



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Guilford was certified on October 01, 2025 with 665 points. Listed below is information regarding Guilford'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 Guilford 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:

PDF: [THE PATCH: NEW PLAYGROUND SURVEY](#)

PDF: [2024 PLAYGROUND SURVEY RESULTS](#)

PDF: [GUILFORD PROFILE 2025](#)

PDF: [EQUITY TOOLKIT - PLAYGROUNDS](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1 New Action Credit. Equity Toolkit applied to 10.7 - Upgrade Playgrounds 1.1 New Action Credit. CERC Guilford Profile. 1.1 The Patch: New Playground Survey

Partners: 1.1 Improve Outdoor Spaces ; New Playgrounds at Bittner Park and Jacob's Beach. Partners included Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works, Parks and Recreation Commission, Playground Working Group, Wetlands Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands/Natural Resources

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.3.2 WORKSHEET](#)

WORD: [2.3.2 GUILFORD ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE ADVERTISEMENTS 2020-2025](#)

PDF: [2.3.1 FARM MAP OF GUILFORD, CT](#)

PDF: [2.3.1B SUSTAINABLE GUILFORD SHOPPING GUIDE, CAPSTONE PROJECT](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.1b, New action credit, sustainable Guilford Guide project presentation
06/01/2021 2.3.1 New Action Credit. Farm Map 2.3.2 New Action Credit. Sidewalk Sales

Partners: 2.3.1b Sustainable Guilford Shopping Guide High School Capstone Project was completed with mentorship from Sustainable Guilford Task Force.

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.2 MAY 2022 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 ANNUAL DINNER](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 NET90](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 WATER STREET JEWELERS](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 WOE](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 MOU TOWN OF GUILFORD - GPA](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 RFP TOURISM WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [2.4.2 GPA / TOWN WEBSITE COLLABORATION](#)

Documentation Details: 2.4.2, Rolling Credit, from 4/30/2019. Updated May 2022, the Chamber of Commerce is still highly involved in supporting small businesses and new small business developments. Submitted are the 2019 board members as well as the members as of May 2022. The Guilford Economic Development Director, Sheri Cote, is a member of the Shoreline Chamber 2.4.2. New Action Credit. New project to advertise and support local businesses by redeveloping tourism website. 2.4.3, New Action Credit. Most recent event dates: Annual Dinner 2/28/2022, Legislative Update 10/7/2021, NET90 10/22/2021, Water Street Jewelers 10/2/2020, WOE 10/13/2021.

Partners: 2.4.2 (Create or support Small Business Development Centers): The Shoreline Chamber is comprised of many members of the Guilford community as well as town employees with the goal of supporting small business development. Our role is to promote and work with the chamber as well as the businesses that work with it. Our goals align with those of the chamber, providing opportunities to promote materials and work with local economic activists. 2.4.2 Tourism Website: partnership between Town and local NGO, the Guilford Preservation Alliance. (GPA) 2.4.3 none

Additional Information: 2.4.2 The Town's Coordinator of Economic Development & Tourism is a member of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The Shoreline Chamber is very active in supporting local and regional businesses of all scopes. 2.4.2 GPA / Town Tourism Website, supporting local businesses. Narrative summary. (10 points) 2.4.2 MOU for tourism website. Partnership between Town and Guilford Preservation Alliance (GPA) 2.4.2 RFP for tourism website to advertise and support local businesses. (Inclusion is free for businesses.)

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

45 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 Open space inventory, (10 points) 3.4.3 Develop an Open Space Plan (10 points)

3.4.4a Increase Open Space (15 points) 3.4.4b Funds report as of 3/31/2025 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.4 DESIGNATION OF OPEN SPACE LAND.PDF](#)

PDF: [GUILFORD PLAN FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [GUILFORD POCD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.4.4 GUILFORD CLOSES \\$11.4M LAND DEAL - NEW HAVEN REGISTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.2 LETTER DESCRIBING PLANS AND RESOURCE PRIORITIZATION](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 PLAN FOR OPEN SPACE AND MUNICIPAL LAND NEEDS](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1 GUILFORD PROTECTIVE OPEN SPACE INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.1 2022 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [ACTION 3.4 OPEN SPACE PLAN 2022 RELEVANCY MEMO.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [3.4.4.A TOWN OF GUILFORD OPEN SPACE PURCHASES.XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.4.4.B TOWN MEETING \(RUSCONI\)](#)

PDF: [3.4.4.B TOWN MEETING \(BALESTRACCI\)](#)

PDF: [3.4.4.B TOWN MEETING \(WEST RIVER PRESERVE\)](#)

PDF: [3.4.4.A IMPROVED OPEN SPACE AT WEST RIVER.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.4.3 WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [3.4.4A LAND ACQUISITION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT AND FUND BALANCE](#)

PDF: [3.4.4B LAND ACQUISITION SPECIAL FUND REPORT 3/31/2025](#)

Documentation Details: Certification 2025 new actions 3.4.4a The 2024 annual report documents land acquisitions and the current available funds for purchases 3.4.4b Funds report as of 3/31/2025 ----- Pages within the Guilford Plan of Conservation and Development that are relevant to this Action are 16-25/88 and 61-62/88 for easier reference. Maps referenced above are on pages 16 and 62. Climate Leader Designation 2023 3.4.4.b Open Space Purchases Town of Guilford - new purchases 2021, 2022, 2023. Spreadsheet listing properties and minutes from town meetings approving purchases attached. Note that Balestracci and Rusconi properties were not included in the open space inventory submitted in 2022 (Action 3.4.1) and the West River Preserve was included but it was acquired in 2021 so it should be included in the 3 years look back for new acquisitions to increase open space. 3.4.4.c Trails were added to the newly acquired West River preserve Property including bridges to cross streams and information kiosks. --- 3.4.1, rolling credit, creating an open space inventory, inventory reviewed and updated 7/21/2022 by Kevin Magee (Town Environmental Planner), previous update 8/22/2019, originally created for town plan of conservation and development in 2015. Climate Leader Designation 2023 3.4.4.b: All properties acquired in 2021 and 2022 3.4.4.c: In 2021 and 2022 trails were added to the West River preserve Property including bridges and information kiosks.

Partners: 3.4.1 (open space inventory) none Climate Leader Designation 2023 3.4.4.b: The Guilford Land Conservation Trust (GLCT) partnered in the purchase of the Rusconi property with the town because the GLCT was able to apply for a Federal Grant for which the town was not eligible. Between the grant funds from GLCT and town funds the purchase was made possible. 3.4.4.c: Volunteers and an Eagle Scout worked on the new trails along with Town of Guilford Stewards at the West River Preserve

Additional Information: The Town of Guilford completed and updated an open space inventory and map as part of the 2015 Plan for Conservation and Development. The map shows agricultural land, conservation easements, municipal open space, water company-owned open space, land trust open space, and open space that is not currently protected. Guilford also maintains a spreadsheet showing more detail on these properties, including ownership and protection status. The Town's Plan of Conservation and Development serves as an open space plan with priorities, strategies, and actions for protection, including water quality, natural green infrastructure, native vegetation, significant forest blocks, The Plan of Conservation and Development (2015) is the most recent of plans which reinforces and enhances details of previous plans, including: Town of Guilford Plan for Open Space and Municipal Land Needs (2001), Town of Guilford Natural Resource Inventory (2005 and 2010), and Planning for Farmland Preservation (2009). It should be noted that the 2001 Plan for Open Space and Municipal Land Needs specifically identifies criteria that is used for prioritization of land acquisition, which includes: - Giving Priority evaluation to contiguous large tracts of land with connecting corridors as they have been shown to be critical for the maintenance of biological integrity, biodiversity, sustainability, and resiliency of the land. Of particular interest, is undeveloped land with habitats that are becoming increasingly scarce regionally, such as large meadows. - Prioritizing water

