



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Haddam was certified on October 01, 2025 with 565 points. Listed below is information regarding Haddam's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Haddam was approved for in 2025 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED for All Certification Levels

30 Points

Approved Information: 1.1.1 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HADDAM. HOUSING DATA 2022](#)

PDF: [HADDAM_EQUITY_PROFILE_2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [CAFE FIXER REG.PDF](#)

PDF: [REPAIR CAFE.PDF](#)

WORD: [SUSTAIN SURVEY.DOCX](#)

WORD: [HADDAM REPAIR CAFÉ PARTICIPANTS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [1.1 EQUITY TOOL KIT FOR 10.4](#)

WORD: [1.1 HADDAM TOOLKIT - 10.7.2 AND 11.1.3.DOCX](#)

WORD: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT FOR 9.5.1](#)

Documentation Details: Refer to cafe fixer and repair cafe pdfs to see the fixer registration forms and the community registration forms for the Haddam Repair Cafe held April 5, 2025. The survey distributed to the Senior Center and Club 60 is entitled; Sustain survey. This was a survey sent out prior to the repair cafe acquiring fixers.

Partners: 8.5: A Haddam Sustainability Committee member was mentored by Tanya Bourgoïn, a Selectwoman from the Town of East Haddam regarding how to implement a Repair Cafe and a list of fixers was provided. The Rockfall Foundation also provided a list of fixers, registration forms for the fixers and attendees. ReBoot Eco, a zero waste and refill store located in Middletown CT, held a small Repair Cafe which this member of the Haddam Sustainability Committee attended and made connections with some of the fixers ultimately used for Haddam's Repair Cafe.

Additional Information:

https://www.haddam.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4486/f/uploads/comment_cards_from_june_8.pdf This document lists all the cards people from the community submitted to Town officials prior to or at the June 8, 2023 Town meeting regarding what to do with the former Haddam elementary School building that the Town owns. One of the questions put forth to the community was did the towns people want the whole roof to be replaced (we had a grant for that)? It should be noted that the HES property renovation proposal went forward to a referendum in the summer of 2024, and it passed with ideas that were submitted, like putting in recreational activities on the HES property grounds like pickle ball courts, putting police, senior center and new community center in the building.

1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

5 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [1.2.2 EQUITY TRAINING INFORMATION.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 1.2.2, New Action Credit, Support equity training for municipal staff, August 2022

Partners: 1.2.2: State Education Resource Center of Connecticut presented the equity training attended by school administrators and teachers.

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

40 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.3 (10 points) 2.1.4 (20 points) 2.1.6 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.1.6 RFP ROSSI PROPERTY](#)

PDF: [2.1.4 RAP FOR 300 SAYBROOK ROAD HIGGANUM.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 ROSSI PROPERTY GRANT AWARD LETTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 ROSSI PROPERTY GRANT APPLICATION](#)

PDF: [2.1.4 SCOVIL HOE PHASE 1](#)

WORD: [2.1.6 REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.3 Rossi property 2022 2.1.4 RAP completed 2022 for 300 Saybrook Road in Higganum; Scovil Hoe Phase 1 completed in 2021 is still used and relevant in the property's management in 2025. 2.1.6 RFP issued January 2023

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.2.1 TRAINING NOTES](#)

Documentation Details: 2.2.1: Linda Talbott from the Haddam Sustainability Committee watched the linked webinar on sustainable procurement in July 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5R8xCkEWSeU>

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.6 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.6 BUSINESS INTERRUPTION GRANT INFORMATION](#)

PDF: [BUSINESS INTERRUPTION APPLICATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING MINUTES JAN 13, 2025: EXTENDING BUSINESS INTERRUPTION FUNDS](#)

