



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Hamden was certified on October 01, 2025 with 845 points. Listed below is information regarding Hamden'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 Hamden 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

50 Points

Approved Information: 1.1.1 (50 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [1.1.1 SIX LAKES EQUITY TOOLKIT ALIGNED WITH 13.1](#)

WORD: [1.1.1 HAMDEN FOOD ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT ALIGNED WITH 10.1.2](#)

WORD: [1.1 LIBRARY PROGRAMS EQUITY TOOLKIT ALIGNED WITH 13.1](#)

IMAGE: [1.1.1 HAMDEN MLK MURAL RESPONSES SCREENSHOT.PNG](#)

WORD: [1.1.1 MLK MURAL EQUITY TOOLKIT ALIGNED WITH 4.2.13](#)

WORD: [1.1.1 BROWNFIELD EQUITY TOOLKIT ALIGNED WITH 2.1.7](#)

IMAGE: [1.1.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FLYER](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1.1 Equity Toolkit- This toolkit outlines outreach efforts regarding brownfield remediation at the old Hamden Middle School in June 2023. This toolkit aligns with action 2.1.7. 1.1.1 Community Engagement Flyer - This flyer highlights the June 28, 2023 community engagement event, which had multiples methods of participating.

Partners: 1.1.1 (Equity toolkits): none

Additional Information: This event took place in coordination with Keefe Center staff who also hosted the Health Fair and the Hunger Summit.

1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

5 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

[1.2.2 EQUITY TRAINING POWERPOINT.PPTX](#)

Documentation Details: 1.2.2 Equity Training PowerPoint- This document is from a professional development session, titled "Establishing & Maintaining Equitable Practices: School Climate and Culturally Responsive Communication," for all teachers in Hamden Public Schools (about 440 teachers) on November 1, 2022. The Board of Education organized this professional development session as a part of an ongoing equity training series. The equity professional development sessions, including the 11/1/22 session, were led by Hamden Public Schools administration and staff trained through school-based equity teams. The school-based equity teams meet monthly around "Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain" by Zaretta Hammond with Dr. Tamika LaSalle-Finley, Georgia State University (formerly at UCONN). Through these meetings, the administrators and teachers prepare to conduct the equity professional development sessions.

Partners: 1.2.2 (Host an equity session): Dr. Tamika LaSalle-Finley from Georgia State University meets with school-based equity teams monthly to prepare them to lead equity professional development sessions in their respective schools.

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

20 Points

Approved Information: 1.3.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [1.3 - WTNH ARTICLE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [1.3 - MEETING MINUTES 07202020-1863.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.3 - 07202020_RESOLUTION_DECLARING_RACISM_AS_A_PUBLIC_HEALTH_CRISIS_IN_HAMDEN.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 1.3 - Meeting Minutes 07202020-1863.pdf - Agenda item 8 -- 1.3 Adopted 7/20/2020

Partners: Hamden Equity & Inclusivity Task Force Southern Connecticut State University Department of Public Health Quinnipiac Valley Health District

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

25 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 (10 points) 2.1.3 (10 points) 2.1.5 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [2.1.1 WORKSHEET FOR BROWNFIELD INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF NEWHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

PDF: [2.1.3 GRANT APPROVAL FOR NEWHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BROWNFIELD](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POSTER.JPG](#)

PDF: [2.1.5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REUSE IDEAS](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.1 Worksheet for Brownfield Inventory- This inventory was confirmed up-to-date by the town engineer in December 2022. 2.1.3 Grant Application for Demolition of Newhall Middle School- This document from February 2023 is the grant application Hamden submitted for funding for the remediation project. Hamden received funding approval in 2023. 2.1.3 Grant Approval for Newhall Middle School- This documents our reception and approval of 10 million in funds to demolition the old middle school in the Newhall neighborhood in Hamden. This doc contains our LC approving the money, our grant application, and a memorandum by our Grants director. 2.1.4 Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment of the Tabernacle Baptist Church At 425 and 449 Newhall Street - This investigation was conducted in September of 2002. 2.1.5 Community Engagement Poster- This is the flyer created to advertise this event. The latest community engagement meeting was June 28, 2023. 2.1.5 Community Engagement Ideas- The ideas for reuse are as follows: -Cooling/Warming center -Social services, such as homelessness, youth, community, and others -Auditorium -Outdoor growing space

Partners: 2.1.1 (Brownfield Inventory)- The Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and the UConn College of Engineering students as part of practicum. 2.1.3 (Grant Approval)- Carol Hazen, Director of Grants and Capital Projects. Funds came from Community Investment Fund through the state

Additional Information: The Hamden Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is an independent, 501(c)(4) Corporation that serves as an additional tool for developing the tax base in Hamden and as an advocate for businesses in Town. The Corporation was formed as part of Hamden's long-range Economic Development Plan and is focused on redevelopment of contaminated or under-performing properties. Town of Hamden supported a budget line item for HEDC to cover insurance, marketing, and preliminary assessment costs. The Board of Directors is comprised of eleven members, including business, banking, utility and institutional partners. HEDC facilitated work on expanded inventory information conducted by students at UConn Department of Engineering as part of practicum. Notably, HEDC managed the remediation of CT's largest contaminated residential neighborhood in the Highwood neighborhood in Hamden. Also redeveloped by HEDC with town support, The Business Incubator project is located across the street from the redeveloped Villano Park in the Highwood neighborhood. See more at: www.hamdeneconomicdevelopment.org

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1. (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [NIGP FORUM 2024 SESSIONS SCHEDULE](#)

PDF: [2.2.1 SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT TRAINING](#)

Documentation Details: Details about the Sustainable Procurement Training can be found in the NIGP FORUM 2024 SESSION SCHEDULE on the bottom of page 20 to page 21. Information about the staff member in attendance can be found in the 2.2.1 Sustainable Procurement Training document.

Partners: NIGP, the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing, is a non-profit organization that the town of Hamden partners with to support and develop the public procurement profession in the municipality. In partnership with this organization Hamden sends Phil Goodwin, the Town Purchasing Agent to these forums to learn about government procurement strategies and connect with vendors.