access sites. Give priority to acquisitions of water areas for public access to water bodies, rivers, ponds, lakes, and coastal waters for fishing, boat launching, and passive recreation. - Promoting payment in lieu of open space set-asides in subdivision where open space is not critical issue. The set aside would be earmarked for open space (Class A and B) acquisition. - Favoring open space land acquisition that includes or is adjacent to any wetlands system in Guilford. These major wetlands area identified by the Guilford Inland Wetlands Commission and the Guilford Conservation Commission merit special attention and add priority to properties being considered for purchase that contain or border on them. - Investigating areas that provide potential for active and passive recreation: Look for areas that would provide the potential for active and passive recreation. Development of multi-use fields, neighborhood parks, hiking trails, and access for water-related activities are needed to meet the growing recreational needs of the citizens of Guilford. Priority should be given to sites north of Route 80. Playing fields are needed in North Guilford. A multi-use park is specifically needed in the Podunk Road area. Appropriate sites, with economical access to necessary utilities, should be considered for potential development of indoor recreational facilities, such as an ice rink, swimming facility, and art center. - Prioritizing open space linkages to bordering Town's greenways - Prioritizing preservation/protection/acquisition of those natural areas designated by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection "Natural Diversity Database Map" for the Town of Guilford - Prioritizing riparian corridor preservation and protection to foster preservation of water quality, for wildlife, and for passive recreation and fishing where appropriate In addition, when potential farmland protection projects are identified, the Agricultural Commission can use GIS software to provide a score for many factors on the ranking sheet including: prime or statewide important farmland soils, size of parcel, potential use, development pressure, proximity to agricultural land/protected land, current use, and co-occurrence of other resources. Agricultural Commission members will also need to walk the site to verify some answers and to score other factors including: eligibility for state and federal farmland protection funding, resources available to farmer, and view from town roads.

2.4.4 Protect Open Space (5 points),

updated 8/22/19 Guilford has long worked as a municipality and with not-for-profit partners to protect open space. Perhaps the most significant example of this effort is the acquisition and protection of the Goss Family Property on August 26, 2009 just within the 10-year look-back period. The Goss Property added 624 acres of protected open land. The land was of highest priority because it is adjacent to and connects to a variety of already existing protected lands owned by the Guilford Land Trust, the Town, the Audubon society and a variety of protected wetlands. It was further determined ecologically sensitive and significant abating the East River and critical bird species nesting areas. It also allows unique recreation opportunities with walking trail connections from the Long Island Sound to Durham. The Guilford Town Land Acquisition Committee was able to demonstrate that this usually large bonding necessary to acquire this land, would in the long term, be less expensive than having the schools and Town infrastructure accommodate the estimated number of new residents, and obtained financing from NOAA (federal grant for \$3M) and bonding (Town of Guilford for \$11,245,000). The decision on the acquisition and protection plan for such a large bond required a public vote. The citizens turned out in surprisingly large numbers for a single issue referendum, which passed with 88% in favor. The vote changed the Town leadership's understanding of the degree to which Guilford residents support protecting it's ecological resources, which was further cited in 2011 as a top priority in a survey of residents.

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 NRW Inventory (10 points) 3.5.2 Integrate NRW Inventory into planning documents (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.5.1 GUILFORD NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT UPDATED APRIL 2010](#)

PDF: [2.5.1 GUILFORD NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT MAP ATLAS UPDATED APRIL 2010](#)

PDF: [2.5.2 GUILFORD PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT](#)

PDF: [2.5.2 GUILFORD POCD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [ACTION 3.5 NATURAL RESOURCE AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY 2022 RELEVANCY MEMO .PDF](#)

PDF: [UPDATE LETTER ON NATURAL RESOURCE AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER](#)

Documentation Details: The NWRI is specifically referenced on Page 5/88 of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Goal 2 detailed on Pages 21-25/88 references the NWRI extensively as it details efforts to conserve Guilford's lands, waters, and natural areas. 3.5.1/3.5.2 Environmental Planner review of documents: the first page is Kevin's response to our request for updates on the documents. There have been no updates since last submitted. --- 3.5.1, Rolling Credit, NRW Inventory, inventory reviewed most recently on 07/21/2022 by Kevin Magee (Environmental Planner). No updates from the last submission, 08/23/2019. 3.5.2, Rolling Credit, Integrate NRW Inventory into planning documents, reviewed most recently on 07/21/2022 by Kevin Magee (Environmental Planner). No updates from the last submission, 8/23/2019. Certification 2025 3.5.1 Updated letter on Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory relevancy

Partners: 3.5.1 none. 3.5.2 none.

Additional Information: Guilford developed a comprehensive inventory in 2005 and updated the document in 2010. As of 07/21/2022, there have been no updates to the document according to Kevin Magee, the environmental planner. Our Inventory has been referenced in nearly all planning documents since 2005. Such documents are summarized in the Plan of Conservation and Development. According to Kevin Magee, environmental planner, there has been no updates to this documentation and it is still an active part of the plan of conservation and development.

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.1 Establish a Forest Advisory Committee (5 points) 3.9.2d Complete a Forest Management Plan, (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.9.1 GUILFORD TREE ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA 02102022.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 GUILFORD TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 BRAEMORE PRESERVE TIMBER MANAGEMENT PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 DUDLEY PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPRESSED \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 DUDLEY PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPRESSED.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 EAST RIVER PRESERVE -ERP -EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.9.1 GUILFORD TREE ADVISORY BOARD UPDATED MEMBERSHIP AND AGENDAS 2025](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 EAST RIVER PRESERVE REPORT FINAL - JUNE COMPRESSED.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 GUILFORD TREE ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA 5-12-25](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 GUILFORD TREE ADVISORY BOARD ACTIVITIES 2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 GUILFORD TREE POLICY DRAFT 03 07 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2D TIMBERLAND PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE- APPROVAL BY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2D MINUTES - TIMBERLAND PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 TIMBERLAND 2022 UPDATE -TOWN OF GUILFORD FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2D GUILFORD TIMBERLANDS PLAN FINAL FOR 2023-2033.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 TOWN WEBSITE TREE ADVISORY BOARD INFO 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.2 TIMBERLAND FOREST RESOURCES INVENTORY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN 1997.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Note 3.9.2 Guilford Tree Policy Draft 3-7-22 is a DRAFT. It is expected to be finalized by April. --- 3.9.1 and 3.9.2 are rolling credits. Updates and recent activities after 2019 have been added. 2025 3.9.2d

Partners: 3.9.2 East River Preserve (ERP)Executive Summary: On Page 3. Part A Section 1, Authors of plan, please note the collaborative effort of public and private nonprofits' contributions to this Report such as the Guilford Conservation Land Trust and The CT Agricultural Experiment Station and DEEP to name a few,

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.1 (10 points) 3.11.2a (5 points) 3.11.2b (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [3.11.1 INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.11.2.A IPM - ORNAMENTAL & TURF IPM PLAN.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [3.11.2.B IRRIGATION ASSESSMENT.XLSX](#)

PDF: [3.11.2.C STORMWATER REDUCTION PROJECTS WITH UCONN.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: not needed --- 3.11.1 is Rolling and 3.11.2 are New

Partners: 3.11.c Stormwater Reduction Report by UCONN: Note Partners on the last page of the report. This project was funded by a grant from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. It is a partnership of the University of Connecticut Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) and Rutgers University Water Resource Program, and is adapted from a process developed by the latter.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

40 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 Providing educational outreach about pollinators (5 points) 3.12.2 Create Pollinator Gardens, Pollinator Pathways (15 points) 3.12.3 Pass a Native Pollinator Friendly Community resolution. (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.1 CREATING A NATIVE PLANT GARDEN WITH NANCY DEBRULE](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR PATHWAYS OF GUILFORD TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER AND FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR PATHWAY GUILFORD TOUR HANDOUT](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 POLLINATOR PROCLAMATION](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES, POLLINATOR PATHWAYS INITIATIVE](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 BOS MEETING MINUTES DESCRIPTION AND PDF LINK](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDENS AT THE GFL](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN AT THE GUILFORD COMMUNITY CENTER](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR BANNER ON GUILFORD GREEN](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 FRIENDS OF LAKE QUONNIPaug EDUCATIONAL BOOKLET.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 DOUG TALLAMY EVENT HOSTED BY THE GUILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TRUST \(GLCT\) 9-12-22.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 GLCT NATIVE PLANTS TALK 05-29-2024.JPEG](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK GLCT BROCHURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK SGTf BROCHURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 WILDFLOWER SEED PACKET SHARED WITH SGTf BROCHURE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN GRANT INFORMATION BY ADDISON WEED](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 SCARECROWS ON THE GUILFORD GREEN 2023 PHOTOS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 EDUCATIONAL BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT AT THE GUILFORD COMMUNITY CENTER](#)