Documentation Details: The Tylerville section of Haddam has several businesses which were negatively impacted by the East Haddam bridge reconstruction project which will take about 2 years. The Town applied for a state grant and used the funds from that grant to award each of the following businesses \$20,000 each: Subway, Oh Fudge, Tony's Package Store, River Valley Provisions and River's Edge Home Improvement Center. Each business had to document loss of revenue due to decreased traffic. There are many weeks when the bridge was closed from Sunday evening through Wednesdays at noon and other times when only one traffic lane is open. On January 13, 2025, the Haddam Board of selectmen approved extending funds to businesses in the Tylerville section of town who are negatively impacted by the East haddam swing Bridge reconstruction project and also now there is a rotary going in that area which adds to disruption.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

10 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SRWP-ACCOMPLISHMENTS-2022.PDF](#)

WORD: [SALMONRIVER WQM REPORT 2023 APPENDIX.DOCX](#)

PDF: [HADDAM_2025-2026_BOF_ADOPTED_BUDGET.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1 NARRATIVE](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1a: see information in attached narrative. Tabling at the 2022 Haddam Neck Fair
3.1.2: <https://ctdeepwatermonitoring.github.io/RBVReport/>

Partners: Salmon River Watershed Partnership

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.3: 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.4.4A HIGGANUM COVE](#)

PDF: [3.4.4A HIGGANUM COVE HIGHLIGHTED MINUTES](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 HADDAM PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT \(POCD\) 2018 - ADOPTED.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.4.3_HADDAM_WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: See highlighted minutes which state that a vote was taken and passed designating Higganum Cove as a protected preserve.

Partners: None

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1: (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.5.1 NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY](#)

Documentation Details: 3.5.1: Haddam's natural resources inventory was completed in June 2025. See attached documentation for the inventory and map list

Partners: None

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3a: (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [3.10.3A SCREENSHOT OF INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON HADDAM'S SITE](#)

Documentation Details: 3.10.3a: See attached screenshot of invasive species educational video linked on Haddam's municipal site here: <https://www.haddam.org/QuickLinks.aspx?CID=23> . The link directly to the video can also be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dRdEFoNjHKG3ORjG3z-NKcWwKX2RaCE2/view>

Partners: None

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1: Provide education to residents and local businesses to improve pollinator habitat (5 points) 3.12.2: Create native pollinator gardens, upgrade existing gardens to be pollinator friendly and educate the public about the importance of pollinators to society (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [HADDAM POLLINATOR GARDENS.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [BRAINERD LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO 1 3.12.2](#)

IMAGE: [BRAINERD LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO 2 3.12.2](#)

IMAGE: [BRAINERD LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO 3 3.12.2](#)

IMAGE: [BRAINERD LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO 4 3.12.2](#)

IMAGE: [BRAINERD LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO 5 3.12.2](#)

IMAGE: [BRAINERD LIBRARY POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO 6 3.12.2](#)

PDF: [POLLINATOR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES 3.12.1](#)

WORD: [3.12.2 2024 BUTTERFLY GARDEN REPORT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3.12.1 LABELED PLANTS AT POLLINATOR GARDEN.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1: Pollinator Educational Resources information has been posted on the Town website: <https://www.haddam.org/505/Pollinator-Education-Resources> 3.12.1: See list of signage that was added to the Pollinator Garden in 2024. Many of the plants in the garden were labeled with signage. Additionally see Pollinator Educational Resources Document for more outreach. 3.12.2: See the 2024 Garden Report. This is a report regarding the Pollinator Garden located at the Haddam Brainerd Library Children's entrance. This garden is a long-established garden which the Garden Club maintains and upgrades as noted in the 2024 report. The library receives funding from the Town of Haddam . It should be noted that this garden was put on the Monarch Waystation Registry in 2019. (See Pollinator Educational Resources document which has the link to that.)

Additional Information: 3.12.1: See 2024 Butterfly Garden report and Labeled plants at Pollinator Garden: In 2023 the Pollinator Garden signage was done by a Master Gardener student along with the Haddam Garden Club. The Garden club maintains this garden so the report shows how they maintained it in 2024.

