

# **Sustainable CT Community Certification Report**

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

Southbury was certified on October 01, 2025 with 600 points. Listed below is information regarding Southbury'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 Southbury 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:**

WORD: 1.1 SUMMARY OF EQUITY TOOLKIT (APPLIED TO ACTION 9.4 PREVENT FOOD WASTE)

PDF: 1.1 SUSTAINABLE CT FOR 7.7.1 (UPDATED).PDF
PDF: 1.1 SUSTAINABLE CT FOR 9.4.2 (UPDATED).PDF

**Documentation Details:** 9.4.1 Toolkit titled '1.1 Summary of Equity Toolkit '9.4.2 Toolkit titled '1.1 Toolkit for 9.4.2' 7.7.1 Toolkit titled '1.1 Toolkit for 7.7.1'

**Partners:** 1.1 Equity Toolkit applied to 9.4.1 Food Waste Prevention - THE PARTNERS involved in the Food Waste Prevention Campaign "Roadshow" include Board of Finance Member Town of Southbury, Business Community, Digital Communication Specialist Town of Southbury, Economic Development Director Town of Southbury, Heritage Village Chief Operating Officer, Heritage Village Focus TV, Random Hack of Kindness, Residents, Senior Center, Southbury Food Bank, Southbury Parks & Recreation, Sustainable Southbury Non-Profit Organization, United Way of Greater Waterbury 1.1 for 9.4.2 - Sustainable Southbury, Economic Development Director for the Town of Southbury, Curbside Compost 1.1 for 7.7.1 - Sustainable Southbury, Economic Development Director for the Town of Southbury, Eversource, P.A.C.E., Green Bank, EPA, Mechanitech, Southbury Town Library, Heritage Village Master Association

#### 2. Thriving Local Economies

### 2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 (15 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 2.1.1 - BROWNFIELDS MAP

**EXCEL: 2.1.1 - UPDATED BROWNFIELD INVENTORY SOUTHBURY** 

**Documentation Details:** 2.1.1 - Rolling Credit, inventory created on 8/19/2021 and updated 7/21/2025. Map updated 7/29/25.

**Partners:** 2.1.1 - Municipal inventory created using 2020 data on brownfields in the region compiled by NVCOG.

**Additional Information:** In 2025, the Brownfields inventory is up to date according to NVCOG staff. The Southbury Transfer station was also added to the inventory according to the recommendation of NVCOG staff. The map of brownfields sites was also updated with the help of NVCOG.

### 2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 2.3.2 (10 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 2.3.2 WORKSHEET

PDF: 2.3.2 DISSEMINATED MATERIAL EXAMPLE
PDF: 2.3.1 BUSINESS DIRECTORY RELEASE

WORD: 2.3.1 - LINK TO BUSINESS LIST (AUGUST 2024).DOCX

**Documentation Details:** 2.3.1: 'Business Directory Release' announces the creation of a local business list on the town website. 2.3.1: 'Link to Business List' features screenshots and a link to the 2.3.2: New Action Credit (February 4-11, 2023)

Partners: 2.3.2 the Town of Southbury and local businesses.

### 2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.2 (5 points) 2.4.6 (10 points)

### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 2.4.1 - SOUTHBURY BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE WORKSHEET

PDF: 2.4.1 - SOUTHBURY BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

PDF: 2.4.1 - SOUTHBURY BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE FLYER

PDF: 2.4.3 - SUMMARY.PDF
PDF: 2.4.3 - SUMMARY.PDF
PDF: 2.4.2 SUBMISSION 2023

**Documentation Details:** All documents for 2.4.2-2.4.6 can be found in the summary/submission documents, with 2.4.1 having separate uploads

**Partners:** Economic Development Commission, Newtown Savings Bank, Southbury.com, Southbury Chamber, SBA, CT-SBDC, DECD, Women's Business Development Council, SCORE, CIC, Southbury Land Trust, Pomperaug River Water Coalition, and more.