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

20 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.3.1A LINKS AND SCREENSHOTS TO HAMDEN'S LOCAL BUSINESS INVENTORY](#)

PDF: [2.3.1A HAMDEN LOCAL BUSINESS INVENTORY FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 WORKSHEET \(1\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.1a The Town website now links to Hamden's Chamber of Commerce inventory under "I want to"-> "Learn about"-> "Local business" 2.3.2 Worksheet outlining the Hamden Buy Local Campaign, slogan, and link to the Website, publishing along with links to all 3 initial social media campaign posts and relevant screen shots.

Partners: 2.3.1a Hamden Supports the Hamden Chamber of Commerce 2.3.2 Hamden Buy Local Campaign was done in collaboration with 2025 QU Presidential Fellow Anthony Siteman and Dreams. A Hamden native, creative director passionate about helping build Hamden's community and providing people with the resources he lacked growing up in Hamden.

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.3 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.4.3 HAMDEN OPEN AIR MARKETS](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 EARTH DAY EVENTS 2024](#)

WORD: [HAMDEN FEST](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2024](#)

Documentation Details: 2.4.3 Hamden Open Air Markets- Press release and flyer for open air markets held on July 25 and August 22, 2024, with several local vendors featured at both events. 2.4.3 Earth Day Events 2024- Press release for the series of events held for Earth Day 2024. These events include an Earth Day Celebration on April 27, 2024 that featured local businesses. 2.4.3 Earth Day Celebration 2024- This is a flyer for the 2024 Earth Day Celebration, which had several local businesses as vendors. 2.4.3 Hamden Fest - This document contains a list of vendors present at Hamden Fest, a copy of the event flyer for June 14, 2025, and relevant links to the chamber of commerce communications and Town of Hamden communications about the event Relevant links including lists of businesses:

<https://hamdenregionalchamber.com/promote/hamden-fest/> <https://www.hamden.com/329/Annual-Earth-Day-Celebration>

Partners: 2.4.3 (Invite businesses to 3 community events): Hamden Fest was hosted by both the Town of Hamden and the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a (5 points) 3.1.1b (15 points) 3.1.1c (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.1.1A EARTH DAY 2022 PROMOTIONS](#)

WORD: [3.1.1A UPDATED EARTH DAY 2022 EVENT](#)

WORD: [3.1.1B STORM DRAIN SIGNS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.1.1C FINAL WATERSHED HEALTH PLEDGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1C WATERSHED HEALTH PLEDGE DISSEMINATION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1a - Updated Earth Day 2022 Event- The findings from the Mill River document were presented again in 2022 at a broader educational event, the authors of this report came and spoke at the event, as indicated by their Twitter post advertising this. 3.1.1a Earth Day 2022 Promotions- The event was promoted through municipal social media and on the municipal webpage see screenshots and hyperlinks here. 3.1.1b- Storm Drain Signs - Includes an image of signage program implementation, screenshots of publishing made to showcase this activity, and a hyperlink to the related publication 3.1.1c Watershed Health Pledge - Includes a blank copy of the Hamden Watershed Health Pledge 3.1.1c Watershed Health Pledge Dissemination - Addressees how Watershed Health Pledges were disseminated and approximate dates

Partners: 3.1.1a (Sponsor or host a watershed education program)- The Mill River Watershed Association came to the Earth Day event to speak about the Mill River document findings. 3.1.1b (Signage Program)- Quinnipiac Students in the Engineering and Computer Science department implemented the signs in collaboration with the Town of Hamden Inland Wetland Commission and the Mill River Watershed Association. Medallions were purchased through a grant from the Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund.

Additional Information: Town of Hamden, Yale University, Quinnipiac University, civic associations in New Haven, Hamden and Cheshire, non-profit organizations--all taking active interest in the Mill River Watershed stretching (at least) from Cheshire, through Hamden to New Haven before flowing into Long Island Sound. Mill River flows through East Rock Park on the border of Hamden and New Haven; the path along the river is a great migratory bird pathway, a regular Great Blue Heron feeding ground, and a popular footpath, jogging trail, and artists' painting perch, especially at the historic covered bridge that crosses the Mill River at a popular walking trail just off Whitney Avenue.

3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.2.1B AND 3.2.3A MILL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

PDF: [3.2.1A,B,C NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY: LAND COVER](#)

PDF: [3.2.1A,B NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY: OPEN SPACE](#)

PDF: [3.2.1A NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY: ELEVATION](#)

PDF: [3.2.1 NRW MEMO](#)

PDF: [3.2.2B ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [3.2.1C MILL RIVER WATERSHED PLAN APPENDIX B](#)

Documentation Details: 3.2.1b and 3.2.3a Mill River Watershed Management Plan- Pages 9-12 of this document show critical watershed resources for 3.2.1b. Pages 36-97 provide management recommendations for 3.2.3a. 3.2.1a,b,c Natural Resources Inventory: Land Cover 3.2.1a,b Natural Resources Inventory: Open Space 3.2.1a Natural Inventory: Elevation 3.2.1 NRW Memo: This memo signed by the town planner in 2023 explains the relevance of the natural resources and wildlife inventory. 3.2.1c Mill River Watershed Plan Appendix B: This document focuses on where pollutant loads enter the watershed (starting on page 3) and the estimated pollutant loads (starting on page 8). 3.2.2b Copy of Municipal Zoning Regulations with watershed protection related regulations highlighted

Partners: Workgroup convened by the non-profit organization Save the Sound with representatives from New Haven, Hamden, and Cheshire. Participants include Quinnipiac University; regional groups: Regional Water Authority, Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority, South Central CT Regional Council of Governments; Town of Hamden officials: Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner, Engineer; and civic groups: Hamden Land Conservation Trust and Whitneyville Civic Association. Watershed Management Plan completed September 2018 NRW Inventory as of March 2019

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.3.1 MILL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

IMAGE: [3.3.1 RAIN GARDEN PROJECT](#)

Documentation Details: 3.3.1 Mill River Watershed Management Plan- Page 128 of this document highlights the Hamden Town Center Park as a high priority project for the Mill River Watershed because it receives runoff from 88 acres of surrounding land and is 21% impervious cover. The rain garden was created to help manage stormwater. 3.3.1 Rain Garden Project- A press conference was held on November 1, 2023 announcing the completion of the rain garden at the Hamden Town Center Park. The rain garden officially finished construction on October 1, 2023. The post link is: https://www.facebook.com/p/Town-of-Hamden-Connecticut-Engineering-100094385359805/?_rdr

Partners: 3.3.1 (Implement a priority project): Save the Sound, CT DEEP, and the Regional Water Authority helped create the rain garden.