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [4.1.2 HADDAM CT VISIT](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.2: Website is up to date

Partners: None

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2 Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing (5 points) 4.2.3 Commit dedicated funding to the arts (10 points) 4.2.10 Support arts and cultural activities offered at your local library(ies) by promoting, through municipal outlets, events offered at your local library(ies). (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [4.2.13 SUMMER HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAMP](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.10 BRAINERD LIBRARY AGRICULTURAL DAY](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.13 SHAD MUSEUM MOVED TO HADDAM TOWN PROPERTY](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 HADDAM ANNUAL BUDGET \(SEE PAGE 18\)](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 HADDAM EVENTS NEWSLETTER QUARTER 2 - 2024 \(PDF\).PDF](#)

WORD: [4.2.3 HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.2 The Town of Haddam release an events magazine each quarter: <https://www.haddam.org/573/Haddam-Events-Magazine> 4.2.3 See page 18 of the annual budget; \$2,500 was allocated to the Historical Society in the 2024-2025 budget, 4.2.13 - <https://www.haddamhistory.org/museums/haddam-shad-museum/> The Haddam Shad Museum was moved onto Town owned property in 2023 for more accessible access to this historical resource. It was moved onto the grounds of the former Haddam Elementary School. Once it is in its permanent spot, shad educational programs will be reinitiated. An article describing the move can be viewed here: <https://hk-now.com/haddam-shad-museum-on-the-move-to-hes/>

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

30 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b: 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.1_WORKSHEET_2.DOCX](#)

PDF: [HADDAM PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT \(POCD\) 2018 - ADOPTED .PDF](#)

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1: 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.3.1 HADDAM ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

Documentation Details: 5.3.1: Haddam's adopted zoning regulations allow agriculture and farm stands as of right in resident districts. This can be found in 6.2.C and 6.2.D in the zoning regulations.

Partners: None

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

30 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1 Identify multiple priority historic assets within your community (10 points) 5.5.2 For at least one historic asset in your municipality, perform a conditions assessment, feasibility study, or long-term maintenance plan (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.5.2 HADDAM JAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND FINAL REPORT SUMMARY.DOCX 2023](#)

WORD: [5.5.2 WORKSHEET SCOVIL HOE](#)

WORD: [5.5.2 WORKSHEET - NOTE ONLY THE JAIL HOUSE INFORMATION](#)

PDF: [STRUCTURAL_CONDITION_REPORT SCOVIL HOE 5.5.2.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [5.5.1 HADDAM HISTORIC HOUSES INVENTORY](#)

EXCEL: [5.5.1 INVENTORY OF HADDAM'S CEMETERIES](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 PRIORITY HISTORIC ASSETS IN HADDAM](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.1: See attached excel spreadsheet listing all historic homes in Haddam both private and municipally owned. The word document titled "priority historic assets in Haddam" details the priority historical assets in the municipality and details what actions/maintenance are needed to preserve the assets along with brief descriptions of each. The list of cemeteries documents all cemeteries in Haddam which are along historical assets. 5.5.2: Rolling Action Credit, Haddam Jail feasibility Study from 2018 is still current and relevant per Town Planner, July 2023. 5.5.2 Rolling credit for Scovil Hoe Structural Condition report 2017 is useful for the present development of this building complex per Town Planner, September 2023.

Partners: Fuss and O'Neill completed both reports for the Town of Haddam

Additional Information: Parker Benjamin is the developer for the Scovil Hoe buildings which will move forward once the environmental remediation is completed.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

35 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2: Participate in a complete streets training (5 points) 6.1.6: Implement, repair and maintain specific projects that expand safe, connected, active transportation networks across all neighborhoods. (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET HADDAM CENTER SIDEWALK PROJECT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 PHOTO OF HADDAM CENTER SIDEWALKS 1.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 PHOTO OF HADDAM CENTER SIDEWALKS 2.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 PHOTO OF HADDAM CENTER SIDEWALKS 3.JPG](#)

PDF: [TOWN_OF_HADDAM_RESOLUTION_RE_ACQUISITION_OF_SIDEWALK_EASEMENTS_0.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 SAYBROOK ROAD TO RAILROAD TRACKS](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 SAYBROOK ROAD TO RAILROAD TRACKS 2](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 RAILROAD TRACKS TO EAST HADDAM BRIDGE](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 RAILROAD TRACKS TO EAST HADDAM BRIDGE 2](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 RAILROAD TRACKS TO EAST HADDAM BRIDGE 3](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET 2 BRIDGE STREET SIDE WALK PROJECT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING NOTES](#)