#### 3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

#### 3.1 Provide Watershed Education

30 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a (5 points) 3.1.1b (15 points) 3.1.1c (5 points) 3.1.2a (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:** 

PDF: 3.1 SUSTAINABLE CT - SOUTHBURY 2025.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 3.1 Document contains all sub actions

Partners: All - Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC) is a 501c3 organization that was founded in 1999 in response to the increasing threats to local water resources. PRWC's mission is to ensure plentiful high quality water in the Pomperaug Watershed communities through the use of science and education. PRWC's programs and services include: development and acquisition of scientific watershed and river data; provision of technical assistance on environmental challenges; and facilitation of educational programs to students, residents, businesses, and town officials. All of PRWC's programs and activities underscore our collective roles as stewards of our environment and promote good habits to keep our watershed and rivers healthy. PRWC's coalition-based approach to meet the water resources protection and educational outreach needs within the Pomperaug River Watershed is supported by the financial investment and human resource assistance from the Town of Southbury. The Town provides meeting and workshop space for PRWC's Board for Directors meetings and education outreach. The Selectman's office has been a strong partner and advocate in protecting the quantity and quality of water in the Pomperaug Watershed. Town Land Use staff have served as active members of PRWC's Advisory Council and its Science and Land Use Committee. The Southbury Public Works Department supports volunteer clean-ups and riparian restoration projects including the Demonstration Rain Garden at Community House Park and the Stream Buffer Restoration Project at Cedarland Park. Southbury continues to demonstrate its recognition of the importance of clean water, natural areas, and supporting environmental organizations. The Town of Southbury contributed \$40,000 to PRWC in fiscal years 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

#### 3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.2.1 (10 points) 3.2.2 (10 points) 3.2.3 (10 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

**IMAGE: 3.3.2B - REGULATION ALIGNMENT.JPG** 

WORD: 3.2.2 & 3.2.3 REGULATIONS AND WORKSHEET

PDF: 3.2 SUSTAINABLE CT - SOUTHBURY

**Documentation Details:** All subactions are contained in the document '3.2 SUSTAINABLE CT - SOUTHBURY' and in '3.2.2 & 3.2.2 Regulations and Worksheet'.

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#### 3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

30 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.3.1 (30 points)

**Supporting Documentation:** 

WORD: 3.3.1 - PRIORITY WATERSHED PROJECT - 2024.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** Two projects

Partners: 3.3.1 - Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC) is a 501c3 organization that was founded in 1999 in response to the increasing threats to local water resources. PRWC's mission is to ensure plentiful high quality water in the Pomperaug Watershed communities through the use of science and education. PRWC's programs and services include: development and acquisition of scientific watershed and river data; provision of technical assistance on environmental challenges; and facilitation of educational programs to students, residents, businesses, and town officials. All of PRWC's programs and activities underscore our collective roles as stewards of our environment and promote good habits to keep our watershed and rivers healthy. PRWC's coalition-based approach to meet the water resources protection and educational outreach needs within the Pomperaug River Watershed is supported by the financial investment and human resource assistance from the Town of Southbury. The Town provides meeting and workshop space for PRWC's Board for Directors meetings and education outreach. The Selectman's office has been a strong partner and advocate in protecting the quantity and quality of water in the Pomperaug Watershed. Town Land Use staff have served as active members of PRWC's Advisory Council and its Science and Land Use Committee. The Southbury Public Works Department supports volunteer clean-ups and riparian restoration projects including the Demonstration Rain Garden at Community House Park and the Stream Buffer Restoration Project at Cedarland Park. Southbury continues to demonstrate its recognition of the importance of clean water, natural areas, and supporting environmental organizations. The Town of Southbury contributed \$40,000 to PRWC in fiscal years 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

### 3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

20 Points

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

### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.4.4B INCREASE PRESERVED OPEN SPACE BOS MINUTES - SOUTHBURY

PDF: 3.4.4B PROOF OF OPEN SPACE PURCHASE

WORD: 3.4.3 WORKSHEET.DOCX

PDF: POCD LINK.PDF

EXCEL: 3.4.1\_SOUTHBURY\_OPENSPACEINVENTORY.XLSX
WORD: 3.4.4A NEW OPEN SPACE PURCHASES.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** See pages 4 and 5 of "Increase Preserved Open Space" for evidence of approval of a \$239,900 purchase of property owned by Cappen, LLC located at 864 South Britain Road, Southbury, 41 +/-acres, for permanently protected open space and passive recreation. 3.4.4a - new open space acquired in 2025 3.4.4 b - New action credit, Board of Selectmen minutes from April 22, 2021 together with proof of purchase as requested. 3.4.3 - Worksheet for Open Space Plan can be found in '3.4.3 worksheet' 3.4.3. references POCD available in the POCD link.pdf file.