IMAGE: [NEW POLLINATOR GARDEN 1ST FLOWERS CLOSE UP PHOTO.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 NEW POLLINATOR GARDEN WITH LARGE MILKWEED PATCH IN BACKGROUND AT TOWN'S NUT PLAIN PARK GUILFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN \(EDIT TITLE\)](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.3: The notes from the Pollinator section of the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes can be found on pages 8-10. 3.12.1, New Action Credit, Planting a Native Garden, 6/9/2022. 3.12.2 New Action Credit, Gardens initially created in June 2017, updated annually on May first. Last update, 5/1/2022 3.12.3 New Action Credit, Board of Selectmen meeting 3/15/2021 -----
----- August 2025 Submission 3.12.1 Friends of Lake Quonnipaug Educational Booklet: Only the cover page and page 14 of this booklet is enclosed. This booklet was distributed to every Facebook member of the Friends of Lake Quonnipaug group and to every home around lake with a QR code on the Facebook page and on a mailed postcard. The postcard was also distributed at all our in-person meetings and placed at Town Hall for anyone to take and learn more about how to help the waterways in their neighborhoods. 3.12.1 Doug Tallamy Event hosted by the Guilford Land Conservation Trust (GLCT) on 9-12-22: Doug Tallamy gave a lecture presentation based on his book "Nature's Best Hope" which promotes planting Native species in your own backyards to help pollinators and wildlife thrive. The town of Guilford co-hosted this event by providing the use of the Guilford High School Auditorium free of charge. Every seat in the Auditorium was taken (over 600). Additionally the GLCT posted a video of the presentation on its website for anyone to access. Breakwater books (a local Guilford bookstore) 3.12.1 GLCT Native Plants Talk 05-29-2024 : On May 29th of this year the GLCT co-hosted a free lecture at the Guilford Free Library on Native plants in Westwoods (a GLCT property in Guilford) that you can also grow in your own backyard. 3.12.1 Homegrown National Park Brochure – GLCT and SGTF : Doug Tallamy started the "Homegrown National Park" organization to educate all on what each of us can do in our own backyards. They encourage other organizations to add their logos to the brochure to distribute it locally. Both the GLCT and the Sustainable Guilford Task Force (SGTF) have done so since 2023. 3.12.1 Wildflower Seed Packet shared with SGTF: The SGTF attached these seed packets to the Homegrown National Park brochure which was distributed at National Night Out in 2023 and 2024 as well as Earth day 2024 & 2025. 3.12.1 Scarecrows on the Green: In 2023 the Town of Guilford started its own "Scarecrows on the Green" for organizations and businesses to advertise themselves in a fun display. Sustainable Guilford took this opportunity to promote planting for pollinators. The Homegrown National Park brochure was distributed here as well as free milkweed seed packets. 3.12.1 Live Butterfly Exhibit: "Craig the Butterfly Man" invited Guilford to help with education others about raising Monarch butterflies. The Guilford Parks and Recreation responded by purchasing a butterfly exhibit which was open to the public at the Guilford Community Center during the summer of 2024. see link: <https://zip06.com/news/677272/an-important-lesson-from-craig-the-butterfly-man/> 3.12.2 Library Garden Guide: In 2023 Angelina Carnevale, the librarian who created the butterfly garden in 2017 at the library, added a new educational component to the garden. The attached guide is a photograph of every flower in the garden with its common and scientific name. Every year since its creation plants have been added to the garden and these additions are continuously added to this guide as well. Library patrons can access a hardcopy of the guide at the library desk or ask for an electronic version. 3.12.2 Pollinator Garden by Addison Weed at the Guilford Community Garden's new location: Addison Weed created a pollinator garden for her Mastery Based Diploma (MBDA) Senior project as a Student of Guilford High School. She created the garden with the Guilford Community Garden which is located on the town of Guilford's property of Nut Plains Park. Flower list is below. Additionally, the Community Garden in its new location has saved large patches of wild Milkweed in the existing meadow to create a large Monarch waystation. See Photos of the New Pollinator Garden and Milkweed patches. Flowers & Grasses Lyreleaf Sage Butterfly Milkweed Lavender Hyssop Slender Leaved Mountainmint Black-Eyed Susan Downy Goldenrod Path Rush Sideoats Grama Eastern Columbine Downy Wood Mint White Goldenrod White Wood Aster Heart Leaved Aster Blue-Stemmed Goldenrod Wavy Hair Grass 3.12.3 Town of Guilford Pollinator Pathway Proclamation remains in effect and relevant. Rolling credit.

Partners: Guilford Free Library Guilford Land Conservation Trust Guilford High School Guilford Parks and Recreation Guilford Public Works Guilford Community Garden

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.1 Dark Skies Informational display at the Guilford Free Library (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.1 EMAILS TO PLAN DISPLAY WITH THE GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY](#)

IMAGE: [3.13.1 PHOTO OF DARK SKIES DISPLAY AT GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY](#)

Documentation Details: 3.13.1, New Action Credit, Display about the importance of Dark Skies at the Guilford Free Library, 6/24/2022.

Partners: 3.13.1 (Dark Skies display at Guilford Free Library): The Guilford Free Library both hosted and helped search for books to put on display. Our Role was the setup and idea of the display, as well as providing posters and brochures with educational resources to go along with the children's books.

Additional Information: 5/5/25: Dark sky information has been provided at multiple town events and locations since this original display in the library. We are really pleased with the reception to the information to date and are organizing volunteers to do project work later in 2025.

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1a Identify tourism and cultural assets (10 points) 4.1.1b Promote the public online resource through municipal communication channels. (5 points) 4.1.2: Update Your Profile on CTVisit (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1 GUILFORD CULTURAL HERITAGE WEBSITES AND INFORMATION KIOSK IMAGES](#)

PDF: [3.1 ARTICLE ABOUT GUILFORD INFORMATION KIOSK](#)

PDF: [3.1.1 VISIT GUILFORD MAINTENANCE PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.1A TOWN OF GUILFORD GIS MAPPING, MAP GALLERY](#)

PDF: [4.1.1B GUILFORD TOURIST KIOSK OPENS FOR THE SEASON, ZIP 06 ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [4.1.1A GUILFORD RECREATIONAL MAPS ON THE OUTSIDE OF GUILFORD TOURIST KIOSK](#)

WORD: [4.1.2 GUILFORD CTVISIT PROFILE](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.1a, Rolling credit, the Kiosk is still in place, run by volunteers from the Guilford Preservation Alliance, is ongoing and relevant, 6/14/2022. 4.1.1a, Rolling credit, the map is an ongoing project that the Town of Guilford continuously updates when new information is provided. Most recent update 07/2022.

Partners: 4.1.1 (Guilford Kiosk): The Guilford Preservation Alliance works with volunteers to continuously staff the Kiosk during its open season each year. 4.1.1c (GIS mapping, map gallery): The map gallery is found on the town website. The maps are designed and hosted by New England GeoSystems.