Documentation Details: 6.1.2: Linda Talbott of the Haddam Sustainability Committee watched the linked webinar in July 2025: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgaBTOnjvZk> 6.1.6, New Action Credit, 2022-2023

Partners: None

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.2: (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.4.2 WEBINAR NOTES](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.2: See attached document for webinar notes. Linda Talbott of the Haddam Sustainability Commission watching the following training in July 2025: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwjd-jtP2tE&t=1s>

Partners: None

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.9.1 TOWN MEETING JUNE 29TH, 2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.9.1 HADDAM CPACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [7.9.1 HADDAM CPACE SCREENSHOT.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: 7.9.1: The C-PACE link on the Haddam municipal website can be seen here - <https://www.haddam.org/576/Building>

Partners: The Green Bank

7.10 Support Battery Storage Solutions

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [HADDAM ECODE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS](#)

Documentation Details: The Haddam zoning regulations and municipal ordinances were reviewed by Haddam Sustainability Committee members on August 14, 2025. Haddam ecode: <https://ecode360.com/14685636> Haddam Zoning Regulations: <https://www.haddam.org/DocumentCenter/View/699/Haddam-Zoning-Regulations-PDF>

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

20 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.1 HADDAM SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS WORKSHEET.XLSX](#)

Partners: None

8.5 Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.5.1 WORKSHEET - MENTORING FOR 9.4.2](#)

WORD: [MENTORING REPAIR CAFE](#)

WORD: [8.5 REPAIR CAFE MENTORING WITH BETHANY](#)

Documentation Details: Haddam was the mentee for organizing their first repair cafe which should take place on April 5, 2025. Tanya Bourgoïn who is on the East Haddam Board of Selectmen provided our Sustainability Committee Chairwoman, Joanne Nesti, their list of fixers, Haddam mentored Bethany with their Repair cafe as well. The third was with Killingworth for 9.4.2

Partners: Rockfall Foundation and Reboot Eco (based in Middletown).

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [PER CAPITA WASTE HADDAM](#)

PDF: [9.1.1 WORKSHEET 11.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.1.1 SCREENSHOT OF DATA ON MUNICIPAL SITE](#)

Documentation Details: Per capita waste worksheets for 2 years are listed above. Christopher Corsa, the Assistant Public Works Director does submit the recycling and solid waste data as required to CT DEEP and is up to date on that. The Haddam First Selectman listed on the from submitted is the official Director, but Chris runs the day-to-day Public Works department and the transfer station. Both forms were uploaded as one of them it is hard to read tons for curbside: 7/01/2023-6/30/2024 should read: 867.36 tons for AllWaste and 973.61 for Pete's Waste removal. The housing data used was the same data for both years as the Connecticut Partnership for Strong Communities Housing data didn't seem to have the same statistics for 7/01/2022-6/30/2023 as it did for 7/01/2023-6/30/2024. See uploaded screenshot of the data displayed publicly on the municipal site. The link to this is found here: <https://www.haddam.org/484/Sustainability-Committee>

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [PHONE RECYCLE](#)

IMAGE: [RAZOR BLADES](#)

IMAGE: [TOOTHBRUSH AND SUPPLIES](#)

IMAGE: [TEXTILES IN THE TOWN HALL](#)

IMAGE: [TREX AT THE TOWN HALL](#)

PDF: [BAY STATE TEXTILES - 2020-2021 REPORT \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 TREX INFO.DOCX](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 MATTRESS RECYCLING](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 RSD17-BAY STATE CONTRACT.PDF](#)

PDF: [HADDAM MAY 2023 - BAY STATE TEXTILES TONNAGE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [ELECTRONICS](#)

IMAGE: [TAKE 2](#)

IMAGE: [MATTRESS RECYCLING](#)

IMAGE: [TERRACYCLE](#)

