ESSEX WEBSITE](#)

WORD: [8.2.1 WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [2022 UPDATE](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 RELEVANCY STATEMENT .PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 8.2.1 Relevancy statement document

Partners: None

Additional Information: None

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.1.1 (5 points) 9.1.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [9.1.A WASTE CONTACTS FOR SE.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [9.1.1B WORKSHEET 1..XLSX](#)

PDF: [9.1.1 C WASTE REDUCTION BAR CHART 2025 W LOGO \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [9.1.2. WKS 2.DOCX](#)

WORD: [1 WASTE PUBLICATION PROOF.DOCX](#)

WORD: [9.1 POINTS REQUESTED.DOCX](#)

PDF: [9.1.1 SCREENSHOT AND LINK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.1c MSW _Capita FY 2020-2024 - four years worth of MSW data was published on the Essex Town website - link to Sustainable Essex committee <https://www.essexct.gov/sustainable-essex-committee>. (click on diverting waste from the landfill and also on the Town of Essex Facebook Page

Partners: Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) and Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) provided tonnage reports for the Town

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CURRENT TRANSFER STATION BROCHURE REVISED 2024](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF ESSEX LIST OF ACCEPTABLE TEXTILES](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF ESSEX ELECTRONIC RECYCLING LIST](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT BYEBYE MATTRESS WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT TEXTILE RECYCLING TOWN OF ESSEX WEBSITE](#)

WORD: [9.3 WORKSHEET](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT ELECTRONICS RECYCLING TOWN OF ESSEX WEBSITE](#)

WORD: [TAKE 2 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING CONFIRMATORY EMAIL.DOCX](#)

WORD: [PAINTCARE CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION 2025.DOCX](#)

WORD: [DOCUMENTATION THAT BAY STATE TEXTILE AGREEMENT IS STILL IN EFFECT FOR THE TOWN OF ESSEX.DOCX](#)

Partners: Take2 Electronics Recycling, Baystate Textile Recycling, Paintcare, Inc, Bye-Bye Mattress

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [9.4 NARRATIVE](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF ESSEX/BUE EARTH CONTRACT 2025](#)

PDF: [CURRENT TRANSFER STATION BROCHURE](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF ESSEX FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING GUIDE](#)

PDF: [ESSEX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/BUE EARTH CONTRACT](#)

Partners: 9.4 Blue Earth Compost

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

30 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.7.2 IMPROVE OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL-HUBBARD PARK](#)

Documentation Details: Narrative document attached

Partners: State of Ct Small Town Economic Assistance Program

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2 (10 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [11.2.2 INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.DOCX](#)

PDF: [2020 APPEALS LIST, HIGHLIGHTED.PDF](#)

PDF: [2024 APPEALS LIST, HIGHLIGHTED.PDF](#)

Partners: None

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.3.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.3 ESSEX EQUITY PROFILE FOR 2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [12.3 ALICE IN THE CROSSCURRENTS_ AN UPDATE ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN CT 2025.PDF](#)

PDF: [ESSEX AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN PUBLIC INFO MEETING 3-2200.PDF](#)

WORD: [211 INFO LINE LINK ON TOWN OF ESSEX WEBSITE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [12.3 ESSEX EQUITY PROFILE FOR 2021.PDF](#)

WORD: [ACTION 12.3 ESSEX HOMELESSNESS DATA.DOCX](#)

WORD: [12.3EFFECTIVECOMPASSIONATEHOMELESSPREVENTIONBYSUSANABBOTT -UPDATED.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 12.3 Regarding the Essex Affordable Housing Plan, under the statute CGS 8-30j passed in 2017, Connecticut communities are required to create and adopt an affordable housing plan by June 2022 and update it every five years. Essex submitted its preliminary plan in March 2019. A public meeting was called on March 17, 2022, to begin to finalize the plan to reflect Essex's current priorities and values. The attached Town of Essex Affordable Plan details the housing stock available in town as well as the populations who are considered "cost burdened", i.e., those who spend more than 30% of their income on housing. In Essex 1,019 households (34%) qualified for low-income housing. According to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as of February 2022 the CPI increased 7.9% year on year, increasing the cost burden on low-income families who could potentially face homelessness in the years ahead. For the years 2023-2025, the rate of increased slowed, but the big jump in 2022 affected prices in the ensuing years Please see pages 34 and 45 In the attached publication. ---

Partners: Connecticut Access Network Essex Town Social Services Essex Police Department

Additional Information: None