



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Torrington was certified on October 01, 2025 with 275 points. Listed below is information regarding Torrington'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 Torrington was approved for in 2025 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED for All Certification Levels

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1.1 (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.5.4_WORKSHEET TORRINGTON.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [1.1 TORRINGTON EQUITY TOOLKIT - FINAL 2025.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 1.1 See above for equity toolkit narrative and the Transportation Plan + City Council Resolution approving the plan submitted under 6.5.4 The 6.5.4 worksheet is attached as well.

Partners: 6.5.4: VN Engineers Inc and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc

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 BROWNFIELD MAPS 2025](#)

EXCEL: [2.1.1 BROWNFIELD INVENTORY 2025](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.1. See "2.1.1 Brownfield Inventory 2025" for an inventory of Torrington's brownfield sites that was updated in August, 2025. See "2.1.1. Brownfield Maps 2025" for a map of Torrington's brownfield sites that was updated in August, 2025.

Partners: 2.1.1: UCONN School of Engineering assisted in the creation of our original Brownfield Inventory in 2021, which has since been updated for 2025.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 Develop a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory (10 points) 3.5.2 Integrate your NRW into municipal planning (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.5.1 LINK TO NRW INVENTORY 2025.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [3.5.1 INVENTORY SCREENSHOT.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [3.5.1 INVENTORY SCREENSHOT 2.PNG](#)

PDF: [3.5.2 LINK TO INVENTORY ON WEBSITE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [3.5.2 SCREENSHOT OF INVENTORY ON TOWN SITE.PNG](#)

PDF: [3.5.2 CONSERVATION COMMISSION PROJECT CHECKLIST.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.5.1. Create Natural Resource Inventory: The city has created a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory that was published on March 8th, 2025. The inventory is a comprehensive digital resource that includes information on land cover, soil and geology, water resources, drinking water resources, forests, agricultural habitats, climate resilience, and important wildlife habitats, topography and elevation and committed open space. See link and screenshots above. 3.5.2. Incorporate inventory into municipal planning: The city has made the inventory publicly available by linking it on the Conservation Commission Page on the municipal website. See link and screenshot above. Additionally, the city has created a checklist for the Conservation Commission to use with the Natural Resource Inventory when reviewing projects.

Partners: 3.5.1. Create Natural Resource Inventory: None 3.5.2. Incorporate inventory into municipal planning: None

3.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.11.2.d Native Planting Procedure (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.11.2.D CT INVASIVE PLANT LIST](#)

PDF: [3.11.2.D LANDSCAPE REGULATION AMENDED PORTIONS](#)

PDF: [3.11.2.D MEMO FROM ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER](#)

PDF: [3.11.2.D PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING MINUTES 7/17/24](#)

Documentation Details: 3.11.2.d. On July 17th, 2024, the city of Torrington's Planning and Zoning Commission voted to amend the city's Landscape Regulations to require that all plantings must use species native to the United States. The regulation also prohibits the use of invasive plants as defined by the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council. The relevant portion of the Landscape Regulations (see Section 5.1.1.2.A on page 1), the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes, and a memo from the assistant city planner describing the amendment, are all attached above. The Connecticut Invasive Plant List, which the city uses as a list of prohibited species as set forth in this regulation, is attached above as well.

Partners: 3.11.2.d: None

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.1 Dark Skies Public Education (5 Points) 3.13.3 Dark Sky Compliance (20 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.13.3. DARK SKY COMPLIANCE ZONING REGULATIONS](#)

PDF: [3.13.1. DARK SKIES PUBLIC EDUCATION BROCHURE](#)

Documentation Details: 3.13.1. "Dark Skies Public Education Brochure" Is a PDF version of a brochure to educate the community on the effects of lighting and the benefits of dark sky compliance. As of June 2025, physical copies are available at City Hall in the land-use office. 3.13.3. Dark Sky Compliance, the relevant zoning regulations about dark sky compliance can be found on pages 47-49 of document

Partners: 3.13.1 (Dark Skies Public Education): None 3.13.3 (Dark Sky Compliance): None

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2: CTVisit Webpage (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [4.1.2. CITY OF TORRINGTON CTVISIT WEBPAGE URL](#)

IMAGE: [4.1.2 SCREENSHOT OF CT VISIT SITE.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.2. "City of Torrington CTVisit Webpage URL" contains a word document with a hyperlink to an updated CTVisit webpage for the City of Torrington.