Additional Information: The Town of Guilford supported the creation of a publicly accessible inventory of tourism and cultural assets with an online presence and Information kiosk located on public land adjacent to the Town Green. The website is updated and kiosk staffed by volunteers of the Guilford Preservation Alliance on a continuous basis. The Town website links to the site, and the Town provides land and electricity to the information kiosk which posts information year-round but is staffed seasonally. <http://www.visitguilfordct.com> <https://visitguilfordct.com/do/a-map/> The Guilford Preservation Alliance has also committed to updating the Town's VisitCT profile regularly on behalf of the Town. <http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-guilford>

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.1: Establish a Poet Laureate (10 points) 4.2.2: Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (5 points) 4.2.7: Streamline permitting system for events, performances, etc. in public spaces (10 points) 4.2.10: Support arts and cultural activities offered at your local library(ies) (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.1.GUILFORD LETTER OF ONGOING COMMITMENT TO A POET LAUREATE](#)

EXCEL: [4.2.10 GFL PROGRAM REPORT FY 2021-2022.XLSX](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 GFL ADULT PROGRAMS APRIL 2020-MARCH 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 GFL MEETING ROOM REQUEST FORM 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 MUSIC UNITES ARTICLE - GUILFORD PORCHFEST EVENT](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 GFL ARTIST EXHIBIT FORM 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 ARTICLE ABOUT GUILFORD'S NEW ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 GFD PARKS & REC USE PERMITS 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.7 LINKS TO TOWN PERMIT FORMS OR APPLICATIONS FOR A VARIETY OF LOCAL VENUES](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 GUILFORD EVENTS VOL 11 Q1 2022.PDF](#)

WORD: [4.2.2 MUNICIPAL MARKETING FOR PORCHFEST 2025](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.10 GUILFORD LIBRARY LITERARY FESTIVAL FOR KIDS ADVERTISEMENT](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.1 POET LAUREATE TORCH PASS EVENT](#)

PDF: [4.2.1 POET LAUREATE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [4.2.1 POET LAUREATE PROCLAMATION](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 GUILFORD NEIGHBORS TOWN PUBLICATION EVENT CALENDAR](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.1 Guilford Ordinance for Poet Laureate.pdf : Ordinance from 2014, same document submitted in 2019, resubmitted in 2025 4.2.1.Guilford Letter of ongoing commitment to a Poet Laureate: Updated letter from March 2022 confirming Guilford Poet's laureate 4.2.1 Newspaper article about new Poet Laureate announcement. Event flyer for Poet Laureate Torch Passing Ceremony 4.2.2 Guilford Neighbors Town Publication Events Calendar. Newspaper article on 2024 Guilford Community Wide Porchfest 4.2.7 Town Green Events Application.pdf: Form to fill in to use the Green 4.2.7 GFL Meeting Room Request Form 2022.pdf: screenshot of the request form web page of the Guilford Free Library 4.2.7 GFL Artist Exhibit Form 2022.pdf : screenshot of the inquiry form web page of the Guilford Free Library 4.2.7 GFD Parks & Rec Use Permits 2022.pdf: screenshot of the permitting/use forms web page of the Parks and Recreation Department 4.2.7 Article about New Online Town Permitting System. Screenshot of Parks and Recreation Permit Applications Online Portal. The new online systems offer citizens a more equitable and accessible way to access permit applications than in the past. 4.2.10 GFL Program Report FY 2021-2022.xlsx: Report on events offered at the Library from June 2021 to present 4.2.10 GFL Adult Programs April 2020-March 2022.pdf: Cultural and artistic program of the library from April 2020 to March 2022 4.2.10 GFL Adult Programs October 2019-March 2020.pdf: Cultural and artistic program of the library from Oct 2019 to March 2020 4.2.10 Guilford events Vol 11 Q1 2022.pdf: Quarterly magazine distributed to all Guilford's residents. See pages 16 and 17 for library programs 4.2.10 Guilford Free Library Literary Festival for Kids advertisement in town (municipal) event calendar as well as town Guilford Neighbors magazine (published by the Guilford Chamber of Commerce) and the local newspaper, Guilford Courier. --- 4.2.1, Rolling credit, Guilford's poet laureate is established since 2014 and was reconfirmed in 2022 4.2.2: New action credit: Arts and culture are included in publicly available municipal marketing which are edited twice a year 4.2.7: Rolling credit, The permitting/use forms are still valid and ongoing 4.2.10, New action Credit, New programs of artistic and cultural activities are offered each month at the Guilford Free Library

Partners: 4.2.1: Establish a Poet Laureate: None. 4.2.2: Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing: None 4.2.7: Streamline permitting system for events, performances, etc. in public spaces: None 4.2.10: Support arts and cultural activities offered at your local library(ies). None.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.2 Adapt Permitting Process to Promote Sustainable Development

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.2.3a (10 points) 5.2.3b Create a Development Review Manual (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.2.1: SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST](#)

PDF: [5.2.3: PROCESS FOR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW](#)

PDF: [5.2.4: DEVELOPMENT REVIEW MANUAL](#)

PDF: [5.2.4: SCREENSHOT OF MANUAL LINK ON TOWN WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [5.2.3 2022 LETTER PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS .PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.4 CERTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT REVIEW MANUAL BY TOWN PLANNER 2022.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.2.4 - - Development Review Manual, screenshot to show where Development Review Manual is made available online, and letter from Town Planner verifying that Development Review Manual is current and applicable in 2019. --- 5.2.1: Rolling Credit - Sustainability Checklist.pdf 5.2.3: Rolling Credit - Statement March 4, 2022- Preliminary Development Project Review Process 5.2.3: Process for Pre-Application Review 5.2.4: Rolling Credit - Statement March 4, 2022- Certification of Development Review Manual

Partners: none

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

30 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 Agricultural Friendly Practices (20 points), updated 3/21/22 5.3.2 Agricultural use of municipal land (10 points), updated 3/21/22

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.3.1 RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3.1: RIGHT TO FARM AFFIRMATION BY FIRST SELECTMAN 2022](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 GUILFORD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION](#)

PDF: [5.3.2. NORTHERN HEIGHTS GRAZING LICENSE AGREEMENT.](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 CERTIFICATION OF GUILFORD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AND THE TOWN OF GUILFORD RIGHT TO FARM BY TOWN PLANNER 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.3.2. ROLLING CREDIT. HAY LICENSING. BID #5-2122.](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 LAND USE HANDBOOK REVIEW BY TOWN PLANNER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.3.1 Rolling Credit, Right to Farm Ordinance. Reviewed by Matt Hoey, (First Selectman, who provided RTF Affirmation in separate document. 5.3.1. Rolling Credit. Guilford Agricultural Commission, (Screen shot from Town website. 2020-22.) 5.3.2 Rolling Credit, Northern Heights Grazing License Agreement. Bid # 29-0910. (Current, expires in 2025.) 5.3.2 Rolling Credit. Agricultural use of Municipal lands, Haying License. Bid # 5-2122. (2/22/22)

Partners: none

Additional Information: 5/5/2025: Documentation posted in 2019 and 2022 is still relevant and in use in the Town of Guilford.

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.2 - Host a Community Resilience Building Workshop offered by the Nature Conservancy (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

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

PDF: [4.4.1 GUILFORD COASTAL RESILIENCE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT 2012.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.4.1 GUILFORD COMMUNITY COASTAL RESILIENCE PLAN 2014.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.4.1 GUILFORD COMMUNITY COASTAL RESILIENCE PLAN REPORT OF OPTIONS 2013.PDF](#)

PDF: [GUILFORD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - FINAL DRAFT - SEPTEMBER 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.4.2. GUILFORD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING LETTER OF RELEVANCE.](#)

Documentation Details: 5.4.2 Guilford Community Resilience Building Letter of Relevance prepared and submitted for Climate Leader Designation. --- 5.4.2. Rolling Credit. Letter of Continued Relevance. No updates needed

Partners: 5.4.2. None

Additional Information: Guilford also partnered with The Nature Conservancy and Yale University's Urban Ecology Laboratory to develop an in-depth series of reports identifying coastal vulnerability and risks and strategies to address these risks in 2012, 2013, and 2014. 5/5/2025: The documents previously developed are still relevant and in use in Guilford.

