



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Ridgefield was certified on October 01, 2025 with 515 points. Listed below is information regarding Ridgefield'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 Ridgefield 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: [EQUITY TOOLKITS 1-3 --SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - 2023 SENIOR SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

PDF: [EQUITY TOOLKITS 1-3 --SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - 2023 SENIOR SURVEY FOR COMPLETION](#)

WORD: [EQUITY TOOL KIT #2 -- MAKING RIDGEFIELD MORE WALKABLE.DOCX](#)

WORD: [EQUITY TOOL KIT #3 -- MEMORY CAFE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [EQUITY TOOLKIT #3 - SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FYE 26 APPROVED CAPITAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [EQUITY TOOLKIT #3- SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - FYE 25 APPROVED CAPITAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [CERC TOWN PROFILE 2023](#)

PDF: [EQUITY TOOLKITS 1-3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS- 2023 SENIOR SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTATION](#)

WORD: [EQUITY TOOLKIT 1 - OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE](#)

Documentation Details: Equity Toolkit 1 - answers to the toolkit questions for action 8.2 creating an effective community communications strategy are in the Opportunities for Dialogue document Equity Toolkit 2 - Making Ridgefield More Walkable (Action 13.1) - 2 supporting documents with budget allotments highlighted Equity Toolkit 3 - Memory Cafe (Action 8.1)

Partners: For all 3 toolkits - The Commission on Aging contracted with MineTech Data Solutions to help create, disseminate and analyze the survey. The Ridgefield Library was also active in disseminating the survey. Toolkit 3 - Memory Cafe has additional partners of the Ridgefield Library and Ridgefield Station Assisted Living and Memory Care facility

Additional Information: none

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.4. (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [VENDOR LIST](#)

Documentation Details: 2.2.4 Vendors that the Town of Ridgefield use that are locally owned. The Town aims to shop local whenever possible.

Partners: none

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.3 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [2.4.3 SPRING STROLL FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.3 SIP AND SHOP FLYER](#)

WORD: [2.4.3 HOLIDAY STROLL FLYER](#)

PDF: [2.4.3 EVENT LIST](#)

Documentation Details: 2.4.3 - 3 events supporting local businesses

Partners: 2.4.3 Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

30 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 (10 points) 3.4.3 (10 points) 3.4.4b (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.4.3 POCD RIDGEFIELD ADOPTED 2020.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.4.3 WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.4.4B STATUS OF RIDGEFIELD OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION FUND.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.4.3 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PLAN_REVISEDDRAFT_AUG2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [OPEN SPACE INVENTORY 10_06_24.PDF](#)

WORD: [RIDEFIELD OPEN SPACE INVENTORY STATUS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.4.4B ANNUAL APPEAL BROCHURE.PDF](#)

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

IMAGE: [3.4.4B OPENSPECFUND DONATION PAGE.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.1 Open Space Inventory list is still correct. Revised report from Conservation commission was updated Oct 2024 3.4.3 The Open Space preservation plan can be found in Chapter 7, p48 of Ridgefield's POCD adopted in 2020. The worksheet contains more details and statement from this town webpage: https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/planning_and_zoning_commission_/pocd_plan_of_conservation_development.php 3.4.4b Details of the fund are in the document along with a screenshot of current donation webpage and a copy of the annual appeal brochure

Partners: none

Additional Information: Links and details to information on all our conservation programs and policies can be found on the Commission's website <https://www.ridgefieldconservation.org>

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [NRI 2023.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.5.1 - NRI 2023 - gives an overview and inventory with descriptions of Ridgefield Natural Resources

Partners: 3.5.1 Ridgefield Conservation Commission partnered with the Metropolitan Conservation Alliance, a program of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies,

Additional Information: none

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.1 (5 points) 3.9.2d (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN](#)

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD OPEN SPACE MAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [CONSERVATION COMMISSION.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [INFORMATION ON TREE COMMISSION, TREE WARDEN AND INTERPLAY WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION](#)

PDF: [3.9.1 TREE COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST](#)

PDF: [TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA](#)

PDF: [2025 MEETING SCHEDULE](#)

PDF: [TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 26 2025](#)

Documentation Details: 3.9.1 Tree Committee member list with a description. Minutes from April 24 meeting are included along with the year's meeting schedule. The tree committee works with the Town Tree Warden. The tree committee published a forestry plan. Ridgefield's Forest Stewardship Plan was contracted by the Ridgefield's Conservation Commission. It is the town's advisory commission inclusive of the functions SCT identifies as the duties of a Forestry Advisory Committee. Ridgefield does have a Tree Warden, Steve Lavatori, who also provides input and directs the management of trees on municipal properties. Our Forestry Plan was originally identified for a 15 window extending out to 2026.