Partners: 3.4.4 b - none

#### 3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

35 Points

**Approved Information:** 3.8.1a (5 points) 3.8.1b (5 points) 3.8.3a (15 points) 3.8.3b (10 points)

### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.8.3B - SOUTHBURY RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE PLAN

PDF: 3.8 SUSTAINABLE CT - SOUTHBURY 2025.PDF

**WORD: 3.8.3B WORKSHEET** 

Documentation Details: All actions can be found in "3.8 Sustainable CT - Southbury 2025"

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# 3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.2 (15 points) 3.10.3a (5 points) 3.10.3b (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:** 

WORD: 3.10 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Documentation Details: Subactions 3.10.2 and 3.10.3 can be found in '3.10 Overview'

Partners: 3.10.2 a - Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition. The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC) is a 501c3 organization that was founded in 1999 in response to the increasing threats to local water resources. PRWC's mission is to ensure plentiful high quality water in the Pomperaug Watershed communities through the use of science and education. PRWC's programs and services include: development and acquisition of scientific watershed and river data; provision of technical assistance on environmental challenges; and facilitation of educational programs to students, residents, businesses, and town officials. All of PRWC's programs and activities underscore our collective roles as stewards of our environment and promote good habits to keep our watershed and rivers healthy. PRWC's coalition-based approach to meet the water resources protection and educational outreach needs within the Pomperaug River Watershed is supported by the financial investment and human resource assistance from the Town of Southbury. The Town provides meeting and workshop space for PRWC's Board for Directors meetings and education outreach. The Selectman's office has been a strong partner and advocate in protecting the quantity and quality of water in the Pomperaug Watershed. Town Land Use staff have served as active members of PRWC's Advisory Council and its Science and Land Use Committee. The Southbury Public Works Department supports volunteer clean-ups and riparian restoration projects including the Demonstration Rain Garden at Community House Park and the Stream Buffer Restoration Project at Cedarland Park. Southbury continues to demonstrate its recognition of the importance of clean water, natural areas, and supporting environmental organizations. The Town of Southbury contributed \$40,000 to PRWC in fiscal years 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

### 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 (5 points) 3.12.2 (15 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 3.12 OVERVIEW.PDF

PDF: TOWN HALL POLLINATOR GARDEN LAYOUT AND PLANT SELECTIONS.PDF

PDF: 3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDENS 2025

**Documentation Details:** 3.12.1: Information for 3.12.1 can all be found in the Overview document 3.12.2: Images and a description for 3.12.2 are in the Overview document, but the plant list and layout is in the accompanying document. Upgrades and promotions are described in the 3.12.2 Pollinator Gardens 2025 document.

Partners: Sustainable Southbury - assisted with the layout and plant list

# 4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

# **4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets**

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.1.1a (10 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 4.1.1A\_WORKSHEET FINAL.PDF

PDF: 4.1.1B\_ASSET MAP.PDF

PDF: 4.4.1BHYPERLINK TO MAP.PDF

WORD: 4.1.1B CULTURAL ASSETS MAP.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** Worksheet found in: '4.1.1a\_worksheet.pdf' 4.1.1b Cultural Assets Map document has a screenshot and hyperlink for the map and its location on the municipal website.

**Partners:** 4.1.1 (Tourism/Cultural Inventory): Arts & Culture Subcommittee assisted with the creation of the inventory, Western Connecticut Tourism Board

### **4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture**



**Approved Information:** 4.2.1 (10 points) 4.2.2 (5 points) 4.2.5 (5 points) 4.2.9 (10 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 4.2.2 SUBMISSION SUMMARY.PDF

PDF: 4.2.2 ARTS & CULTURE CALENDER ADVERTISEMENTS.PDF

PDF: 4.2.5 OFFICIAL TOWN PRESS RELEASE.PDF
WORD: 4.2.1 ESTABLISH A POET LAUREATE
PDF: 4.2.9 MAKERS SPOTLIGHT OVERVIEW.PDF
PDF: 4.2.9 MAKERS SPOTLIGHT EXAMPLE.PDF