IMAGE: [BAY STATE](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 WORKSHEET 2025](#)

PDF: [HADDAM RAZOR RECYCLING PROGRAM TOWN HALL \(PDF\).PDF](#)

PDF: [2024-02-07_TRANSFER_STATION_FLYER_UD.PDF](#)

PDF: [2025 TRANSFER STATION FLYER \(PDF\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Haddam Transfer Station website showing razor, mattress, textile, Take 2, and the Transfer Station Flyer which includes information about the Swap Shack:

<https://www.haddam.org/553/Transfer-Station> 1. Textiles – in 2015 a recycling trailer from Bay State Textiles was set up at the Transfer Station located on RT. 154 in Haddam Connecticut. This bin will take all textiles and recycle them. The material needs to be bagged up and deposited into the trailer. For those residents that do not have a Transfer Station pass, we offer a bin at the Annex which houses the Social Services office. We have also started recording the weights with DEEP. In 2023 we were able to get 2 Baystate textile bins placed at the schools: one at the H-K Intermediate/Middle school and one at the Haddam-Killingworth High School. See Haddam as a drop off location on the 2025 Bay State Textiles web page: <https://www.baystatetextiles.com/locations/> 2. Cell Phones- in April of 2019 we received a box from Take2. They have a box set up for old cell phones/ iPods/ ipads or anything else that fits into their secure box. This is only at the Town Office Building. Take 2 is now also at the Haddam transfer Station and takes electronics plus old VHS tapes. 3. Razor Blades- in April of 2019 we received a box for recycling disposable razors through Terra Cycle. This is only available at the Town Office Building. 4. Mattresses: see attached information regarding mattress recycling through Bye Bye Mattresses 5. Toothpaste and dental products – in April 2019 we started collecting through Terra Cycle empty toothpaste containers, toothbrushes and floss container. This is only available at the Town Office Building. 6. Compost – We began in house composting for our town employees in March of 2019. A resident built us a compost bin. We have a collection bin in the lunchroom and it is taken out twice a week. A resident asked about dropping off his food scraps and we opened it up to the public. Another compost bin is scheduled to be built at the Town Annex building. This is also where Social Services is located and they are planning on building a community garden. 7. In November of 2018, we teamed up with TREX. They produce building material with recycled plastic. In a six month span, if your organization can collect 500 lbs in a 6 month period, they will donate to you a bench made of their product. In a 6 month span, the Town of Haddam collected 2424.6 lbs. We needed volunteers to collect the bags from the areas around town, weigh them and then bring them to TREX distribution centers. Every 6 month period, we are eligible for a new bench. This is the project that really sparked interest in recycling in Haddam. As of 9/20/2023, the Town of Haddam has 4 benches made from these plastic products. TREX changed the requirements so in the end of 2023 going into 2024 we need to collect 1000lbs in the span of 12 months. We now have one large bin located at the Haddam transfer station where volunteers collect and weigh the soft plastic and bring it to Stop and Shop where they then bring it to their regional collection site in Mass and TREX picks it up there. As of 1/4/2023 6,069lbs of soft plastic. 8. The Transfer Station has a Swap Shack. This is a place where residents can bring lightly used items and other residents can take them home. 9. The Transfer Station also takes batteries, mattress, oil, electronics and bulky waste.

Partners: The organizations we partnered with are listed above. They are Take 2, TREX, Baystate Textiles, Terra Cycle.

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [9.4.1 WEBSITE SCREENSHOT.PNG](#)

PDF: [9.4.1 BLUE EARTH COMPOST FOOD SCRAP AGREEMENT - 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.4.1 FOOD SCRAP POSTCARD](#)

WORD: [HADDAM 9.4.1.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [TOWN OF HADDAM WEIGHT REPORT_ALL TIME.PNG](#)