Partners: none

Additional Information:

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3a (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [3.10.3A WEBPAGE.PNG](#)

PDF: [INVASIVE SPECIES LIST](#)

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD NATIVE PLANT POLICY](#)

Documentation Details: 3.10.3a Public Education - screenshot of town website with educational information
<https://www.ridgefieldconservation.org/native-invasive>

Partners: 3.10.2 Ridgefield Conservation Commission and Ridgefield Parks & Recreation 3.10.3 Webinar program part of Ridgefield Pollinator Pathway series presented by Ridgefield Library, The Norwalk River Watershed Association, and the Ridgefield Pollinator Pathway

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.1 (10 points) 3.11.2d (10 points) 3.11.2e (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.11.2D NATIVE PLANT POLICY](#)

EXCEL: [3.11.1 WORKSHEET - INVENTORY 2024](#)

PDF: [3.11.2D CONNECTICUT NATIVE PLANT LIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.11.2E NARRATIVE.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: - Worksheet submitted for the properties maintained by our municipality - The Native Plant Policy was implemented in Sept 2022 for municipally owned properties. - The policy allows for any native plants, as included on the list.

Partners: Conservation Commission, Parks & Rec Department

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

40 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) 3.12.3 Adopt native plant policy (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.12.2 DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [3.12.3 NATIVE PLANT POLICY](#)

PDF: [3.12.2 PICTURES AND BROCHURE](#)

WORD: [3.12.1 LISTING.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.11.23_BOS_MEETING_AGENDA_AND_SPECIAL_TOWN_MEETING.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.12.1 Listing of outreach and education efforts 3.12.2 Native pollinator gardens, upgraded existing gardens to be pollinator friendly & education to the public about the importance of pollinators to society. 3.12.3 Native Plant Policy adopted by the Board of Selectpersons Oct 11, 2023 (see p 3 of the meeting minutes)

Partners: Conservation Commission Pollinator Pathway

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1a - 10 points 4.1.1b - 5 points 4.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [4.1.1B PROMOTION ON TOWN WEBSITE.DOCX](#)

PDF: [4.1.1.A STATEMENT 2025](#)

PDF: [4.1.2 UPDATE REQUEST TO CT VISIT: CULTURAL DISTRICT PAGE FOR RIDGEFIELD.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.1A COMPLETED WORKSHEET - 2024 \(IDENTIFY POTENTIAL TOURISM AND CULTURAL ASSETS.\)](#)

WORD: [4.1.2 CT VISITS MANAGEMENT.DOCX](#)

PDF: [4.1.1A CULTURAL DISTRICT MAP & LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [4.1.1B PROMOTION IN NEWSLETTER](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.1a completed Worksheet to Identify potential tourism and cultural assets 4.1.1b promotion of updated ECDC website with cultural district map in newsletter also on new town website 4.1.2 description of how information is maintained and email documentation of recent change request

Partners: ECDC

Additional Information: none

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.1 (10 points) 4.2.5 (5 points) 4.2.8 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [APPOINTMENT OF NEW POET LAUREATE - BOS MINUTES 6.7.23](#)

WORD: [PHOTO OF THE CURRENT POET LAUREATE PRESENTED IN NOVEMBER 2023](#)

PDF: [4.2.5 2025 ARTS COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.8 RIDGEFIELDPRESS_CULTURAL DISTRICT_2021.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.1 - 1. June 7, 2023 BOS meeting minutes has appointment of the new/current poet laureate 2. Picture of current Poet Laureate presenting at Ridgefield's Annual Festival of Lights on 11/24/23 4.2.5- 2025 meeting schedule of the Art Council, It's mission and additional information found on the town website:

https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/ridgefield_arts_council_/index.php 4.2.8 - Detailed article announcing Ridgefield's Cultural District designation- highlighted text on p 2 and 3 describe process for designation, what's included and what happens next. A map of all that is included in the district is here: <https://www.ridgefieldct.com/cultural-district>

Partners: 4.2.1 None 4.2.5 None 4.2.8 Economic and Community Development Commission coordinated the extensive application submission with all the various arts and cultural organizations and worked with the CT State Office of the Arts for this first application of their new program.