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.4 Achieve Local Government Status. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.5.2. WORKSHEET: HISTORIC ASSESSMENT](#)

PDF: [5.5.4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS LETTER.](#)

PDF: [5.5.3. EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR HISTORIC HOME OWNERS](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.2. Introductory notes included with the attachment. --- 5.5.2. New Action Credit. Historic building assessment and strategy for sustainability, past, recent and planned. 5.5.3. New Action Credit. Education Program for Owners of Historic Homes - Resource Cards. (1/22 - 3/22.) 5.5.4. Rolling Credit. Achieve Local Government Status. (status still relevant, reviewed by First Selectman Matt Hoey. no updates needed.)

Partners: 5.5.2. Guilford Preservation Alliance and Town Historian provided the history and early assessment of the structure. 5.5.3. Guilford Preservation Alliance, Town Historian, and Guilford Free Library (Guilford Room.)

5.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.6.2 Achieve SolSmart Designation (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.6.1D TRAINING COMPLETION CERTIFICATE: INSPECTING SOLARAPP+SYSTEM](#)

PDF: [5.6.1D TRAINING COMPLETION CERTIFICATE: SOLAR PV SAFETY FOR FIREFIGHTERS](#)

PDF: [5.6.1D TRAINING COMPLETION CERTIFICATE: HOW TO USE SOLARAPP+ FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECTS](#)

WORD: [5.6 GUILFORD SOLSMART DESIGNATION 2021.DOCX](#)

EXCEL: [5.6 SOLSMART CREDITS.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: See link to credit summary in the doc. Credits are detailed in the xlsx. Training Completion Certificates were provided by IREC upon completion, each found separately. --- 5.6.2 New Action. SolSmart Bronze Designation 5.6.1d New action. Participated in IREC trainings January-February, 2022

Partners: 5.6.1d: IREC online learning provided the trainings 5.6.2: none

Additional Information: The training, completed in January and February of 2022, was completed by Kimberly Norman-Rosedam- who is in the Building Dept. 5/5/2025: The documents previously submitted are still relevant and in use in Guilford.

5.9 Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.9 Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (20) Guilford is a participant in the NFIP's Community Rating System with a rating of Class 8.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.9 FEMA CRS ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES 2025](#)

Documentation Details: Guilford is listed on page 6 of 42.

Partners: NA

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

Approved Information: 6.1.1 Build a Complete Streets Team (5 points) 6.1.3 Create a Complete Streets Policy (20 Points) 6.1.6 Implement Complete Streets Policies (25 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.1. MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING ESTABLISHING MOBILITY TASK FORCE.](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 GUILFORD SAFE STREETS MOBILITY PLAN.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.1 SAFE STREET TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES 3/10/22 \(NEW DOCUMENT\)](#)

PDF: [6.1.1. COMPLETE STREETS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT 6/11/21](#)

PDF: [6.1.1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING 4/28/2021](#)

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

PDF: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET II](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT 2](#)

PDF: [6.1.1 GUILFORD SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE MEMBERS](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT 7](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT SEVEN STATE PROJECT](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT 8 AUTHORIZATION LETTER](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3.16.2020](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 WORKSHEET I](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT 8 STATE PROJECT](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 EMAIL SHARING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS TO SAFE STREETS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS](#)

PDF: [6.1.1 GUILFORD SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP](#)

WORD: [6.1.1 GUILFORD SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE WEBSITE, MEETING SCHEDULE, AND AGENDAS](#)

Documentation Details: 2025 6.1.1 Guilford Safe Streets Task Force Membership

https://www.guilfordct.gov/boards_and_commissions/safe_streets_task_force.php 6.1.1 Guilford Safe Streets Task Force Website, Meeting Schedule, and Agendas

https://www.guilfordct.gov/agenda_center/safe_streets_task_force.php 6.1.3 Guilford Safe Streets Mobility Plan remains relevant. 6.1.3. BOS Meeting 3/07/22. See pages 3 & 4 for Guilford Safe Streets Task Force report to BOS & public. 6.1.6 Guilford's spot improvement projects 1-5 are within the lookback period and eligible for 10 points. Guilford's corridor/ area-wide improvement is also within the lookback period and eligible for 15 points. ----- 6.1.1. Minutes of Board of Selectman Meeting establishing Mobility Task Force. (see pg. 9) 6.1.2. Complete Streets Training. Jim Bussman, Guilford Safe Streets Task Force member, completed League Cycling Instructor training held by The League Of American Bicyclists. 6.1.3. BOS Meeting 3/07/22. See pages 3 & 4 for Guilford Safe Streets Task Force report to BOS & public. --- 6.1.1. Rolling Credit. Build Complete Streets Team. Minutes of Selectmen's meeting establishing Guilford Safe Streets. (4/16/18). no updates needed. (policy still current and relevant) 6.1.1 Rolling Credit. Screen shot, Town of Guilford website, list of members. 6.1.1. New Credit. Safe Streets Task Force Meeting minutes, (3/10/22) 6.1.1. New Credit. Notice of Public Meeting. (4/28/21) 6.1.2. New Credit. Complete Streets Training. (11/7/21) the League Of American Bicyclists. 6.1.3. Rolling Credit. Guilford Safe Streets Mobility Plan. (Continued relevance, no update needed.) 6.1.3. Rolling Credit. Worksheet #1. 6.1.6 New Action Credit, worksheet two completed on 07/29/2022. All projects on worksheet two were documented 07/2022. 6.1.6 complete street project (#) are documents proving Guilford's involvement for projects 2, 5, 6, and 7 because they are on state roads.

Partners: None 6.1.1 6.1.3 6.1.6 (implement complete streets): the Guilford Safe Streets Task Force is responsible for Guilford's implementation of safe streets. Our role was to document Guilford's involvement in state project, and work with the Safe Streets Task Force to compile documentation for certification.

Additional Information: 6.1.2. Complete Streets Training. Member of Guilford Safe Streets Task Force, Jim Bussmann, achieved certification as a League Cycling Instructor, with The League Of American Bicyclists. Watch for bicycle training events this summer in Guilford. jjbussjb@gmail.com. 203.623.0000.

6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.2.2.a: Promote Effective Parking Management (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.2.2 APPLICABLE MOUS BETWEEN MULTIPLE PARTIES](#)

PDF: [6.2.2.A. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [6.2.2 PARKING LOT AGREEMENT - ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH](#)

PDF: [6.2.2. PARKING AGREEMENT BREAKWATER BOOKS](#)

PDF: [6.2.2. PARKING AGREEMENT VILLAGE CHOCOLATIER](#)

PDF: [6.2.2. PARKING AGREEMENT TRACY BRENT](#)

PDF: [6.2.2. PARKING AGREEMENT FLUTTERBY](#)

PDF: [6.2.2. PARKING AGREEMENT EDWARD JONES](#)

PDF: [6.2.2. PARKING AGREEMENT MARKETPLACE](#)

PDF: [6.2.2 PARKING AGREEMENT EXTENSION 2024-2025.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.2.2. Rolling Credit, Promote Effective Parking Management. Original MOU submitted in 2019. Documents updated with current agreements between Town and St. George's Church and merchants each listed individually in 2022. The agreement with St George is updated annually. The most recent extension to the agreement was signed in July 2024.

Partners: The Town of Guilford, elected leaders and staff, worked closely with Town merchants and St. George's Church. Complete write up in "Additional Information."