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.3 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.4.3 HAMDEN POCD](#)

PDF: [3.4.4A OPEN SPACE & WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANT AGREEMENT](#)

WORD: [3.4.3 WORKSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.3 Worksheet- This document lists page numbers of relevant portions of the POCD 3.4.3 Hamden POCD 3.4.4a Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Agreement for the open space at 370 Brooksvale Ave, Rear with DEEP and the manage the land as Open Space Land adopted Feb 18, 2025

Partners: 3.4.3 (Open space plan): None 3.4.4a : The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 (10 points) 3.5.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.5.1 NRW: ELEVATION](#)

PDF: [3.5.1 NRW: LAND COVER](#)

PDF: [3.5.1 NRW: OPEN SPACE](#)

PDF: [3.5.2 HAMDEN POCD](#)

WORD: [3.5.1 AND 3.5.2 DESCRIPTIONS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.5.2 NRW POCD MEMO](#)

Documentation Details: 3.5.1 NRW: Elevation 3.5.1 NRW: Land Cover 3.5.1 NRW: Open Space 3.5.2 Hamden POCD 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 Descriptions: This document highlights relevant pages in the POCD 3.5.2 NRW POCD Memo: This memo was written by the town planner in July 2023 explaining why the NRW inventory is relevant and why its integration into the POCD is still relevant.

Partners: 3.5.1 (NRW Inventory): Maps generated by Hamden Engineering Department GIS specialist.

3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.8.1b (5 points) 3.8.2b (15 points) 3.8.3c (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.8.1B CONSTRUCT A RAIN BARREL - HAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.8.1B WORKSHEET](#)

IMAGE: [3.8.3C RAIN BARREL FLYER](#)

PDF: [3.8.2B LID CHECKLIST](#)

IMAGE: [3.8.3A TCP RAIN GARDEN SIGN](#)

PDF: [3.8.3A TOWN CENTER PARK RAIN GARDEN DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.8.1b Worksheet- This worksheet outlines an event held at the Hamden Public Library on April 17, 2024. This educational event was focused on how residents can use rain gardens and rain barrels at their own homes to address stormwater issues. 3.8.1b Flyer- This is the flyer distributed to advertise the April 17 event on rain gardens and rain barrels. 3.8.3c Construct a Rain Barrel- This event was held at the Hamden Public Library during our Earth Day event on April 19, 2023. A rain barrel specialist was brought in that taught Hamden residents how to create, implement, and use their own rain barrel. Over 40 barrels were constructed and given away to residents during the event. 3.8.2b LID Checklist- This checklist, from Appendix E CT DEEP's 2024 Stormwater Quality Manual, is required for contractors to receive permits on proposed site plans. 3.8.3a TCP Rain Garden Sign - This is a current image of the Sign at the Town Center Park Rain Garden as of July 2025. 3.8.3a Town Center Park Rain Garden - This document includes the date of completion and description of the Town Center Park Rain Garden. Find here images of the sites opening and a better image of the LID sign along with social media posting for the sight from the town of Hamden Engineering Department

Partners: 3.8.1b (Host an educational event): Hamden Public Library hosted the event. 3.8.3b (Establish an LID program): Hamden Public Library hosted the event and brought in Frank Panzarella, a specialist on these kinds of events to help run it. 3.8.2b (LID checklist): CT DEEP provided the checklist in their 2024 CT Stormwater Quality Manual. 3.8.3a (LID implementation project): CT Deep, SCRCOG, Save the Sound

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.1 (5 points) 3.9.3 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.9.1 TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS LIST AND LATEST MEETING DATE](#)

PDF: [3.9.3 TREE ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [3.9.3 TREE PLANTING.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 TREE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA](#)

PDF: [3.9.3 TREE ORDINANCE MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 TREE COMMISSION MEETING DATES 2025](#)

PDF: [3.9.3 STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY TREE PRUNING.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.9.3 TREE ORDINANCE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE](#)

Documentation Details: 2025 submission 3.9.1- Tree Commission Activity 3.9.3- Planting and Pruning implementation with statements of relevance ----- 3.9.1 - Most Recent Meeting Minutes- These are the minutes from the Tree Commission's most recent meeting on 7/23/2024. 3.9.1 - 2024 Tree Commission Meeting Schedule. The commission meets regularly every month. 3.9.1 -List of Tree Commission Members 2024- Names of Members 3.9.3- Tree Ordinance- This is the Tree Ordinance passed by Hamden on 3/7/2022. Page 3-4 explains the criteria for tree pruning program, and page 6 outlines the tree planting program 3.9.3- Tree Planting- This is information on a tree planting program that has been going on in Hamden since 2012. Residents can request a tree to be planted next to the street in front of their house for free. The Hamden Tree Commission organizes requests and holds educational workshops to teach residents about tree maintenance and how to pick a tree species to plant. 3.9.3- Tree Ordinance Meeting Minutes- This is the meeting minutes from the 3/7/2022 Hamden Legislative Council meeting where the Hamden Tree Ordinance was approved. 3.9.3 Statement of Relevancy Tree Pruning - Additional information on tree pruning best management program

Partners: 3.9.1 (Tree Commission): Hamden Tree Commission 3.9.3 (Implement priority projects): Hamden Tree Commission

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.2 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.10.2 RAIN GARDEN PLAN](#)

IMAGE: [3.10.2 RAIN GARDEN KNOTWEED](#)

Documentation Details: 3.10.2 Rain Garden Plan- Construction plans for the Town Center Park rain garden, where invasive species were removed during installation from April-May 2023. Invasive plants removed include: 1. Knotweed (significantly established) 2. Mugwort 3. Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus altissima) several well established trees Town Tree Warden and public works staff removed invasive species, public works construction crews excavated roots (beyond 3' depth) and soil was disposed of. Rain Garden was built in excavated area. 3.10.2 Rain Garden Knotweed- Aerial image showing extent of Knotweed invasive species area.