PDF: [9.4.1 BLUE EARTH FOOD SCRAP CONTRACT 2025](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.1 Food Scrap Recycling webpage - <https://www.haddam.org/506/Compost-Project> 9.4.1 Food Scrap Recycling Campaign initiated in Haddam with newspaper articles, online H-K Now articles, postcard mailer to 3,666 households, literature and lecture given to the Haddam Garden Club, Regional District 17 (posted in their newsletter). In person presentation to Haddam Historical society with literature distributed. Information on the program posted on [Haddam.org/recycling](https://www.haddam.org/recycling) opportunities. Presentation done to Burr Elementary School PTO with literature distributed. Town of Haddam purchased 100 starter kits which consisted of a 2 gallon counter top bin, a 6 gallon transport bin , a printed brochure and 1 roll of 25 compostable bags used to line the countertop bin with. Program began on December 8, 2021 in partnership with Blue Earth Compost. In three weeks 725 lbs food waste removed. (15 points). Education of the Food Scrap program provided to residents at the Haddam Farmer's Market from June 2022 -October 2022 and June 2023-October 2023. First 100 starter kits were sold through a \$25 donation each , so a set of additional 50 were purchased by the Town Sustainability Committee and those also were sold. As of 9/20/2023 a new set of 50 more are in the process of being sold. Haddam Partnered with Blue Earth Compost to haul the scraps away weekly to Quantum Biopower located in Southington where they are converted into compost and also in the process create Biogas which helps generate electricity for the Town of Southington. Blue Earth supplies 32 gallon bin containers which are located at the Haddam Transfer Station. Free Food Scrap only Transfer Station passes are available to those who have a private trash hauler and want to participate. From 12/8/2021-11/30/2022:42,280 lbs food scraps were removed from Haddam's MSW; from 12/7/2022-11/23/2023:51,675 lbs removed. It also should be noted that a small group of volunteers collects food scraps left over from the Senior Center in Haddam each week and brings them to the transfer station Blue Earth compost bins located there.

Partners: Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority: Director Jennifer Heaton-Jones supplied the 200 starter kits which the Town of Haddam Purchased. Blue Earth Compost based in Hartford is the certified food scrap hauler Haddam has partnered with. ABCO Printing did the printing of food scrap brochures as well as the postcards announcing the program. Ellington printing printed the food scrap sticker which we affixed to the transport bins in the starter kits.

Additional Information: Haddam wishes to expand the food scrap diversion project and the Haddam Sustainability Committee has applied for a CT state grant in order to do this. As of this writing, Haddam has not heard yet about the grant.

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

25 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.1 (5 points) 9.5.2 (5 points) 9.5.4 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.5.4 HADDAM TRANSFER STATION FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [POSTER /REPAIR CAFE](#)

PDF: [REPAIR CAFE FIXER FORM](#)

PDF: [REPAIR CAFE PARTICIPANT FORM](#)

WORD: [9.5.2 NARRATIVE](#)

WORD: [9.5.1 NARRATIVE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [9.5.2 EVENT PROMOTION IN NEWSPAPER](#)

WORD: [9.5.2 RECYCLING INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED AT FARMERS MARKETS](#)

PDF: [9.5.4 2025 TRANSFER STATION FLYER](#)

Documentation Details: 9.5.4: The Haddam Transfer Station has had a Swap Shack for many years where residents drop off used furniture, household items, books, toys, sporting goods and other small items. <https://www.haddam.org/553/Transfer-Station> 9.5.1: Repair Cafe Haddam document outlines this event which was a big success. 9.5.2: The Haddam community learned about the importance of sorting recyclables and about the whole process at the presentation from MRF about what happens to the recyclables that are taken there. Additionally, see attached handout that is distributed at the Farmers Markets about recycling.

Partners: None Partners for Haddam Repair Cafe: The Rockfall Foundation gave us a list of fixers and also participation forms and rules. East Haddam first selectwoman Tanya Bourgoin mentored Haddam Sustainability Committee Chairwoman Joanne Nesti about repair cafes and also gave her a list of fixers. The United Congregational Church of Haddam and Higganum loaned us tablecloths for the Repair Cafe tables. The Town of Haddam allowed us to use the community room at the #13 Firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road free of charge for the Repair Cafe. The Town also printed flyers which were placed around town and through the budget the town of Haddam gives the Sustainability Committee, an ad was placed in the Haddam Killingworth newspaper which goes out to 4500 businesses and households in Haddam, Higganum and Haddam Neck. The committee rented a coffee maker with their budget also.