Additional Information: For sect 4.2.8. - Ridgefield's Cultural District was created to be a walkable area of town that features myriad cultural attractions that will serve as a hub for residents to congregate and interact, as well as draw visitors from other locations. It was selected to include downtown Ridgefield and surrounding areas that stretch from Keeler Tavern in the south portion through Ballard Park and the Ridgefield Library in the north, and a half mile east to the Ridgefield Theater Barn and Guild of Artists. The district encompasses other cultural assets such as the Pride Arts Center, Conservatory of Dance, Prospector Theater, Scott House, ACT of CT and the Ridgefield Playhouse.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.4 Achieve "Certified Local Government" status (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICTS LIST.PDF](#)

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.5.2 WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

PDF: [5.5.4 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT LETTER OF APPROVAL](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 EAST RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT - STUDY REPORT - JUNE 18 2025.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 5.5.1 - Inventory of Historic Assets; - a copy of Ridgefield's demolition delay ordinance which was updated in 2022 as part of the Town's ongoing commitment to preserving its historic assets. Assessment and plan for new East Ridge Historic District, completed June 2025 5.5.2 Worksheet on start of restoration of one room schoolhouse Branchville, community webpage here:

<https://ridgefieldhistoricalsociety.org/historic-preservation/branchville-schoolhouse-restoration-project/> 5.5.4 - Certification for CLG - current website with statement is here: <https://ridgefieldhistoricalsociety.org/historic-preservation/preservation-resources/>

Partners: 5.5.2 Ridgefield Historical Society

Additional Information: none

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

30 Points

Approved Information: 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 2 - LIGI'S WAY BOARDWALK](#)

PDF: [6.1.6 RIDGEFIELD TOD PLAN 2017 - BRANCHVILLE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET 2 - BRANCHVILLE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET 2 - NEW & POUND STREET SIDEWALKS](#)

Documentation Details: 6.1.6 - 3 Projects: Ligi's Way Boardwalk, Branchville Streetscape Improvement, New & Pound Street Sidewalks.

Partners: The Town received grants for all three projects.

6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.2.2b (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC PARKING MAP](#)

PDF: [ZONING REGULATION 7.3: PARKING](#)

PDF: [GOVERNOR STREET PARKING UPGRADES](#)

Documentation Details: 6.2.1 map showing the parking inventory for the Town of Ridgefield. 6.2.2b Zoning Regulation 7.3: Parking - parking regulation

Partners: The Town of Ridgefield and the Parking Authority

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

25 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.1 (5 points) 6.4.4 (10 points) 6.4.5 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.4.4 EV CHARGING STATION ASSESSMENT](#)

IMAGE: [EV CHARGING STATION GRANT AWARD LETTER](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 NEW EV CHARGING LOCATIONS](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 TOWN MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [6.4.1 SOLAR CANOPY CELEBRATION - RHS SATURDAY OCT 5TH.PDF](#)

WORD: [6.4.1 SOLAR CANOPY CELEBRATION SUMMARY OF EVENT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [6.4.5 CVS LOT SIGNAGE -- RIDGEFIELD.JPG](#)

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

IMAGE: [6.4.5 CVS LOT EV STRIPING -- RIDGEFIELD.JPG](#)

PDF: [6.4.5 EMAIL FROM MARCUS RECCK CHAIR OF RIDGEFIELD PARKING AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.1 EV showcase at high school solar canopy celebration - flyer and description 6.4.4 is the Energy Task Force's analysis and recommendations for increasing Ridgefield's EV use by citizens and town operations. Continuing into 2026 6.4.5 Grant awarded to Ridgefield for the installation of EV Chargers - grant letter, notice of letter for town meeting for approval of funds and minutes showing approval of funds for installation at town meeting & list of locations. 6.4.5 New Credit - installation of 3 EV chargers 6.4.5 Email From Parking Authority- Marcus Recck is a Ridgefield resident and town volunteer. He is the current Chair for the Ridgefield Parking Authority which meets the second Thursday of each month. The Parking Authority maintains and upholds the parking rules and regulations for the Town of Ridgefield. The Parking Authority has the power to establish rules and regulations for the parking of motor vehicles within the Town of Ridgefield and has the ability to levy fines and lay out parking areas.