Partners: 3.10.2 (Municipal invasive species management): Save the Sound and CT DEEP helped in the installation of the rain garden.

Additional Information: Rain Garden provides additional habitat for local fauna. Native plant species were selected to provide additional pollinator habitat.

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.2 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program Best Management Practices d. Native Planting and Pruning: Create native planting and pruning procedures that prioritize planting of only native species by your municipality. Establish efficient pruning practices to enhance plant success. (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.11.2D NATIVE PLANTING AND PRUNING](#)

Partners: Hamden Tree Commission

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 Education on Pollinator Habitat (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.12.1 HAMDEN POLLINATOR GARDEN SEED LIBRARY.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR EVENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR ADDITIONS TO THE WEB](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1 Hamden Seed Library - includes images of the seed library permanent display, educational materials displayed at the seed library, and posters presented on pollinators and the importance of planting for pollinators. The online promotion related to the seed library can be found on the first page, along with the hyperlink to relevant webpages. 3.12.1 Hamden Pollinator Event- Includes images

Partners: Hamden's Seed Library is a Seasonal space run by the Miller Library in conjunction with citizen volunteers. The pollinator event was held at the Miller Memorial Library with help from Jim Sirch and Betsy Goldberg

Additional Information: The Hamden Seed Library collects and distributes seeds of native plants beneficial to pollinators, as well as flower, herb, and vegetable seeds for home gardeners. The Seed Library is a permanent installation in the Miller Library, seasonally open, providing native seeds and how-to workshops to inspire and engage local gardeners.

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.1 Conduct public education and outreach related to light pollution and the importance of dark skies for local businesses, institutions, and residences. (5 points) 3.13.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.3 LIGHTING REGULATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.13.1 DARK SKIES EDUCATION](#)

Documentation Details: 3.13.3 Lighting Regulations- This document highlights Section 580- Outdoor Lighting of the Town of Hamden's Zoning Regulations.

Partners: 3.13.3 (Require dark sky compliant features): none

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

15 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1a (10 points) 4.1.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [4.1.2 CTVISIT PROFILE](#)

PDF: [4.1.1A WORKSHEET AND WEBSITE SCREEN SHOT/ HYPERLINK](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.2 - CTVisit Profile- This document contains a screenshot and hyperlink to Hamden's CTVisit profile, which was last updated in July 2024.

Partners: 4.1.2 (Update CTVisit Profile)- CTVisit and Karen Bivens, Hamden's Director of Arts, Culture, Recreation, and Wellness, who manages the page.

Additional Information: Our Director of Arts, Culture, Recreation, and Wellness will update the Hamden CTVisit site annually.

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2 (5 points) 4.2.3 (10 points) 4.2.12 (5 points) 4.2.13 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.2 P.L.A.C.E. ARTS TROLLEY EARTH DAY PUBLICATION](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICE](#)

WORD: [4.2.13 MLK MURAL PRESS RELEASE](#)

EXCEL: [4.2.13 WORKSHEET FOR 8.4 SHOWING THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR MLK MURAL](#)

WORD: [4.2.13 MLK MURAL PRESS RELEASE 2](#)

WORD: [4.2.13 MLK MURAL PHOTOS](#)

PDF: [4.2.13 MLK MURAL SURVEY RESPONSES](#)

IMAGE: [4.2.13 MLK MURAL COMPLETION](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 ARTS AND CULTURE BUDGET 2025-2026](#)

PDF: [4.2.12 HAMDEN ART LEAGUE.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10 LIBRARY EVENTS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.2 P.L.A.C.E. Arts Trolley involved in Municipal Marketing for Earth Day 4.2.3 Arts and Culture Budget- Municipal Funding for Arts and Culture Dept for fiscal years 2025-2026 4.2.5 Cultural Affairs Office- Copy of 2025-26 Budget including the Office of Cultural Affairs and Human Services, with screenshot and hyper link of the mission statement posted on the budget page 4.2.10 Library Events- Lists of summer events hosted at local libraries in Hamden 4.2.12 Hamden Art League- List of Hamden Art League meetings for the 2023-2024 year 4.2.13 MLK Mural Press Release- This is a press release about the MLK Mural released 2/1/23. 4.2.13 MLK Mural Press Release 2- This is a press release about the MLK Mural released on 3/14/23. 4.2.13 MLK Mural Completion- This is a picture of the completed mural. The goal of this was to celebrate the life of MLK Jr., as well as other famous Black residents of Hamden. 4.2.13 Worksheet from 8.4 - MLK Mural Community Outreach 4.2.13 MLK Mural Survey responses- spreadsheet includes community feedback about the mural design 4.2.13 MLK Mural Photos - shows photos from the unveiling on June 19, 2023

Partners: 4.2.2 (Marketing Materials): The P.L.A.C.E. Art Studio 4.2.3 (Budget): none 4.2.5 (Cultural Affairs Office): None 4.2.10 (Library): Hamden Public Library 4.2.12 (Professional network): The Town of Hamden supports the Hamden Art League by providing a meeting space at the Hamden Senior Center. 4.2.13 (Other Initiatives): The MLK Mural received funding from Hamden Arts Commission, raised money from town citizens, and was matched by the Community Match Fund through SCT 4.2.13 (Other initiatives): The artist we contracted was Emida Roller, a CT based muralist. Money was donated by the Hamden Arts Commission, and the Community Match Fund was able to match donations the town raised.