Additional Information: Haddam also publishes articles for the community regarding the importance of sorting recyclables. See 2025 article here: <https://hk-now.com/2025/02/10/what-is-the-solution-to-plastic-pollution/>

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.2.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 10.2.1: See the attached document for webinar notes. Linda Talbott of the Haddam Sustainability Committee watched the following webinar in July 2025: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcXC7YJ99-c&t=252s>

Partners: None

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [GROW TOWER](#)

IMAGE: [GARDEN](#)

Documentation Details: 10.4.1 In April of 2023 a small 10 x 10 ft garden of raised beds was established on Town owned land near the Haddam Social Services office. Social services staff planted various lettuces, sugar snap peas, carrots, tomatoes, turnips, celery, strawberries and sunflowers. Social Services clientele are able to harvest the produce as needed. The Town of Haddam paid for the seeds, soil, plants. Fencing around the garden and tomatoes was donated. A grow tower located inside the Haddam annex Building in the Social Services office was donated. Various lettuces, greens grow in the tower year around. There is a free snack table and food bank located inside the Social Services office also. The community garden program remains active in the summer of 2025.

Partners: A partnership with the United Congregational Church of Haddam and Higganum (UCCHH) with the Social Services Department resulted in the church donating the grow tower. Reverend Hilary McClellan at 905 Saybrook Road Church minister, is the partner contact person. 860-345-2742.

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE 2023](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE AND OUTREACH 2023](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET 2024 OUTREACH](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET SCREENSHOT.PNG](#)

PDF: [VENDOR APPLICATION FARMERS MARKET](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET 2025 SCHEDULE](#)

IMAGE: [PICTURE OF 2025 MARKET CALENDAR](#)

Documentation Details: 2025: See attached screenshot of the market calendar on the Haddam municipal site where it is promoted. <https://www.haddam.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=731> . This year the market is on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30pm running from June 4th- September 17th for a total of 16 dates. The market is held on municipal property. Market Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HigganumFarmersMarket>
2024: Higganum Farmers Market has been running for several years on the Town property at the former Haddam Elementary school. This year it is being held Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. Farmers Market schedule in 2023 year had 18 Saturdays with a variety of themes. The Higganum Farmer's Market website promotes local businesses who are vendors at the Market. Go to higganumfarmersmarket.com to view the website.

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.2a (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.6 WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT 2024-08-01 AT 1.36.02 PM.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: Link to info: <https://www.haddam.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid=13>

Partners: Town partnered with the Brainerd Library and the Haddam Senior Center for official cooling center (library) and back up cooling center(Senior center)

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

30 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE INFORMATIONAL SIGN.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE FENCE INSTALLATION.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE OVERLOOK](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE BENCHES](#)

PDF: [HCC_9.14.23_MINUTES HIGGANUM COVE.PDF 10.7.2](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE: OVERLOOK, BRUSH CLEARING AND TRIMMING](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE: SPLIT RAIL FENCE](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE: VIEWING AREA](#)

IMAGE: [HIGGANUM COVE AWARD.JPEG](#)

WORD: [HADDAM HES PLAYGROUND 10.7.2.DOCX](#)

WORD: [10.7.2 HIGGANUM COVE PROJECT TIMELINE.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: See the Higganum Cove Project Timeline document for a review of numerous projects at the Higganum Cove project. Projects since 2021 include erecting an informational kiosk, installing fencing, installing a kayak launch, installing benches, installing an overlook viewing platform, and more.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HADDAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEPT 12, 2022 FINAL \(2\).PDF 11.1.3](#)

PDF: [HADDAM TAX RELIEF PROGRAM 11.1.3 FROM TOWN ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF BROCHURE 11.1.3](#)

WORD: [WORKSHEET 11.1.3](#)