Partners: 6.4.1 EV showcase in partnership with Ridgefield Public Schools 6.4.2 offered by Live Green CT 6.4.4 none

Additional Information: none

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [CT STAR PORTFOLIO BENCHMARKING REPORT RIDGEFIELD NOV 2024 V2.XLSX](#)

EXCEL: [7.1 CT REPORT-FULL-ANNUAL-BENCHMARK RIDGEFIELD.XLSX](#)

EXCEL: [7.1.1 RIDGEFIELD ENERGY PERFORMANCE - ENERGYSTAR 2024](#)

EXCEL: [7.1.1 RIDGEFIELD EMISSION PERFORMANCE - ENERGYSTAR 2024](#)

Documentation Details: 7.1.1 - Portfolio benchmarking report for all schools, town hall and golf course

Partners: none

7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.3.2 Achieve LEED certified for a municipal building, 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [7.3.2_LEED_CERTIFICATION_LIBRARY.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: Link to LEED Silver certification in document 7.3.2 Rolling Credit, LEED certification

Partners: 7.3.2 The Town helped the Library raise the funds to build a LEED certified building and continues to give some funding to its annual budget.

Additional Information: none

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [CPACE WEBSITE LINK.PNG](#)

PDF: [C-PACE AGREEMENT](#)

Documentation Details: 7.9.1 - copy of C-Pace agreement & photo of link on website. here is the link - https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/economic_and_community_development_commission/index.php

Partners: C-Pace

Additional Information: We are submitting the certification for CPACE.

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 WORKSHEET - SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: Worksheet 8.1 lists the unique sustainability events we hosted this year.

Partners: 8.1 Ridgefield town library and downtown business association for one of the events

Additional Information: none

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY](#)

WORD: [8.2.1A WORKSHEET](#)

WORD: [IMPLEMENT A COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY](#)

Documentation Details: 8.2.1a - required worksheet Town of Ridgefield Communication Strategy - this outlines the details of Town of Ridgefield communications Implement a Communications Strategy - this relays the timeline of Ridgefield's communication implementation

Partners: The Town departments, boards, committees, and commissions provide information to the communications manager to relay to the public through one and/or all of the Town communication platforms. In addition, the Parks & Rec Dept and many non-profit organizations often utilizes Town communications for a greater reach.

8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.7.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [SCOUTSCAN PHOTOS.PDF](#)

WORD: [SCOUTCAN SERVICE PROJECT - SCT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [8.7 WORKSHEET 1.DOCX](#)

Partners: None

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: [2020 PSC POPULATION & HOUSING DATA](#)

PDF: [2022 PSC POP & HOUSING DATA](#)

PDF: [AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY](#)

PDF: [CT AMRR 2019-2020](#)

PDF: [CT AMRR 2021-2022](#)

PDF: [CT AMRR 2022-23.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [SOLID WASTE PER CAPITA ON WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [9.1.1_WORKSHEET 2025 V2.PDF](#)

WORD: [SUSTAINABLECT ACTION 9.1 REPORT MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DATA AND REDUCE WASTE.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 9.1.1 worksheet; PSC Population & Housing Data for 2020 & 2022; American Community Survey; CT AMRR for 2020, 2022 & 2023; photo on solid waste per capita on the town website.

Partners: none

Additional Information: The official Recycling Coordinator for Ridgefield, as listed on CT DEEP site, is our 1st Selectman, Rudy Marconi; alternate #1 is Ellen Rossini and alternate #2 is Executive Director of HRRA, Jen Heaton-Jones. The manager that completed the AMRR reports is Ellen Rossini. Data for municipal solid waste totals and recyclables totals is published in meeting minutes from HRRA. The Town of Ridgefield website links to the HRRA website. Examinations by industry professionals of municipal waste tells us nearly 40% of the current waste stream is organic materials. Moving the needle on waste reduction per capital will require a significant behavioral shift by residents and large generators (schools, banquet facilities, hospitals) in handling food waste - choosing to compost rather than send to the waste-to-energy plant. In Ridgefield we are experiencing slow progress in this area; but not enough to reach even a 10% waste reduction per capita. We'll keep working at it. While we may not be in the ballpark on the waste reduction, we are very proud of our XX improvement in recycling per capita for the same period. We offer many programs both mandated and non-mandated to help residents recycle right.