Additional Information: 4.2.12 link to the website: <https://www.hamdenartleague.org/> The Hamden Art League is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer member organization funded by annual dues, donations, and grants and managed by a board of directors. 100% of the annual expenditures is allocated to support visual arts activities and programming. The nearly century old organization has a mission "to provide an organization for artists, art students and art patrons for the growth of artistic potential through demonstrations, instruction and individual and group exhibitions".

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:

PDF: [5.1.1B 2019 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT](#)

WORD: [5.1.1B WORKSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1b 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development- Reference for 5.1.1b Worksheet 5.1.1b Worksheet- 5 concepts are outlined in this document

Partners: 5.1.1b (Integrate sustainability concepts): none

Additional Information: Hamden's Planning and Zoning Commission voted to include as many Sustainable CT suggestions as possible into the work of the 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development under the leadership of Hamden Town Planner Dan Kops (retired December 2020). Now under Director Erik Johnson, the focus on sustainability is an ongoing commitment .

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1a (10 points) 5.4.1b (5 points) 5.4.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4.2 WORKSHOP SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [5.4.2 RELEVANCY MEMO](#)

PDF: [5.4.1A MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [5.4.1A REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN](#)

WORD: [5.4.1A WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [5.4.1B WORKSHEET2.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.4.1a Meeting Minutes- Page 3, #18 on the Consent Calendar. This marks the adoption of the 2018 South Central Regional Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. This was adopted on October 15, 2018. 5.4.1a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan- This is the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Relevant page numbers, which are also outlined in the 5.4.1a worksheet, are pages 11, 27, and 28. 5.4.1a Worksheet- This worksheet highlights the climate vulnerabilities in Hamden identified in the hazard mitigation plan. 5.4.2 Workshop Summary- This is a summary of the findings from a September 2018 community resilience workshop. 5.4.2 Relevancy Memo- This memo signed by town planner reiterates these findings and how they have been implemented within the last 3 years.

Partners: 5.4.1a (Climate Vulnerability Assessment): SCRCOG created the hazard mitigation plan. 5.4.2 (Community Resilience Workshop): The Nature Conservancy completed a climate vulnerability assessment for our town.

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.4 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [5.5.4 NPS LISTING](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.4 NPS Listing- This is a screenshot from the US National Park Services website, which lists Hamden as a Certified Local Government. Hamden has maintained this status since 2004.

Partners: 5.4.4 (CLG Status): US National Park Service

5.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.6.2 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.6.2 SOLSMART CREDIT SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [5.6.2 SOLSMART PREREQUISITE SUMMARY](#)

IMAGE: [5.6.2 SOLSMART WEBSITE](#)

Documentation Details: 5.6.2 SolSmart Credit Summary- This details points achieved by requirement. Completed November 2017. 5.6.2 SolSmart Website- This is a screenshot of their website taken in August 2024. <https://solsmart.org/designee/hamden>

Partners: 5.6.2 (SolSmart Bronze): Hamden participated in the CT Green Bank's 2017 pilot program with SolSmart managed by Emily Basham. Bronze status achieved by Emily working with Town of Hamden Building Department officials--Bob Labulis, Director, and Joe Cirillo, Electrical Inspector.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

55 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2 (5 points) 6.1.3 (20 points) 6.1.6 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.2 TRAINING CERTIFICATE](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF HAMDEN 6.1.6 WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 JULY 10 PNZ MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS EMAIL](#)

EXCEL: [TRAFFIC CALMING REQUESTS.XLSX](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMPLETE STREETS EMAIL](#)

PDF: [6.1.3 EMAIL ATTACHMENT](#)

Documentation Details: 6.1.2 Training Certificate- This is a certificate of completion for a staff member in our Engineering department, Radha Krishna Lamicchane, who is the Designer. The training agenda is as follows: - Laying the Foundation for Complete Streets Design -Build a common understanding of complete streets and their benefits -Overview of the latest complete street design guidance and practices -Explain how complete streets designs are achieved in constrained rights of way - Complete Streets Design Guidance and Research -Overview of current design standards and practices in use today at the federal, state, and local levels -Present a process for applying flexible design controls and criteria using generally accepted design guidance -Discuss the liability considerations associated with flexible design practices - Complete Streets Design Case Study Present a typical complete street project in an urban/suburban setting -Identify project design goals and likely challenges to their implementation Identify and illustrate how to overcome those design challenges and barriers 6.1.3 Complete Streets Resolution- Page 21, Hamden meeting minutes approving Complete Streets Policy. 6.1.3 Worksheet- This document outlines where relevant information is in the Complete Streets Policy. 6.1.3 Complete Streets Email- This email was sent to these relevant departments: Stephen White, Town Engineer for Engineering Department Eugene Livshits, Town Planner for Planning and Zoning Department James Mesner, Traffic Technician, for Traffic Department Joseph Colello, Director of Public Works, for Public Works Department Lauren Garrett, Mayor, for Mayor's Office Sean Grace, Chief of Staff, for Mayor's Office 6.1.3 Legislative Council Complete Streets Email- This email went to all department heads 6.1.3 Email Attachment- This is the attachment sent with the LC email. 6.1.6 Worksheet- Documents 2 bike lane projects that are area-wide (1/4 mile or longer) with descriptions and pictures 6.1.6 Traffic Calming Requests - outlines the public requests for complete streets improvements 6.1.6 July 10 Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes- Overview of the meeting in which citizens of the Town of Hamden made Connolly Street Improvement requests

Partners: 6.1.2 (Complete Streets training): UConn Connecticut Transportation Institute held the training session. 6.1.3 (Complete Streets policy): none 6.1.6 (Implement projects): none

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.4.1 EVENT 9/24/22](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.1 Event 9/24/22- On September 24, 2022, Hamden hosted an EV Car Show and Information Session at the Miller Public Library, as a part of National Drive Electric Week. The event was hosted by the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission, in collaboration with National Drive Electric Week. Attendees were invited to bring their EVs and were provided educational materials on EVs.