**PDF: 4.2.5 EDC CONFIRMATION** 

**Documentation Details:** Multiple examples are included of some recent marketing materials. The budget on Page 13 provides a more comprehensive look at commitment and materials published over time. 4.2.2: Attached is a 'summary' document, describing where the arts & culture publication can be found, and what it includes, the 'advertisement' document is a visual example of a previously sent advertisement. 4.2.5: Attached is the official town press release announcing the creation of the Arts & Culture Subcommittee, its duties, and its founding members. 4.2.9: Attached is an 'overview' document, which describes the Makers Spotlight published monthly by Southbury's Arts & Culture Subcommittee. This document, which goes over the submission criteria, a general overview of the publication, and the award process, is accompanied by the 'Example' document, which is a previously published Makers Spotlight Special Edition from March. 2023. 4.2.1 - New Action Credit (10/28/2022) 4.2.2 - New Action Credit (occurs monthly) 4.2.5 - New Action Credit (6/17/2022) 4.2.9 - New Action Credit (occurs monthly. Submitted example document is from March 2023)

**Partners:** The Town of Southbury was the main driver. We worked with multiple local organizations such as Southbury.com, Arts Escape, local restaurants, in publishing and organizing the events and materials.

# 4.4 Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 4.4.1 (20 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 4.4.1 - OVERVIEW A-D.PDF

WORD: ARTS & CULTURE BUDGET PROPOSAL.DOCX EXCEL: ART IN THE PARK\_BUDGET TRACKING.XLSX

WORD: 4.4.1C - MEETING MINUTES.DOCX

PDF: 4.4.1 - INVENTORY.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 4.4.1d - documents for this sub action are the 'Arts and Culture Budget Proposal' and 'Art in the Park Budget Tracking'. More info in the uploaded Overview document.

Partners: Arts and Culture Subcommittee of the EDC, Southbury Parks and Rec, Region 15 Schools

# 5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

# 5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

35 Points

**Approved Information:** 5.1.1b (35 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: <u>5.1.1B WORKSHEET 2</u>
PDF: <u>SOUTHBURY POCD LINK.PDF</u>

**Documentation Details:** POCD uploaded as 'Southbury POCD Link'. In that page is a link to the POCD, as the file size is too big for the application. Worksheet 2 for 5.1.1b can be found in '5.1.1b worksheet 2'

**Partners:** Sustainable Southbury: Assisted with writing in the sustainable concepts into the updated POCD

#### **5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices**

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 (20 points) 5.3.4 (5 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 5.3.4 FARMER FORUM FLYER - WORD VERSION
PDF: 5.3.4 FARMER FORUM FLYER - PDF VERSION
WORD: 5.3.1 - OVERVIEW (UPDATED SUMMARY).DOCX

**Documentation Details:** 5.3.1 documentation can be found in '5.3.1 Overview', including an action write-up and a guide on where to find the ordinances 5.3.4 New Credit - Please see the attached documents about a farmer friendly forum held on March 22, 2022.

Partners: 5.3.1 - none 5.3.4 Farmers Forum Partners Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition: The Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC) is a 501c3 organization that was founded in 1999 in response to the increasing threats to local water resources. PRWC's mission is to ensure plentiful high quality water in the Pomperaug Watershed communities through the use of science and education. PRWC's programs and services include: development and acquisition of scientific watershed and river data; provision of technical assistance on environmental challenges; and facilitation of educational programs to students, residents, businesses, and town officials. All of PRWC's programs and activities underscore our collective roles as stewards of our environment and promote good habits to keep our watershed and rivers healthy. PRWC's coalition-based approach to meet the water resources protection and educational outreach needs within the Pomperaug River Watershed is supported by the financial investment and human resource assistance from the Town of Southbury. The Town provides meeting and workshop space for PRWC's Board for Directors meetings and education outreach. The Selectman's office has been a strong partner and advocate in protecting the quantity and quality of water in the Pomperaug Watershed. Town Land Use staff have served as active members of PRWC's Advisory Council and its Science and Land Use Committee. The Southbury Public Works Department supports volunteer clean-ups and riparian restoration projects including the Demonstration Rain Garden at Community House Park and the Stream Buffer Restoration Project at Cedarland Park. Southbury continues to demonstrate its recognition of the importance of clean water, natural areas, and supporting environmental organizations. The Town of Southbury contributed \$40,000 to PRWC in fiscal years 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