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.3.1 PAINTCARE PICKUP EMAIL CONFIRMATION](#)

PDF: [9.3.1 PAINTCARE AGREEMENT](#)

PDF: [PAINTCARE SIGNAGE - TRANSFER STATION](#)

PDF: [PAINTCARE TRIFOLD](#)

PDF: [COMPOST PROGRESS REPORT - 3RD QUARTER](#)

PDF: [SHREDDED PAPER IMAGES - WEBSITE, COLLECTION BIN, SIGN](#)

IMAGE: [PAINT INFO ON TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD HRRR WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [AMRR 2022-2023.PDF](#)

PDF: [COMPOST PROGRESS REPORT - 4TH QUARTER](#)

EXCEL: [GLASS REPORT](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [COMPOST PROGRAM TRI FOLD](#)

PDF: [GLASS SIGNAGE AND COLLECTION BIN PICTURES](#)

PDF: [E-WASTE COLLECTION PICTURES](#)

WORD: [NARRATIVE FOR ACTION 9.3.1 RECYCLE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [E-WASTE FLYER](#)

PDF: [AMRR 2023-2024.PDF](#)

PDF: [GLASS TRIFOLD](#)

WORD: [9.3.1 WORKSHEET V2.DOCX](#)

PDF: [COMPOST PROGRAM FLYER](#)

Documentation Details: 9.3.1 - worksheet 1 plus documentation to support additional recycling: 1. Paint - pictures of signage, paintcare agreement & email confirmation, marketing materials, pictures of info on website. 2. Shredded paper - signage pictures of info on website, pictures of cart to collect shredded paper 3. Compost - compost marketing materials (flyer & tri fold), 3rd & 4th quarter progress reports 4. Glass - pictures of collection bin & signage, glass report 5. E-waste MRC documents are all mattress recycling. Ridgefield is listed as year round and municipal collection site on pages 62 & 64. (Note, to reduce file size of annual report Appendix D and E were deleted from uploaded copy). E-Waste files both show Ridgefield participation on first page.. PaintCare Annual report lists Ridgfield's participation on pages 42 and 43. 9.3.1 Rolling Credit, ongoing program

Partners: 9.3.1 Town of Ridgefield manages day to day of the Recycling Center; Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority - governmental authority; Take2 (non-CEDs electronics) hauls material after collection. Paintcare (paint and paint products) hauls material after collection, Oak Ridge Waste (glass, plastic film, mattresses and shredded paper) hauls material after collection and Baystate Textiles (textiles) hauls material after collection.

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [FLYER FOR TOWN COMPOSTING PROGRAM](#)

EXCEL: [FES WASTE AUDIT](#)

EXCEL: [BES WASTE AUDIT](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.1 FOOD RECOVERY HIERARCHY](#)

PDF: [A COMPOSTING CONVERSATION](#)

PDF: [WEBSITE PROMOTION](#)

PDF: [BES PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL](#)

PDF: [FES PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL](#)

PDF: [FES FOOD SCRAP REPORT](#)

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [BES FOOD SCRAP REPORT](#)

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: (5 points) under 9.4.1 Choosing a target sector of public school district to put in infrastructure to reduce waste in school cafeterias by collecting food scraps. The Town Recycling Coordinator assisted PTAs from two of 6 elementary schools with setting up "zero waste" programs in their cafeteria - inclusive of waste audits, sourcing transportation and processing for the material and on-site education of the students, teachers and staff. Following the successful launch of both program, the Recycling Coordinator collaborated with the Ridgefield Public Schools' Director of Finance to present to the Ridgefield Board of Education to begin planning rolling out a program for the entire district. Additionally, provided content on the subject via the district's Tiger Talk Podcast. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ridgefield-tiger-talk-082-talking-trash/id1509987639?i=1000610077702> (15 points) second option under 9.4.2 Referenced above, Town of Ridgefield Recycling Coordinator helped launch two cafeteria zero waste programs. The programs following the food recovery hierarchy. Connection were facilitated with Food Rescue US and approval to establish a share table under the supervision of lunch aides. The PTAs contracted with a local vendor to haul the material to a commercial composting facility within 20 miles of the school. Future plans include the material to be transported to Town of Ridgefield's municipal composite site. (15 points) third option under 9.4.2. Town of Ridgefield has collected food scraps since 2016. Previously, the material was hauled away to a commercial processing facility to be made into compost. In the Spring, we transported back the finished compost for distribution to the residents. That was until 2022, when Town of Ridgefield completed the construction on the Lee Sawyer Composting Site, a solar powered ASP composting site, right at the Transfer Station. In the 12 months since the first food scraps were taken "up the hill", Ridgefield has diverted more than 25 tons of organics from the municipal solid waste stream. This project has garnered awards from the NE Recycling Coalition, the CCM Municipal Excellence Award and CT Recyclers Coalition Award. Town of Ridgefield has hosted other CT communities on site to see (maybe use the narrative from HRRRA description.) Links: <https://hrra.org/organics-food-scraps-ridgefield/> and <https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/ridgefield-action-committee-environment-race/pages/ridgefield-food-waste-composting-program> 9.4.1 Flyer for Town Composting Program, food recovery hierarchy, A Composting conversation, website pages promoting composting. 9.4.2 FES and BES Waste Audits. Promotional materials (links, flyers, presentations) for Branchville (BES) and Farmingville (FES) elementary schools. food scrap reports for BES and FES