Partners: 6.4.1 (Host event): National Drive Electric Week

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [6.5.2 BIKE RODEO FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [6.5.2 BIKE RODEO PHOTO](#)

IMAGE: [6.5.2 BIKE RODEO PHOTO 2](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.2 Bike Rodeo Flyer- The event was the Bike Rodeo, held by the Bike Squad from the Hamden Police Department. There were 20 participants who came for the June 11, 2023 event, and about 30 that came for the June 23, 2023 event. The purpose was to teach about bike safety, such as smart breaking and speeding up, as well as how to navigate your bike through traffic/obstacles. There was also a bike decorating and helmet giveaway. 6.5.2 Bike Rodeo Photo- This is a photo of the bike obstacle course at the event. 6.5.2 Bike Rodeo Photo 2- This is a photo of the Hamden Police Department's table at the event.

Partners: 6.5.2 (Bike education event): Hamden Police Department Bike Squad hosted both of these events, with the SPCP (Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships) advertising and assisting.

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.5.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [7.5.1 HAMDEN MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLANNING GUIDE 2021](#)

WORD: [7.5.1 MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [7.5.1 FULL LC APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [7.5.1 LC ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES](#)

PDF: [7.5.1 MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE](#)

Documentation Details: 7.5.1 Hamden Municipal Energy Planning Guide 2021- This guide was prepared by Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change (EUCC) Commission in accord with the guidance in Action 7.5.a for 2021. EUCC presented the guide to Hamden Legislative Council as an information item on June 22, 2021; to Council Environment Committee on July 12, 2021; and to full Council for final approval on July 19, 2021. 7.5.1 Municipal Energy Plan Worksheet- Attached Worksheet as required. 7.5.1 Full LC Approval- Approved of through consent calendar. See page 5, item 18. Final approval given through Consent Calendar on July 19, 2021. 7.5.1 LC Energy Committee Minutes- LC Energy Committee Minutes. In June 2021, our Environment and Conservation subcommittee voted to send the Energy Plan to full council, a crucial step to anything getting Council approval in Hamden

Partners: 7.5.1 (Municipal energy plan): None

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

25 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 (20 points) 7.9.3 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.9.1- C-PACE AGREEMENT TOWN OF HAMDEN AND CT GREEN BANK](#)

IMAGE: [7.9.1- C-PACE WEBSITE](#)

EXCEL: [7.9.3- C-PACE PROJECTS LIST](#)

Documentation Details: 7.9.1- C-PACE Agreement Town of Hamden and CT Green Bank. March 2014 7.9.1- C-PACE Website linked for Hamden Businesses at <https://www.hamdenedc.com/business-resources/energy-improvement/> 7.9.3- C-PACE Projects List, one project completed, June 2023

Partners: 7.9.1 (C-PACE Agreement): CT Green Bank 7.9.3 (C-PACE Projects): CT Green Bank

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

20 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [8.1 EVENTS WORKSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1 Events Worksheet- This documents 16 sustainability events the town put on from April 2023 - April 2024

Partners: 8.1.1 (Sustainability event): Hamden Library, Hamden Recycling Coordinator, CT DEEP, Save the Sound, local artists and gardeners

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

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.6.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.6 WORKSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 8.6 Worksheet- This document highlights the collaboration between Hamden, New Haven, the Mill River Watershed Association, and several other towns in the area through the creation of the Mill River Watershed Plan. Hamden led a priority project identified in the plan by installing a rain garden in the Hamden Town Center Park. This collaboration aligns with action 3.3.

Partners: 8.6.1 (Collaborate with other municipalities): New Haven and Hamden collaborated on the Mill River Watershed Plan.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [PER CAPITA MSW 2016](#)

EXCEL: [PER CAPITA MSW 2017](#)

EXCEL: [PER CAPITA MSW 2018](#)

EXCEL: [PER CAPITA MSW 2019](#)

EXCEL: [PER CAPITA MSW 2020](#)

EXCEL: [PER CAPITA MSW 2022](#)

EXCEL: [9.1.1 WORKSHEET 1 \(4\) \(1\).XLSX](#)

WORD: [9.1.1 MATERIALS MANAGEMENT](#)

Documentation Details: Person responsible for reporting: Joe DeRisi, Hamden Recycling Coordinator at jderisi@hamden.com Reports completed through FY 2022 (July 2023) . --- 9.1.1 New Action Credit. Report 5 past years Per Capita municipal solid waste and name of staff who does the reporting. July 2023

Partners: All Amercan Waste is our municipal hauler for curbside solid waste and curbside recycling.

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3.1 PAINTCARE CONTRACT 3/2016](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 PAINTCARE SITE LISTING](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 MATTRESS PATCH ARTICLE](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 PAINTCARE HAMDEN WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.1 MATTRESS WEBSITE AD](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 WORKSHEET](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 ELECTRONICS HAMDEN WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 ELECTRONICS TAKE 2 RECEIPT](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.1 ELECTRONICS TAKE 2 WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.1 MATTRESS WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [9.3.1 MATTRESS FACEBOOK POST](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3.1 PaintCare Contract- Since 2016, Hamden has been collecting waste paint at the Hamden Transfer Station as an enrolled participant in the Connecticut Architectural Paint Recovery Program in a Services Agreement with PaintCare, Inc. Contract with Paint Care finalized in March 2016 (see signatures on page 20 in attached document PaintCare, Inc. contract with Town of Hamden. 9.3.1 PaintCare Site Listing- Hamden Transfer Station is listed as a drop-off location on the PaintCare website, 9.3.1 PaintCare Hamden Website- The municipal website highlights that paint can be dropped off at the transfer station. 9.3.1 Mattress Patch Article- This article from 9/6/22 highlights that mattresses are accepted at the transfer station 9.3.1 Mattress Website Ad- This is a screenshot of the municipal website, which shows that mattresses are accepted at the transfer station. The link is: [https://www.hamden.com/214/Solid-Waste-Recycling#:~:text=Curbside%20recycling%20is%20collected%20every,\(203\)%20287%2D7021](https://www.hamden.com/214/Solid-Waste-Recycling#:~:text=Curbside%20recycling%20is%20collected%20every,(203)%20287%2D7021). 9.3.1 Mattress Website- The Bye Bye Mattress website lists the Hamden Transfer Station as a drop-off location. <https://byebyemattress.com/find-a-facility/> 9.3.1 Mattress Facebook Post- This is a Facebook post by Hamden Clean and Green highlighting that the transfer station accepts mattresses. 9.3.1 Electronics Hamden Website- The municipal website highlights that the Hamden Transfer Station accepts electronics. <https://www.hamden.com/ImageRepository/Document?documentId=363> Recycling Center / Transfer Station | Hamden, CT 9.3.1 Electronics Take 2 Receipt- This is pickup information from Take 2 collecting items from Hamden. 9.3.1 Electronics Take 2 Website- This screenshot from the Take 2 website lists the Hamden Transfer Station as a drop-off location for electronics. <https://www.take2recycle.com/drop-off-locations> 9.3.1 Worksheet- This document outlines each recycling program.