# **5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources**

15 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1 (10 points) 5.5.4 (5 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 5.5.4- CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTATION.PDF

PDF: 5.5.1 - OVERVIEW.PDF

PDF: SOUTHBURY POCD LINK.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 5.5.1 Overview - contains the list in the POCD with the historic resource inventory and the priority concerns 5.5.4 Certified Local Government - contains information for 5.4.4, including a screenshot of Southbury's certification on the NPS site For further context and reading, the POCD is also uploaded as a supplement to 5.5.1. The specific pages are featured in the '5.5.1 Overview' document.

Partners: Southbury Historical Society, National Park Service

# **6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices**

# **6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment**

10 Points

**Approved Information:** 6.4.4 (10 Points)

**Supporting Documentation:** PDF: <u>6.4.4 EV ASSESSMENT.PDF</u>

**Documentation Details:** 6.4.4: New Action Credit (04/2022)

Partners: 6.4.4. None

# **6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies**

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1 (5 points)

**Supporting Documentation:** 

PDF: 6.5.1 MOBILITY STRATEGIES DOCUMENT.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 6.5.1 information can all be found in the uploaded document

Partners: Southbury Senior Center, Planning and Zoning Commission, StreetScape committee

# 7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

### 7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

30 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 (30 points)

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 7.7.1A, 7.7.1B, 7.7.1C - COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN

PDF: SOUTHBURY 7.7.1\_COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN\_APRIL 2022 UPDATED WITH RESULTS ETC..PDF

PDF: 7.7.1 2023 COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN - WORKSHEET.PDF

PDF: 7.7.1 2023 COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGNS.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 2022 - Documents describe details of a campaign that includes actions in the look-back period (and beyond). 7.7.1 The 2023 worksheet and supporting document contain details of 3 campaigns - A Community Energy Campaign, a PowerSmart campaign, and a HeatSmart Campaign

**Partners:** 7.7.1b - Partners are clearly described in the document. They include Jerry Lawson (EPA), Bill Stack (Eversource), Joe Bounannata (CT Green Bank), Rich Bortiz, Ed Edelson, Rich Eisenman (all three from Heritage Village Building Energy Committee), David Peltzer, Jim Rapp, Ron Conti (all three Heritage Village leaders of solar initiatives), Southbury Energy Task Force, and Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, Smart Power, Peoples Action for Clean Action (P.A.C.E), and Sustainable Southbury.

### 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 CPACE AGREEMENT SIGNED.PDF

PDF: 7.9.1 SOUTHBURY C-PACE PRESS RELEASE.PDF

PDF: 7.9.1 BOARD OF SELECTMEN C-PACE MINUTES.PDF

IMAGE: CPACE WEBSITE LINK.PNG

Partners: N/A - we are not submitting for credit. We are adding this to reconcile the incomplete fields.

### 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\_HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY EVENT AUGUST 2024 (1).XLSX

PDF: 8.1 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AUGUST 2024.PDF

**Documentation Details:** Documents a series of monthly events that have been highly successful and have grown to be a signature event.