Documentation Details: We are seeking 35 points for housing data inventory, a housing needs assessment and applying for and receiving funding to conduct an Incentive Housing Zone Study, all work included public meetings and workshops. The Town then incorporating all of this information into the towns Plan of Conservation and Development in December of 2017. The Town then updated their Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) which included an entire Chapter entitled "Where We Live" which included relevant housing statistics a discussion of Affordable Housing and Goals and Strategies to address the lack of affordable housing. The Planning and Zoning Commission then followed through with their studies and plans and approved a Housing Opportunity District in Spring Of 2018 which allowed for higher densities in exchange for affordable housing units. The Commission then applied this overlay zone to a large parcel in Haddam. The plan, including the Incentive Housing Zone Study, was reviewed by the Board of Selectman and formally approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, after extensive public workshops, on December 7th, 2017. Haddam Affordable Housing Sept 12, 2022 see pages 40-41. Haddam applied for and received a state grant of \$4,550,000 which includes public and private financing to go toward affordable housing. Plans for this housing with a developer presented to the community on April 3, 2024. The plan is to use a portion of the former Haddam Elementary School (HES) for 36 units of Affordable Senior Housing. It will need to go to a referendum or a Town Meeting. See page 20 of the Haddam affordable housing plan which discussed the Tylerville section of Haddam and approval of market rate multi-family residential development. Two developers have either completed or are working on 98 approved units (approved in March 2022) with another 38 units in process. The link to the April 3, 2024 presentation to the community is on the worksheet 11.1 (3). It includes the Power Point done by the Town Planner outlining the plan. This needs to go to referendum and no date has been set for that yet. The video of the presentation with resident's comments was also included in that link. See this link for the video : <https://reflect-vsctv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/4974?site=1>

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.3 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2.3 GRANT PRESS RELEASE HADDAM.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [11.2.3 HADDAM PRESS RELEASE SCREENSHOT.PNG](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION 11.2.3](#)

PDF: [PRIVATE PARTNER LETTER 11.2.3](#)

PDF: [FLOOR PLANS 11.2.3](#)

Documentation Details: 11.2.3. a \$4550,000 grant for Serving Our Seniors-Affordable Housing and Senior Center: this adaptable and ADA accessible project in Higganum Village will transform the former elementary school to create a new Senior Center and sidewalks connecting to downtown. Thirty-six units of Affordable Senior Housing will be created. The site will also host the community food pantry, and outdoor community recreational spaces such as a multi-generational park, a dog park, a 1/3 mile walk track, pickle ball courts. The former school auditorium/multi-purpose room will be available for public use as a new Community Center.

Partners: 11.2.3 These community groups and municipal agencies will collaborate on this affordable housing plan: Haddam Board of Finance, Haddam Board of Selectmen, Haddam Social Services Director, Haddam Senior Center Director and Activities Director, Land Use development Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission. RAK realty is the developer that will do the interior rehabilitation and rebuild including the public spaces and the private affordable housing units as well as the outdoor recreational spaces. Another developer has been chosen to do the multi-generational park.

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1.a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [12.1.B END HOMELESSNESS OLDER ADULTS TRAINING.JPG 2023](#)

IMAGE: [12.1.1A DESIGNATE A HOMELESSNESS LIAISON](#)

Documentation Details: Becky Rice is the Director of Human Services. The Sustainability Committee, Becky, and the First Selectman have met to discuss the role and resources provided on the municipal website in the Fall of 2023. <https://www.haddam.org/547/Homelessness>

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [12.2.2 HADDAM HOMELESSNESS RESOURCES.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: <https://www.haddam.org/547/Homelessness>

Partners: None

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

10 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Master Park Plan (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HIGGANUM COVE MASTER PLAN](#)

Documentation Details: The Higganum Cove Master Plan outlines restoration and management projects to guide the Town in fulfilling the vision of the committee in making the Higganum Cove a town park open to the public and to be used for passive recreational and educational activities while protecting the outstanding natural attributes of the Cove connecting the Higganum Creek to the Connecticut River.
https://www.haddam.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4486/f/uploads/hc_master_plan.pdf