Partners: 9.3.1 (Recycle additional materials): PaintCare collects recycled paint, Bye Bye Mattress collects mattresses, and Take 2 collects electronics.

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.4.1 APPROVAL OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PROPOSAL: EXISTING LEAF COMPOSTING REGISTRATION TO INCLUDE FOOD SCRAPS](#)

PDF: [9.4.1 PEELS ON WHEELS '23 INVOICE](#)

WORD: [9.4.1 PEELS AND WHEELS EVIDENCE OF ONGOING SERVICES IN HAMDEN](#)

WORD: [9.4.1 BEAR PATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM](#)

WORD: [9.4.1 COMPOSTING DATA FOR HAMDEN 2025](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.1 July 2024 letter from DEEP allwoing the addition of food scraps to composting at the transfer station Evidence of Bear Path Elementary School and Peels & Wheels on going composting programs on municipal website and in local news articles. Composting Data from Joe DeRisi published on town web Here is a link to our town website's composting and food waste reduction page: <https://www.hamden.com/768/Composting-Food-Waste-Reduction> Here is a link to Bear Path Elementary School's recycling and food waste diversion program: https://www.patronicity.com/project/bear_path_school_food_waste_diversion_program#!/ Here is a link to Peels & Wheels <https://www.pwcompost.com/frequently-asked-questions> 9.4.1 Peels and Wheels '23 Invoice- Peels on Wheels is a company Hamden contracts with that picks up residential composting waste and brings it to the Hamden Transfer Station. Peels on Wheels pays Hamden's dumping fees, as evidence by our dumping fees. This is an at-home service that allows residents without the time or ability to participate in our transfer-station focused composting program to still engage in town composting.

Partners: 9.4.1 (implement a program)- Our residential composting program is in partnership with Peels and Wheels, a private service that we contract with to deliver to our transfer station

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

20 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [9.5.2 SUSTAINABILITY CELEBRATION ONLINE PROMOTION](#)

WORD: [9.5.2 SUSTAINABILITY CELEBRATION DESCRIPTION](#)

WORD: [9.5.4 LIBRARY OF THINGS DESCRIPTION AND PROMOTION](#)

PDF: [9.5.3 FOOD WASTE EDUCATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION](#)

IMAGE: [9.5.3 FLYER #1 FOR COMPOST OUTREACH](#)

IMAGE: [9.5.3 FLYER #2 FOOD WASTE WALKING TOUR](#)

PDF: [9.5.1 GARAGE DISCUSSION FLYER](#)

PDF: [9.5.1 GARAGE DISCUSSION DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.5.1 Garage Discussion Flyer: Shows the flyer that was disseminated for the garage discussion event 9.5.1 Garage Discussion Description- Describes the event, mentions date, and location The dates and location of the event can be found in 9.5.2 Sustainability Celebration Online Promotion. Description of events and activities can be found in 9.5.2 Sustainability Celebration Description 9.5.3 Food waste education program- This an overview of our outreach to the community regarding food waste education programs 9.5.3 Flyers 1 and 2- These are flyers to promote events and educate the public. 9.5.4 Library of Things Description and Promotion includes a description of the program and promotional materials disseminated online.

Partners: 9.5.1 (garage discussion): Joe Derisi Recycling Coordinator 9.5.2 (sustainability event): None 9.5.3 (Food waste education program): Haven's Harvest, Common Ground High School Urban Farm and Env Education Center, Sustainable Southern, Town of New Haven, and the Town of Hamden 9.5.4 (Tool Library): None

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.1 Encourage an Equitable and Just Food System

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.1.1 (5 points) 10.1.2 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.1.2 HAMDEN COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT 2024](#)

WORD: [10.1.1 HAMDEN FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE](#)

WORD: [10.1.2 WORKSHEET](#)

Partners: Organizations represented on the Hamden Food Security Task Force United Way of Greater New Haven Town of Hamden Hamden Public Schools Quinnipiac University The Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac University Southern Connecticut State University Haven's Harvest CT Foodshare M L Keefe Community Center Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers Dinner for a Dollar Nutrition and Security Solutions Grace and St. John's Episcopal Church Hamden Plains United Methodist Church Food Assessment Contributors Allison Batson Pastor Robert Bergner Dan Camenga Caitlin Dalton Peggy Gallup AnneMarie Karavas Y'Isiah Lopes Adam Matlock Adam Sendroff Hector Velazquez

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.3.3 HAMDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES](#)

PDF: [10.3.3 HLC MINUTES](#)

Documentation Details: 10.3.3 Hamden Code of Ordinances- On pg.231 to 231, there is our formal ordinance for 10.3.3 10.3.3 HLC Minutes- On pg.2, proof our LC formally adopted ordinance for no smoking on town parks/public schools on 2/5/18

Partners: 10.3.3 (Ordinance): none

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.2a (10 points) 10.6.1 c (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.6.2 WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [10.6.2 211 COOLING CENTERS](#)

IMAGE: [10.6.2 COOLING CENTER ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C EXTREME HEAT EDUCATION MATERIALS](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C EXTREME HEAT RESOURCE](#)