Additional Information: 6.2.2 Non-Regulatory Parking Management Strategies (15 points), updated 8/26/19
Guilford's Economic Development Commission has been actively engaged in implementing non-regulatory parking management strategies over the past several years - - specifically focusing on shared parking around the Historic Green. Several years ago, the town responded to the need for more parking to support retail, restaurant, and other small businesses in the historic Town Center. There has been a long-standing concern that creative solutions must be found for the parking problem in order to avoid paving more surface area for both aesthetic and ecological reasons. The first response was a Town government initiated, series of planning meetings between the Town and all of adjacent property owners to collaborate on redesign of the existing parking lot for shops along the main retail street and around a disorganized parking area. The land hosting the existing parking areas was owned by multiple landowners, including the Town, with little coordination. Lack of coordination resulted in maintenance issues, including regular flooding, poor lighting for safety, trash issues, and inefficient use of the space. The Town developed a formula for equitable sharing of the capital and service costs (electricity, trash collecting, cleaning, etc.) and in most of the owners saw lower costs from central services plus capital costs were reduced by maximum use of the capabilities of the public works department staff and equipment plus financing discounts. After several years of Town efforts to convince stakeholders that everyone would benefit from collaboration, an agreement was reached to create a unified parking area including central, fenced in dumpsters, sidewalks, improved lighting and storm water management. The project was so successful that that, in spite of additional parking spaces, the lot quickly became filled out, including at night for use by the restaurants. A second phase of the parking project was launched in 2018. Specifically, the Economic Development Commission sought the use of some of St George Church's large parking area to support the redeployment of some 125 employees from local businesses thereby freeing up spaces for shoppers. The Church's parking lot is often underutilized and it is conveniently situated in close proximity to the town's central hub. In 2018, after engaging the town attorney, the town entered into a tentative agreement with St George's for additional parking spaces with no notable costs to the town. Moreover, the town is also assessing the use of a sidewalk to better connect the St George's parking lot with local merchants. Additional details: • In 2015, the Town received a Small-Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant (\$ 452,000) from the State of CT to improve the community. This was a private-public partnership that included five different property owners, including Dee Jacobs, Frank & Wendy Ifkovic, Gil Lombard, Todd Taylor and the Town. • Most

communities face parking challenges, and Guilford is no different. The Town wanted to work in collaboration to provide improvements to a key and centralized merchant area, noting that all of these businesses are situated in the heart of the community. Moreover, the Town, property owners and merchants wanted to maintain and enhance the vitality of the small businesses in our community and specifically in the center of the Town. The goal, therefore, was to improve the principal merchant area (retailers, restaurants, service providers) near the Town green. Meetings were held with property owners and the merchants and a town engineer designed parking and associated space behind the merchant shops that would create a more attractive and equitable design. For example, a want to include sidewalks, lights, plantings, handicap spaces, and an added fire lane. Also trash receptacles were enclosed to further increase the area's appeal. • Town invested 10% of total cost in in-kind services, such as design and project oversight. • Resulted in the loss of 8-10 parking spaces. • Town subsequently sought to remedy this challenge and identified more spaces were needed (Whitfield to Water St). • Economic Development Commission members talked to several businesses to quantify the number of employees and parking spaces resulting in an outcome that highlighted some 120 employees and about 240 parking spaces. Clearly half of the available parking capacity was taken by employees of the merchants, leaving the remainder to shoppers and guests. Consequently, the outcome resulted in an impediment to economic growth, particularly among the small businesses in the area and further inhibited economic vitality and community engagement. • In 2018, the Town approached St George's parish, which has a very large parking area that is generally underutilized and is adjacent to the merchant area. • Meetings were held with St George's Parish Council and the Hartford Diocese was further engaged. • Economic Development Commission continued dialogue and/or meetings with businesses about plans to remediate parking congestion. • MOU was drafted between the Town and St George's Parish. Beyond the Church agreement, there are also sub-license agreements with merchants in which the Town is assigning rights to some 25 merchants in support of this undertaking. • Additionally, an easement agreement with Mr. Todd Taylor, a key property owner, for a (~ 43' x 5') sidewalk connecting the merchant area with the Church property was also crafted. • Merchant parking tags (1-100) have been developed in concert with business owners for employee use. In summary, the key documents supporting this potential equity submittal include: 1) License Agreement with the Town & St George's Parish. The Parish has been very supportive and recognizes the benefits to the community and the merchants. The Parish also recognizes many parish members also use the merchant lot, as they, too, seek to visit the merchants before or after service and other events sponsored by the Parish. 2) Sub-License Agreement Between the Town and the Merchants. This agreement outlines the rules of engagement between the Town and the merchants. Each participating merchant will sign the Agreement and be provided with parking tags for their employees. 3) Sidewalk Easement Agreement. This agreement is between the Town and the key property owner, Todd Taylor of Whitfield-Water Shoppes, LLC. The agreement allows the Town to construct a sidewalk on private property, and the property owner assumes all responsibility for ongoing maintenance while assuring continued use by the public and merchant employees. Note: These agreements are now in final stage and copies have been secured. All took considerable time to craft, edit and bring to a final draft stage. There was significant collaboration and communications throughout the process between Town officials, Town employees, Commission members, Property Owners, Merchants and their employees and, of course, St George's Parish (Priest, Parish Council, Legal Council and Diocesan office). The agreements were just received in draft form on 8/13/19 and all have been approved conceptually.

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.4 Conduct an assessment of where ZEV charging infrastructure is needed in your community (public and private). (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.4.4 EV CHARGING STATION WATER ST BUDGET PRICING](#)

PDF: [6.4.4 EV CHARGING STATION PARK ST \(TOWN HALL\) BUDGET PRICING](#)

IMAGE: [6.4.5 IMAGE OF EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ON PARK STREET](#)

PDF: [6.4.4. ASSESSMENT ZEV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE](#)

PDF: [6.4.4 ASSESSMENT ZEV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE TOWN HALL](#)

PDF: [ZEV ASSESSMENT MEETING .PDF](#)

PDF: [ZEV ASSESSMENT PEOPLE INVOLVED.PDF](#)

PDF: [ZEV INFRASTRUCTURE-EMAILCALL TC AND GC.PDF](#)

PDF: [EV CHARGING STATION SITE VISIT.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.4 Park Street and Water Street are bordering the Guilford Green, the center of town right near many of the small businesses, restaurants, and services that local residents visit daily. The town hall, four churches, the Guilford Post Office, and the Guilford Free Library are surrounded by over 40 small businesses that are found in the area. The EV charging stations are located less than five minutes from Route one, and about 8 minutes from I-95. The Water Street parking lot is directly surrounded by more than 15 small businesses alone and is less than five a five-minute walk away from Guilford Town Hall (main and south), the Guilford Savings bank, the post office, and the Library. The Park Street parking lot is located behind the town hall, in front of the Guilford Youth Services Bureau, and next to Town Hall South. Surrounding the Guilford Green, Park Street and Water street have a wide range of historic houses as well as new developments. There are schools, beaches, historic sights, and the fairgrounds within a ten-minute drive, all surrounded by diverse suburbs and neighborhoods of varying sizes. Neighborhoods range from the million-dollar condos of 66 High Street, a ten-minute walk away from the Water Street EV charging station, to small two-bedroom houses in neighborhoods nearby. The accessibility to a wide range of residents, municipal buildings and services, access to major transportation routes, and the local businesses and restaurants make the Park Street and Water Street parking lots very well visited and densely packed with cars, and beneficial spots to put charging infrastructure. Submitted for Climate Leader Designation. 6.4.5 rollover points. The EV Charging station is very much still relevant. It is in the center of town and as more people purchase electric vehicles and they become more affordable, the charging infrastructure is used more. The location is very accessible. 6.4.5 and well used, with some competition for use. Submitted for Climate Leader Designation.

Partners: 6.4.2 (Municipal EV readiness toolkit training) Training run by Live Bank and the Connecticut Green Bank. Building Manager Kimberly Norman-Rosedam completed all 12 weeks of the program in order to better implement sustainability measures that the UN created (Sustainable Development Goals) on a local level. The 12-week program completed by the Guilford Building Official was to prepare local towns to adapt and better support electric vehicles. 6.4.4 Verdek LLC and Resource Light and Energy. Resource Light and Energy was used to budget and price the charging infrastructure. Verdek installed the first charging infrastructure in 2014, as seen in 6.4.4 Guilford Grant above. 6.4.5 no partners, only the installation partners from 6.4.4 who initially provided the EV charging infrastructure still in use.

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.2- Implement a bicycle education program (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.5.2- BICYCLE EVENT INFORMATION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.5.2- BICYCLE EVENT FLYER.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.2- Bicycle Event Information- This document has information on the Guilford Bike Rodeo, which was held on May 18, 2024. 6.5.2- Bicycle Event Flyer- This document is the flyer distributed to provide information on the event.