Partners: 4.1.2 (CTVisit Webpage): None

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

30 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1.b Incorporate sustainability concepts into your POCD (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1.1 TORRINGTON POCD 2023.PDF](#)

WORD: [5.1 WORKSHEET 2 TORRINGTON.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1.b. Torrington's most recent POCD (adopted 2023) and a completed worksheet 2 are attached above.

Partners: 5.1.1.b. None

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1: Agriculture Friendly Policies (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.3.1. POLICY #1: RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE](#)

PDF: [5.3.1. POLICY #2: LANDSCAPE REGULATION W 2024 AMENDMENTS HIGHLIGHTED](#)

PDF: [5.3.1. POLICY #2: MEMO FROM ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 POLICY #2: PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES](#)

PDF: [5.3.1 POLICY #1: LINK TO ORDINANCE IN MUNICIPAL CODE](#)

Documentation Details: 5.3.1. Policy #1: "Right to Farm Ordinance" contains the right to farm ordinance passed in Torrington. The ordinance is attached above and was adopted in 2013 and still used as an official policy. Both a document with the ordinance in it and a link to the ordinance are provided 5.3.1 Policy #2: Excluded Farms and Farm stands from all landscaping regulations via an amendment that the Planning and Zoning Commission passed on 7/17/24. The updated regulations are attached, see Section 5.1.1.2.L on page 3 of the document. Also attached is a memo from the Assistant City Planner and the relevant Planning and Zoning Commission minutes.

Partners: N/A

Additional Information: N/A

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.2 Host a Community Resilience Building Workshop (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.4.2 CRBW SUMMARY OF FINDINGS 2023](#)

Documentation Details: 5.4.2 The summary of findings for the Community Resilience Building Workshop completed in 2023 is attached above.

Partners: 5.4.2: The Nature Conservancy and Sustainable CT

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.2 Have Municipal Employees Attend Electric Vehicle Training (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [6.4.5 CITY HALL EV CHARGING STATION.JPG](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 EV TRAINING CERTIFICATE](#)

PDF: [6.4.2 EV TRAINING LINK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.2 - Emil Castro, the City Fleet Manager at the time, attended an electric vehicle training provided by George Washington University and FedInsider on March 30th, 2022. The certificate of completion and a link to an overview of the training is provided above. 6.4.5 - Photograph of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Torrington City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Partners: 6.4.2 - George Washington University and FedInsider. 6.4.5 - None

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.4 Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.4 TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

WORD: [6.5.4_WORKSHEET TORRINGTON.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.4 Using the feedback from city residents, this action plan proposes several transportation projects (starting on page 40). Many of the proposed projects relate to pedestrians or bicyclists, including adding crosswalks, adding or improving bicycle infrastructure, installing sidewalks, adding pedestrian signage, installing pedestrian islands and more. The plan was approved by the City Council on August 4th 2025 by the City Council (see '6.5.4 Transportation Plan with Resolution from City Council' for both the plan and the resolution). The action worksheet is also attached above.

Partners: 6.5.4: VN Engineers Inc and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.6 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.6.1 Streetlight Inventory and Lighting Needs Assessment (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.6.1 CITY OF TORRINGTON 2022 INVENTORY.XLSX](#)

PDF: [7.6.1 STREET INDEX FOR MAP GRID.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.6.1 STREETLIGHT MAP COVER AND INDEX SHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [7.6.1 LIGHTING NEEDS ASSESSMENT.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 7.6.1 - "City of Torrington 2022 Inventory" is a excel spreadsheet inventory listing of all city-owned streetlights with those that have been converted to LED noted. "Street Index for Map Grid" and "Streetlight Map Cover and Index Sheet" are used together to index and map City-Owned streetlights. The Lighting Needs Assessment is attached above as well.

Partners: 7.6.1 - None

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

25 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1: Participate in C-Pace (20 Points) 7.9.3: C-Pace Participation Projects (5 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.9.1. C-PACE RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [7.9.3. C-PACE PROJECT #1 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION](#)

PDF: [7.9.3. C-PACE PROJECT #1 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION PT. 2](#)

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

IMAGE: [7.9.1 SCREENSHOT](#)

Documentation Details: 7.9.1. "C-Pace Resolution" provides documentation that the City of Torrington opted into the C-Pace program with the Green Bank on 5/13/13. There is also a screenshot of a C-PACE page with a link to CT Green Bank that was recently added to the city website. 7.9.3. See "C-PACE projects" for information on Torrington's two C-Pace projects. Project #1 was approved on 3/30/22 and Project #2 was approved on 6/20/23. Additional documentation has also been provided for Project #1 (see Project #1 Property Description and Project #1 Property Description Pt 2).