Partners: 9.4.2 Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority - governmental authority

Additional Information: Town of Ridgefield also has a local business Curbside Composting that provides services to both residential and commercial business. This business is collaborating with the Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment (a town commission) to gain entry into the schools to reignite the zero cafeteria waste program. We are earnest in our belief to reach the state designated 60% diversion goal by 2024, we must grow food waste reduction efforts. We try to keep in mind the US EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy model in our brainstorming for public education actions.

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [9.5.2 NARRATIVE FOR REDUCING WASTE CONTAMINATION.DOCX](#)

Partners: Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment (RACE) Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA)

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [NARRATIVE 10.4 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES V2.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: Description of 2 community gardens along with many photos

Partners: Ridgefield Public Schools

Additional Information: none

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

15 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [EXTREME HEAT PRESS RELEASE 2023](#)

PDF: [PRESS RELEASE - INFO ON COOLING STATIONS](#)

PDF: [10.6.2A BE PREPARED SHEET](#)

PDF: [10.6.2A WORKSHEET 3](#)

WORD: [10.6.1C OUTREACH ACTIONS DESCRIPTION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.6.1D WORKSHEET 2 - PLAN AND PREPARE FOR EXTREME HEAT](#)

PDF: [10.6.1C OUTREACH EXAMPLES](#)

Documentation Details: 10.6.1c - Outreach during extreme heat events 10.6.2a - worksheet 3 contains information for the cooling center in Ridgefield.

Partners: The Town partners with the Parks and Rec Department (a Town department) for use of the Rec Center as a cooling center. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) manages most of these efforts - https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/government/office_of_emergency_management.php

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2022 RIDGEFIELD HOUSING DATA PROFILE](#)

PDF: [BOS MEETING MINUTES MAY 7, 2025](#)

PDF: [RIDGEFIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN](#)

PDF: [BOS MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2025](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 SUMMARY AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [BOS AGENDA AUGUST 13, 2025](#)

WORD: [11.1.1 RIDGEFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY.DOCX](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 RHA APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2025..PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1 describes current status of the affordable housing commission and its members. They meet every month. Attached recent minutes. BOS Meeting minutes for May and July, BOS meeting agenda august - discuss the establishment of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and set a public hearing and town meeting to vote on it.

Partners: 11.1.1 the Housing Authority manages affordable housing units.

Additional Information: none

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.2.2 RIDGEFIELD SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 12.2.2 screenshots of webpage and url - includes resources for homelessness, mental health, affordable housing and 211.

Partners: none

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

25 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Recycling coordinator (15 points) 13.1.1 Sidewalk bonding referendum and budget line item (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [13.1 GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWER TASK FORCE.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 SIDEWALKS - FYE 26 APPROVED CAPITAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 SIDEWALKS - FYE 25 APPROVED CAPITAL.PDF](#)

WORD: [13.1 NIPS PROGRAM AND RECYCLING COORDINATOR POSITION](#)

WORD: [13.1 INCREASING SIDEWALKS FOR WALKABILITY.DOCX](#)

WORD: [13.1 RECYCLING COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES OVERVIEW](#)

Documentation Details: 13.1 Nips program and Recycling Coordinator position created late 2022 and still active 13.1 Task force created to researching gas powered leaf blowers vs electric powered leaf blowers as an initiative to find a solution to noise and environmental pollution due to the use of gas powered leaf blowers. Will make recommendations to town council at end of 2025. 13.1 Increasing sidewalks in response to survey of older adult residents - Narrative and 2 budget documents with sidewalk expenditures highlighted

Partners: Memory Cafe is being coordinated with the Ridgefield Library and Ridgefield Station Assisted Living and Memory Care facility.