Partners: 2022 partners list: Sponsors: Blasius Kia, Lucas Local Oyster Bar, Chatfield True Value, EGHome, Kru Juice Bar, Class Cycles, Stop & Shop, Griswold & Sons, Ion Bank, Julio's Woodfired Pizza, Kevin D Oden & Associates, Lutheran Home, O&G Industries, Senior Pancho's, Mercato Italian Kitchen & Bar Vendors: 2020 Air Mechanical, Aegis Solar Energy, Arts Escape, Inc., AT&T, Bent of the River Audubon Center, BLASIUS KIA, Breezy Knolls Farm, Chatfield True Value, Citizens Climate Lobby, Class Cycles, Crepe Royale, Daffodil Hill Growers, Dandelion Energy, Earth Tones LLC, Energy in Action, EV Owners, GV Bites, Gyre9 LLC, Home Comfort Practice, Inductive Autoworks, Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition (PRWC), PosiGen Solar and Energy Efficiency, Renewal by Andersen, Shoprite of Southbury, Southbury Affordable Housing Alliance, Inc., Stop and Shop, Sunrise Remnant Arts, UConn Master Gardeners, USA LED Energy Solutions, Wilton Go Green, Wolfworks Inc. 2021 partners list: Stoneledge Hollow Farm - Southbury Mitchell Farm - Southbury Goatboy Soaps - New Milford Daffodil Hill Growers - Southbury Sonny's Grinders - Southbury Eaglewood Farm - Barkhamsted Oronoque Farm - Shelton Wave Hill Breads - Norwalk South Ridge Gardens & Farm -Southbury Waldingfield Farm - Washington Szabo's Seafood - Shelton Upper Grassy Greens - Woodbury Breezy Knolls Farm - Southbury Itty-Bitty Cookie Company - Watertown Nick's Catering - Newtown Wood You Believe It - New Milford DoggyLicious - New Milford Three Bridges Coffeehouse - Shelton 2020 partners list: Markets funded in part by Connecticut Department of Agriculture. Partnership with the Southbury Food Bank for dropping off extra produce. 2020 vendors: An Average Jill, Breezy Knolls Farm, Daffodil Hill Growers, Eaglewood Farms, Goatboy Soaps, Itty-Bitty Cookie Company, Mitchell Farm, Nick's Catering, Oronoque Farms, South Ridge Gardens & Farm, Stoneledge Hollow Farm, Szabo's Seafood, Upper Grassy Greens, Waldingfield Farm, Wave Hill Breads, Wood You Believe It

### **8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications**

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 (15 points)

### **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 8.2 SOUTHBURY EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS\_APRIL2022\_REV.PDF

PDF: 8.2.1A\_WORKSHEET\_APRIL2022.PDF

PDF: 8.2\_SOUTHBURY PICTORIAL COMMUNICATIONS INVENTORY\_APRIL2022.PDF

**Documentation Details:** 8.2.1 a - New action credit, 2022 8.2.1 b - New action credit, 2022 \*Note: We previously submitted this action, but are resubmitting with new documents to achieve full credit

Partners: 8.2.1 a and 8.2.1 b - Southbury Neighbors Magazine, Voices, News-Times, Republican-American,

Southbury.com, and other press partners

# 9. Strategic Materials Management

### 9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (15 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 9.4.1 TRANSFER STATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

PDF: 9.4.1 SOUTHBURY FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM

PDF: 9.4.1 FOOD WASTE RECYCLING.PDF

PDF: 9.4.1\_12 MONTH COMPOSTING PROGRAM REPORT 2025

**Documentation Details:** 9.4.1 - Composting Organic Waste Program (ongoing)

Partners: 9.4 Composting program - none

### 9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.3 (10 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 9.5.3 FOOD WASTE RESOURCES

PDF: <u>9.5.3 AD1.PDF</u>

WORD: 9.5.3 WORKSHEET 1

PDF: <u>9.5.3 AD2.PDF</u>
PDF: <u>9.5.3 AD3.PDF</u>
PDF: <u>9.5.3 AD4.PDF</u>

**Documentation Details:** Alongside worksheet 1, there is a screenshot of food waste resources on the sustainable Southbury website and four flyers disseminated for the campaign.

Partners: none

# 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:**

IMAGE: 10.4.1 COMMUNITY GARDEN PHOTO 1 - SOUTHBURY

IMAGE: 10.4.1 COMMUNITY GARDEN PHOTO 2 - SOUTHBURY

WORD: 10.4.1 COMMUNITY GARDEN DESCRIPTION - SOUTHBURY

WORD: 10.4.1 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BASED ON REVIEWER NOTES

**Documentation Details:** 10.4.1 - Rolling credit, the garden was started in May 2011 \*Note: We received credit previously, and an additional document has been uploaded based on reviewer comments.