Partners: 6.5.2- The Guilford team of the Shoreline Greenway Trail ran this event in conjunction with the Guilford Police Department, who ran an activity at the event, and Bike 4 Kids. The Guilford Fire Department also contributed to the event by bringing equipment that attendees could check out.

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.6.1 Perform a Street Light Inventory and Lighting Needs Assessment (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.6.2 INSTALLED STREET LIGHTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.6.2 GUILFORD EPC SCHEDULE 1.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.6.2 STREET LIGHTS LETTER OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION SIGNED.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [7.6.1 LIGHTING INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [7.6.1 GUILFORD EXTERIOR LIGHTING INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT](#)

Documentation Details: 7.6.2. - Rolling Credit. (still relevant.) 7.6.1 - New Action credit. Completed inventory and needs assessment in order to pursue Climate Leader Designation.

Partners: none

Additional Information: 5/5/2025: Documents are still relevant and in use in Guilford.

7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign (10 points) Guilford pursued this action with a community energy campaign (HeatSmart) in 2021 for our previous certification cycle, and a second community energy campaign (PowerSmart) in 2023 for the current certification cycle.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7 HEAT SMART INFORMATION FOR BOS & BOS MEETING MINUTES WITH APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [7.7 HEATSMART PROGRAM OUTCOMES](#)

PDF: [7.7 HEATSMART EDUCATION SESSIONS](#)

PDF: [7.7 HEATSMART LAUNCH PRESS RELEASE](#)

PDF: [7.7 HEATSMART LETTER TO RESIDENTS](#)

PDF: [7.7 HEATSMART WEBSITE](#)

WORD: [7.7 WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [7.7 POWERSMART GUILFORD FLYER GRID EDGE](#)

PDF: [7.7 POWERSMART GUILFORD FLYER](#)

PDF: [7.7 POWERSMART GUILFORD PARADE PHOTOS](#)

PDF: [7.7 POWERSMART GUILFORD PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [7.7 POWERSMART GUILFORD VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION OCTOBER](#)

PDF: [7.7 POWERSMART GUILFORD VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION ON TOWN HALL WEBSITE](#)

Documentation Details: 7.7 The original HeatSmart campaign was initiated, launched, and completed within the previous reporting period (3/2021-2/2022.) The more recent PowerSmart campaign was initiated, launched, and completed during the current reporting period (7/2023-12/2023.)

Partners: HeatSmart Guilford was a partnership between PACE and Town of Guilford. A letter of intent and MoU was signed in the co-development of the program. PACE was an outstanding partner to Guilford. A MoU was also established between PACE, Town of Guilford, and the selected HES and heat pump contractors. PowerSmart Guilford was a campaign conducted in 28 CT municipalities under a grant from US DoE and in partnership with SmartPower, Yale SoE, and NYC Stern. SmartPower provided excellent content and support.

Additional Information: More information on both campaigns is provided in the attached Worksheet.

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: [2.6.1: MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING FOR CSPACE](#)

PDF: [2.6.1: NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING FOR CSPACE](#)

PDF: [2.6.1: GUILFORD'S CSPACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FULLY EXECUTED](#)

PDF: [2.6.3: GUILFORD C-PACE PARTICIPANTS](#)

PDF: [2.6.3 PHOTO OF PALUMBO'S AUTOMOTIVE SOLAR INSTALLATION](#)

PDF: [2.6.2 PRESENTATION TO GUILFORD AND MADISON, JULY 2022](#)

PDF: [2.6.2 HANDOUT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR TO GIVE TO BUSINESSES TO PROMOTE C-PACE FROM CT GREEN BANK](#)

PDF: [2.6.2 HANDOUT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR CGB BUILDINGS FROM CT GREEN BANK](#)

WORD: [7.9.1: SCREENSHOT OF CSPACE LINK ON TOWN WEBSITE](#)

Documentation Details: 2.6.2 presentation to Guilford and Madison July 2022: on page 13, a list of next steps that were created by the people attending the meeting created together can be found (Economic Development Coordinator, two members of the CT Green Bank, two Sustainable Guilford Task Force members) --- 2.6.2 New Action Credit: we are seeking 5 points for organizing educational events and conducting educational outreach to individual property owners after a Guilford town meeting with the CT Green Bank. (07/11/2022) 2.6.1 Rolling Credit: The town C-PACE Agreement is still in place and actively supporting the business and future organizations opting to participate in the CT Green Bank C-PACE program. (Updated 2022, and again 2025 for credit in 2025)

Partners: CT Green Bank administers the C-PACE program and collaborates with Town of Guilford.

Additional Information: We have, as suggested after the reviewer feedback from our last submission, reached out to the CT Green Bank resulting in discussions. The Economic Development Coordinator as well as representatives from the Sustainable Guilford Task Force and the Town Planner are all working on putting together a list of properties that are eligible. In the meantime, educational material is being shared. In the past three years, one business in Guilford has participated in the C-PACE program. Confirmation and documentation provided by the CT Green Bank are uploaded along with a photo of the business and solar installation. Guilford had a meeting with the Ct Green Bank 07-05-2022 to discuss what outreach materials could be provided to businesses and to create a plan to make a list of potential properties to target in the program. Submitted also is the handout that the CT Green Bank provided to the town of Guilford and Madison's Economic Development Coordinator to hand out to businesses and promote. In 2025, we are pleased to say that Guilford still supports C-PACE and acknowledges our agreement with CT Greenbank. We still provide a link to the website on our municipal homepage, and field questions from residents interested in the program.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

20 Points

Approved Information: 8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.1 GUILFORD SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS DOCUMENTATION](#)

EXCEL: [8.1 WORKSHEET GUILFORD](#)

Documentation Details: Note that all documentation for all 22 sustainability events is contained in a single document titled "8.1 Documentation Guilford".

Partners: 8.1 (sustainability event): Please see the righthand "Partner" column on the Excel Worksheet for a list of relevant partners. We are including 26 events and the partners are specific to each event.

Additional Information: N/A

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 (15 points) The Town of Guilford has employed a Communication Public Information Specialist for many years, and the role and responsibilities have evolved over time with technology changes. Today's communication strategy features multi-media and multi-platform communication and emphasizes two-way communication.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.2 GUILFORD'S COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY](#)

WORD: [8.2.1 WORKSHEET](#)

Partners: Guilford Preservation Alliance (partner in hosting and updating Guilford Tourism website) Guilford Courier (local newspaper partner in press releases and local coverage) Guilford Events Magazine (local weekly magazine partner in events and Selectmen's message)

8.5 Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.5.1 GUILFORD MENTORSHIP WITH BRANFORD'S REPAIR CAFES](#)

Partners: Sustainable Guilford Task Force, Branford Energy Commission, Living Wisely and Well, and all the volunteers from both Guilford and Branford

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](#)

Documentation Details: 8.6 Worksheet- This worksheet outlines the collaboration between Guilford and Madison which resulted in the creation of a food scraps drop-off at the Guilford-Madison Transfer Station. Created in May 2023, this new initiative aligns with Action 9.4.2.

Partners: 8.6.1 (Collaborate with other municipality): Madison collaborated with Guilford on the food scraps drop-off at the Guilford-Madison Transfer Station.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3.1. TAKE2 TOWN COLLECTION COMPARISONS](#)

PDF: [9.3.1. TAKE2 PROGRAM AT GUILFORD TRANSFER STATION](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 GUILFORD AND MADISON SOLID WASTE/TRANSFER STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3/12/24](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 RECYCLING WORKSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3.1 Guilford and Madison Solid Waste/Transfer Station Advisory Committee 3/12/24 agenda includes E-Waste Contract renewal with Take 2 9.3.1.Take2 Program at Guilford Transfer Station. This document includes contract and Take2 information. 9.3.1. New Action Credit. Participate in electronics recycling of additional materials.

Partners: 9.3.1. (recycle additional materials.) Guilford partners with Town of Madison for our Transfer Station and recycling initiatives.