Partners: 7.9.1 (C-Pace Resolution): CT Green Bank 7.9.3 (C-Pace Property Description): CT Green Bank and Traub Bros Inc

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Hold a sustainability event (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.1.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENT TEMPLATE.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.1.1 LINK TO FRANKLIN PLAZA FACEBOOK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1.1 - "Sustainability Event Template" is a general description of the property and event details. These details are further described below. The marketplace began in 2021 and is operational every Thursday except in winter. Franklin Plaza Market Place is organized by local business owners in cooperation with the City Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Department and City Planning Department. It is held on the Franklin Plaza, opened in 2021, on the banks of the Naugatuck River in downtown Torrington. The design of the Plaza received a Placemaking Planning award from the CT Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2021. The market place is run each Thursday from 4-7 and is home to an array of local craft vendors, artists, musicians and food vendors. The average Marketplace Event typically attracts around 50-75 people. Photographs of the marketplace and upcoming events can be found at their Facebook page. See "Link to Franklin Plaza Facebook Page" attached above. The City has observed that through these consistent Thursday events, there is genuine interest in the use of Franklin Plaza for events. The City should develop a strategy for marketing and working cooperatively to hold more events in the Plaza as a focal point of Torrington's Downtown.

Partners: 8.1.1 - Hold a Sustainability Event: Local Business owners operate the Market Place with guidance from various City Department

8.3 Train Municipal Representatives

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.3.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.3.1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES 4/22/2024](#)

WORD: [8.3.1 WORKSHEET1.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 8.3.1 - Torrington's Zoning Board of Appeals received an hour long training from Attorney Dory Famiglietti on 4/22/24. See the above worksheet for a description of the training and see "Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes" for the meeting minutes which includes a list of members present.

Partners: 8.3.1 - None

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [9.4.1 FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING MAILER](#)

WORD: [9.4.1 FOOD SCRAPS FLYER](#)

PDF: [9.4.1 LINK TO FOOD SCRAPS ANNOUNCEMENT ON WEBSITE.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.1 SCREENSHOT OF FOODS SCRAPS MAILER ON WEBSITE](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.1 - Attached above are a flyer and mailer that both describe Torrington's new food scrap collection program, which started on 1/2/25 in partnership with USA Waste & Recycling. The mailer is also posted on the town website (see link and screenshot).

Partners: 9.4.1 USA Waste & Recycling

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.3.3 SMOKING ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

PDF: [10.3.3 LINK TO ORDINANCE](#)

Documentation Details: 10.3.3 - "Smoking Ordinance" shows the City of Torrington's adopted ordinance prohibiting smoking on any City property, which the City Council passed on May 2nd, 2022. Also attached is a link to the ordinance in the city's code of ordinances.

Partners: 10.3.3 - None

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.2a (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.6.2.A COOLING CENTER INVENTORY](#)

IMAGE: [10.6.2.A FACEBOOK SCREENSHOT](#)

IMAGE: [10.6.2.A WEBSITE SCREENSHOT](#)

PDF: [10.6.2.A LINKS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.6.2.a: See above for the cooling center inventory completed using the action worksheet. The city notifies residents that the cooling center is open via the municipal website and the mayor's official Facebook page (See screenshots and links above).

Partners: 10.6.2.a: None

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.1 (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.7.2 JOHN BROWN TRAIL DESCRIPTION](#)

PDF: [10.7.2 TRAIL ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [10.7.2 MAP #1](#)

IMAGE: [10.7.2 MAP #2](#)

Documentation Details: In November 2023, the city of Torrington welcomed a brand new walking trail on municipal property called the John Brown trail. See "10.7.2 John Brown Trail Description" for more information about the trail. See "10.7.2 Trail Article" for an article by the Register Citizen about the new trail. Finally, two maps showcasing the trail are posted above as well. Map #1 shows Torrington's whole trail network. The John Brown trail is denoted on the left-center of the map by a dotted red line. Map #2 shows a section of the John Brown trail highlighted in blue marked "New Trail."

Partners: 10.7.2: John Brown Trail was created in collaboration with: -Torrington Historical Society - Northwest CT YMCA Torrington Trails Network -Five Points Arts

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.1 (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.2.1 2024 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST](#)

Documentation Details: 11.2.1. As of 2024, 11.54% of Torrington's housing is affordable, as listed in the most recent CT Affordable Housing Appeals list, which is attached above.

Partners: 11.2.1: 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:

IMAGE: [12.2.2 211 SCREENSHOT](#)

PDF: [12.2.2 LINK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 12.2.2 See above for a screenshot and link to a page on the municipal site that includes a link to 211 and a description for use.

Partners: 12.2.2 - None