Partners: 10.4.1 - Garden was created with money from an Achieve grant obtained through The Pomperaug Health District and a group of determined and dedicated volunteers. The gate was donated by Brett Bucciarelli. The Kiosk was an Eagle Scout project, constructed by Jack Shannon. A second fence was an Eagle Scout project, constructed by Joe Bannon, this fence received a significant upgrade in 2018 by Jake Addison as his eagle scout project. Everyone who does work in/around the garden is a volunteer, everyone is encouraged to help maintain the garden. The gardeners are responsible for maintaining the garden area within and around the fence. There is no one employed by Parks and Recreation that works in the garden. The land and the irrigation system were provided by the Town of Southbury, and the town generously provides mulch for the walkways and dirt to supplement the dirt in your plots. We have the strong support of The Southbury Parks and Recreation Department and The Pomperaug Health District. The administration of the garden is taken care of by The Southbury Parks and Recreation Department. There is a small group of dedicated volunteers that try to address any garden issues that may need resolution and organize donations to the food bank and organize community activities.

Additional Information: The community garden has been maintained and upgraded since it's creation in 2021. Volunteers replaced weathered wood around the plots last fall, and this upcoming fall (2025) they plan to do the 9 remaining plots that need a re-vamp. Mulch is continuously delivered to the garden from Public Works, which comes from tree removal in town. The town still handles registration for plots and a municipal staff member communicates with the plot holders about garden events. The town also coordinates with the head gardener to notify gardeners who are breaking community standards. In August 2025, an Eagle Scout will be turning of of the plots in the community garden into a raised garden bed, which can be wheelchair accessible, and also better off for someone who may have difficulty bending down to garden,

### 10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

30 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1 (15 points) 10.5.2 (15 points)

**Supporting Documentation:** 

PDF: 10.5.2 SOUTHBURY SFMNP.PDF

WORD: 10.5.1 FARMER'S MARKET 2025.DOCX

Documentation Details: 10.5.1 - info in the '10.5.1 Farmers' Market 2025' 10.5.2 - hyperlink and screenshot in

'10.5.2 Southbury SFMNP'

Partners: Daffodil Hill Farms

### 11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

### 11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

20 Points

**Approved Information:** 11.1.1 (5 points) 11.1.3 (15 points)

# **Supporting Documentation:**

PDF: 11.1.3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN LINK (1).PDF

WORD: <u>ACTION 11.1.1</u>
PDF: <u>POCD LINK.PDF</u>

PDF: 11.1.3 DOCUMENTATION.PDF

PDF: 11.1.3 WORKSHEET SOUTHBURY 2025
PDF: SOUTHBURYZONINGAMENDMENTS.PDF

WORD: 11.1.1\_SOUTHBURY2025.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** Link to news outlet story in case the document link doesn't work: https://news.hamlethub.com/southbury/politics/6019-a-message-from-southbury-planning-commission-and-affordable-housing-subcommittee 11.1.1 Affordable Housing Plan - New Action (2022-2023) 11.1.3 - Affordable Housing Link Plan gives the affordable Housing plan 11.1.3 - POCD link file links to the POCD.

**Partners:** 11.1.1 - The partners for this were the Southbury Affordable Housing Alliance and Sustainable Southbury

### 12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

#### 12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2 (5 points)

### **Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 12.2.2 SOUTHBURY NEIGHBORS ARTICLE

WORD: 12.2.2 SOCIAL MEDIA POST

WORD: 12.2.2 DESCRIPTION

**IMAGE: 12.2.2 WEBPAGE ON HOMELESSNESS** 

**Documentation Details:** Link: https://www.southbury-ct.org/Homelessness This article is up on our Town website here: https://www.southbury-ct.org/EDC-articles/?FeedID=7289 12.2.2 - Rolling credit from 2021 review, webpage developed on 8/24/21 \*Note: New documents reflect new requirements, renumbering, and reviewer suggestions

**Partners:** 12.2.2 - Our SCT Fellow from Summer 2021 consulted with CCEH on creation of website. Southbury Neighbors Magazine published the article.

# 13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

# 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

10 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Road-stream crossing assessment (10 points)

### **Supporting Documentation:**

WORD: 13.1 SUSTAINABLE CT - SOUTHBURY - AUG2024.DOCX

**Documentation Details:** Road-Stream Crossing Assessments to Support Stream Continuity for Aquatic Organism Passage and Conveyance of Floodwaters (Climate Resiliency Planning)

Partners: 13.1 Sustainable Southbury, Town Residents