Documentation Details: 10.6.1c Extreme Heat Education Materials- This is the press release that was disseminated 10.6.1c Extreme Heat Resource- This document includes a screen shot of relevant web pages where extreme heat education was posted and a description of how extreme heat education was disseminate. 10.6.2 Worksheet- This document outlines all cooling centers in Hamden. 10.6.2 211 Cooling Centers- This shows Hamden listed on the 211 website. Information on 211 website https://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=06514&taxonomy_code=6560&service_area=hamden 10.6.2 Cooling Center Announcement- This is a screenshot of the news announcement Hamden released on June 17, 2024 regarding the availability of cooling centers. <https://www.hamden.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=715>

Partners: 10.6.2a (Cooling Centers): 211 CT website

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.7.2. LC MEETING AGENDA](#)

PDF: [10.7.2 ORDER FOR PAVER PATH](#)

PDF: [10.7.2 APPROVAL FOR PAVER PATH PLAN](#)

PDF: [10.7.2 COMPLETION OF PATH](#)

Documentation Details: 10.7.2 LC Meeting Agenda- This is the agenda for the 10/3/22 LC meeting. The paver path for the Town Center Park can be found on page 3, item 16 of the consent calendar. 10.7.2 Order for Paver Path- This is the order for the paver path, which was adopted in October 2022. 10.7.2 Approval for Paver Path Plan- These meeting minutes show the approval of the plan under consent calendar on page 3, item 16. 10.7.2 Completion of Path- The path was completed on 6/30/23

Partners: 10.7.2 (improve open space parcel): For the paver path, great help came from the Hamden Rotary Club, who graciously donated all the materials used, while Hamden Public Works supplied labor.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

40 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2 (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2.2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST 2019](#)

PDF: [11.2.2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST 2024](#)

Documentation Details: 11.2.2- Affordable Housing Appeals List 2019- Hamden's listing is highlighted on page 2 of this document. 11.2.2- Affordable Housing Appeals List 2024- Hamden's listing is highlighted on page 3 of this document. 2019: 8.67%, 2024: 9.70%, Difference: +1.03%

Partners: 11.2.2 (Increase affordable housing): The CT Department of Housing released the Affordable Housing Appeals List.

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.3.2 2012 ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [11.3.2 2017 ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [11.3.2 ZONING REGULATIONS MEMO](#)

Documentation Details: 11.3.2 2017 Zoning Regulations- Effective 08-17-17 - Page 162 "One or more persons related by blood, marriage, civil union, or adoption; or a group of not more than four persons who need not be so related and who are living together in a dwelling unit and maintaining a common household. Foster children or wards of the state are included as members of a family. Exception: A group of unrelated individuals occupying a dwelling unit and meeting the definition of students will be classified as a student-housing unit." NOTE Student Housing Unit can be found on page 180 11.3.2 2012 Zoning Regulations- A prior definition of family and/or prior maximum occupancy limitations could not be found. This document shows regulations from November 15, 2012, and states on page 160 defines Family as: "One or more persons related by blood, marriage, civil union, or adoption; or a group of not more than four persons who need not be so related and who are living together in a dwelling unit and maintaining a common household. Foster children or wards of the state are included as members of a family. Exception: A group of unrelated individuals occupying a dwelling unit and meeting the definition of students will be classified as a student-housing unit." NOTE - Student Housing Unit can be found on page 176 11.3.2 Zoning Regulations Memo- This memo is from the current town planner calling the regulations up to date and reiterates their use and the guiding documents for the town

Partners: 11.3.2 (Allow unrelated people): none

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.1.2 MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: For a list of members, latest meeting date, and agenda/meeting notes refer to 12.1.2 Hamden Municipal Task Force to Address Homelessness.

Partners: 12.1.2 None

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

25 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.1 (20 points) 12.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.2.1 RESOLUTION DECLARING HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT](#)

WORD: [12.2.2 211 LINK](#)

Documentation Details: 12.2.1 Resolution Declaring Housing as a Human Right includes the resolution and evidence of official adoption on page 7

Partners: none

12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.4.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.4.1 ARPA APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [12.4.1 WORKSHEET](#)

Documentation Details: 12.4.1 ARPA Approval- Page 2 of the doc, in the "Greater New Haven CAN" commits a million dollars to various programs, such as \$83,000 a year for diversion requests, \$73,000 a year to provide support for current homeless to get permanent housing, and \$75,000 a year to establish a fulltime homelessness services employee in Hamden. Our Mayor's signature is found on page 4 of the document. 12.4.1 Worksheet- This worksheet outlines the funding.

Partners: 12.4.1 (Commit funding): none

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Six Lakes Vision Report (10 points) 13.1.1 Public library engagement series (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [13.1 SIX LAKES REPORT 2024](#)

PDF: [13.1 LIBRARY LETTER TO STAFF](#)

WORD: [13.1 CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

WORD: [13.1 HAMDEN LIBRARY INFO](#)

Documentation Details: Library letter to staff: "Soon a Children's System-wide Librarian 1 will join our staff. This person will serve each branch twice a week in the morning by helping to build partnerships with neighborhood pre-schools/daycares and the public schools, and by providing needed programming. Then, they will finish their day here at Miller." "Kacie Meixell will share her skills, interests, and talents by working with Jenny in Teen Services."

Partners: Members of the Six Lakes Park Coalition: Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONNECT)* Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC)* Farmington Canal Commission Hamden Alliance for Trees Hamden Chamber of Commerce* Hamden Land Conservation Trust* Newhall neighborhood representatives* Save the Sound* South Central Regional Land Conservation Alliance (SCRLCA) Spring Glen Church Town of Hamden West River Watershed Association Whitneyville Civic Association Thanks to the following for lending their support and expertise: Mill River Watershed Association Natural Resources Defense Council Sea Grant Connecticut Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects The Trust for Public Land Vita Nuova environmental consulting Yale Center for Environmental Justice Faculty from Yale School of the Environment and Yale University

Additional Information: <https://www.hamden.com/889/Six-Lakes> Please see action 1.1 for sustainability action descriptions.