Additional Information: 9.3.1. Guilford Transfer Station's program with Take2 is one of the highest in amounts collected in the state. (Note: Our contract with Take2 is currently in process of renewal, but services are ongoing and will continue.) Not all items taken appear on the flyer. For example batteries, light bulbs and all items with plugs are collected. Flyer includes Take2 website for more information. Flyers are distributed at Town Hall and the library.

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [9.4.1- TRANSFER STATION PROGRAM.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.1- CURBSIDE PICKUP PROGRAM](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.1- Transfer Station Program: Guilford and Madison residents can drop off food scraps at their transfer station for free, and the food scraps are sent to Quantum Biopower by Blue Earth. Information can be found on the Town of Guilford website at https://www.guilfordct.gov/town_departments/waste_transfer_station/index.php 9.4.1- Curbside Pickup Program: From March 2023 to March 2024, Guilford and Madison ran a pilot curbside food scraps pickup program for about 350 residents. Food scraps were sent to Quantum Biopower. Information can be found on the Town of Guilford website at https://www.guilfordct.gov/news_detail_T24_R60.php

Partners: 9.4.1 (Implement a program): Madison jointly pays for the composting drop-off site because it is located at the Guilford-Madison Transfer Station (more information about this collaboration in 8.6.1). Blue Earth partners by collecting food scraps from the transfer station. CT DEEP partnered by funding the curbside program through the Sustainable Materials Management grant.

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.1 (5 points) 9.5.3 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [9.5.1- RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM](#)

WORD: [9.5.3 GUILFORD REPAIR CAFE CAMPAIGN](#)

Documentation Details: 9.5.1- Food Waste Education: The Recycling and Composting Informational Program was held on October 12, 2022 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This event was held in advance of Guilford's composting pilot program starting to educate residents and increase awareness. This document includes event information and a news posting about the event by the town.

Partners: 9.5.1 (Food waste education): The Guilford Free Library and Sustainable Guilford Task Force co-sponsored the event. The Town of Guilford contributed by having a town employee speak at the event and advertising the event via the town calendar. CT DEEP contributed, as one of their employees was a speaker. 9.5.3- Repair Cafes organized by the Sustainable Guilford Task Force and hosted at the Guilford Community Center

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.2.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.2.1 HIA TRAINING PARTICIPANT AND INFORMATION](#)

PDF: [10.2.1 MINUTES FROM BOS MEETING REGARDING HIA INFORMATION](#)

Documentation Details: 10.2.1 New action credit, training completed 6/10/2022, Board of Selectmen meeting 8/1/2022

Partners: 10.2.1 None

Additional Information: 5/5/2025: The training documented for this credit occurred during the look-back period and is still relevant and in use in Guilford.

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

30 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.2 (10 points) 10.3.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.3.2 SCREENSHOT OF GUILFORD DAY SMOKING CAMPAIGN.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 GYFS MINUTES DESCRIBING ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGNS MAY 2019](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 PHOTO FROM LAKE QUONNIPAUG NO SMOKING.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 GYFS MINUTES DESCRIBING ANTI-VAPING CAMPAIGN](#)

PDF: [10.3.3 GUILFORD BOS MENTION OF SMOKING BAN AT TOWN MEETING 12-18-2024](#)

WORD: [GUILFORD 10.3.2 WORKSHEET 2 2025.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.3.3 GUILFORD SMOKING ORDINANCE IN PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 SCIENCE OF ADDICTION EVENT 02272024.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 VAPING WORKSHOP FOR BALDWIN 03252024.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 GUILFORD HIDDEN IN PLAIN SITE 03072024.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.3.2 worksheet 2 and supporting documentation - 10.3.2 - Science of Addiction Event 02272024 10.3.2 - Vaping Workshop Baldwin 03252024 10.3.2 - Guilford Hidden In Plain Site 03072024 10.3.3 Guilford Smoking ordinance - 214-3-D - smoking prohibited on beaches (highlighted at bottom of page 4 10.3.3 - Mention of no smoking law in Guilford at BOS meeting on 12-18-2024 (paragraph highlighted on page 1) 10.3.2. Rolling Credit. Day Smoking Campaign. 10.3.2. Rolling Credit. Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking (policy still current and relevant) 10.3.2. Rolling Credit. Photo from Lake Quonnipaug, No Smoking. (still current and relevant) 10.3.2 New Credit. GYFS Minutes describing anti-vaping campaign

Partners: none

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

30 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.7.2 THE PATCH: NEW PLAYGROUND SURVEY](#)

PDF: [10.7.2 2024 PLAYGROUND SURVEY RESULTS](#)

WORD: [10.7.2 NEW PLAYGROUNDS DESCRIPTION AND DOCUMENTATION](#)

Partners: Guilford's Parks and Recreation Department identified and engaged the following stakeholders critical to successful upgrading of two major playgrounds including: • Parks and Recreation Commission • Residents • Public Works • Board of Selectmen • Playground Working Group • Wetlands Commission • Planning and Zoning Commission • Inland Wetlands/Natural Resources

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.1.1 GUILFORD AFFORDABLE HOUSING HANDOUT 2025](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 GUILFORD AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP LIST](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 GUILFORD AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING AGENDA 5-20-2025](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 GUILFORD AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING MINUTES 5-20-2025](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.1 GUILFORD COURIER PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING, GUILFORD COURIER](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1.1 - Guilford Affordable Housing Commission member list (5 points) 11.1.1 - Guilford Affordable Housing meeting agenda 5-20-2025 - agenda of recent meeting 11.1.1 - Guilford Affordable Housing meeting minutes 5-20-2025 - minutes from recent meeting 11.1.1 - Guilford Affordable Housing Commission Meeting announcement in Guilford Courier

Partners: none

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

40 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 (20 points) 11.3.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.3 GUILFORD ZONING CHAPTER 273](#)

PDF: [11.3 ZONING SECTION 3.5 CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT](#)

PDF: [11.1 ZONING SECTION 6.11 PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING](#)

Documentation Details: Sections pertaining to this action are highlighted in the Zoning Chapter in blue. --- 11.3.3/4, Rolling Credit, No updates needed (policies still current and relevant).

Partners: None

Additional Information: Guilford Zoning regulations define FAMILY as "one or more persons related by blood, adoption, or marriage living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit, OR a number of persons living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit though not related by blood, adoption, or marriage." This allows for non-traditional families, cooperative housing, and groups. Guilford further allows ROOMS-TO-LET which is defined as "the letting of rooms in a dwelling in which lodging facilities are supplied for hire over an extended period of time, which facilities do not include the provision of cooking facilities for such rooms but may include table board or sharing of cooking facilities of the dwelling." Rooms to let are allowed in all residential zones subject to the requirements in zoning code 273-22B(1-6) Guilford's Zoning Planned Residential District regulations allow reduced minimum acreage requirements and increased number of bedrooms for developments with affordable housing units. They also allow additional lots for providing affordable housing in open space conservation subdivisions. Also, in accordance with CGS Chapter 126a Section 8-30g, Guilford defines affordable housing and allows affordable housing in densities in excess of what is otherwise allowed. Please reference highlighted regulations. 5/5/2025: The documentation previously submitted is still relevant and in use in Guilford.

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [12.2.2 SCREENSHOT AND LINK TO GUILFORD DIRECTORY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON TOWN WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [12.2.2 GUILFORD SOCIAL SERVICES BOOKLET PART 1](#)

Documentation Details: The Guilford Social Service Booklet, which is posted on the town 's website, links to 211 on page 22 of Part 1 of their guide.

Partners: None

12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.4.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [CDBG SMALL CITIES EXTENSION REQUEST](#)

PDF: [12.4.1 WORKSHEET #1](#)

PDF: [SMALL CITIES GRANT AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [GUILFORD AMENDMENT V](#)

Documentation Details: 12.4.1 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness. Small Cities Grant. 12/31/2023 - 3/31/2025

Partners: 12.4.1. Resources to address homelessness. Guilfordis involved with Housing Diversion Initiative & Funding through the Federal Housing Community Community Block Grant.