Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Bethany was certified on October 01, 2026 with 375 points. Listed below is information regarding Bethany'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 Bethany was approved for in 2026 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

Notes: Submission content was created by Bethany, and Sustainable CT makes no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the submission, beyond that an individual reviewer approved at least some elements of the action for certification. Further, standards for actions below may have changed, and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Finally, approved actions here may include some documents and descriptions in support of action elements that were not approved, in addition to elements that were approved. In preparing your own application, please rely only on the action write-ups for the current certification year to guide your submission. Please contact info@sustainablect.org with specific questions.

1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED for All Certification Levels

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT FOR ACTION 13.1.2 INCREASING ACCESS TO RECYCLING.PDF

Partners: 1.1 (Optimize for Equity): None

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 2.1.1 MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY.XLSX

PDF: 2.1.1 MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELD MAP.PDF

PDF: 2.1.2 PRIORITIZED BROWNFIELD SITES.PDF

Partners: 2.1.2 University of Connecticut Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program - Bethany staff and volunteers worked with TAB staff to develop the prioritization plan and grant application

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.1.2 WATERSHED EDUCATION.PDF

Partners: 3,1,2 Amity Regional High School - Bethany financially support Amity Regional High School (a regional high school that supports Bethany and two other communities.) Bethany resident and Amity High School teacher Ali Nork initiated this program. Bethany 6th graders participate in the program.

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

50 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 - 10 points; 3.4.2 - 5 points; 3.4.3 - 10 points; 3.4.4a - 15 points; 3.4.4b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.4.1 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY.DOCX.PDF
PDF: 3.4.1 BETHANY_LAND_TRUST_2025_ANNUAL_REPORTVF2.PDF
EXCEL: 3.4.1 BETHANY_CURRENT_OPEN_SPACE_INVENTORY_NEW.XLSX
PDF: 3.4.2_WORKSHEET.DOCX.PDF
EXCEL: 3.4.2.APPENDIX 2 OSP 9-2018 VER 2.XLSX
PDF: 3.4.2, 3.4.3 BETHANY-POCD INCLUDING OPEN SPACE PLAN.PDF
PDF: 3.4.3 OPEN SPACE PLAN.PDF
PDF: 3.4.3 WORKSHEET 2 .PDF
PDF: 3.4.4.A ACQUIRE OPEN SPACE - SIMPSON PROPERTY.PDF
PDF: 3.4.4.A MAP OF SIMPSON PROPERTY.PDF
PDF: 3.4.4.A SIMPSON PROPERTY CARD.PDF
PDF: 3.4.4.B OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUND.PDF
PDF: 3.4.4.B TOWN OF BETHANY LAND ACQUISITION FUND.PDF
PDF: 3.4.4B BETHANY LAND TRUST LETTER.PDF
PDF: 3.4.3 POCD APPROVAL BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.PDF

Partners: 3,4 Bethany Land Trust and Bethany Conservation Commission work together to prioritize properties for acquisition

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3a - 5 points; 3.10.3b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.10.3.B INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION.PDF
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B EARTHDAYEDUCATIONONINVASIVES.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B HARVEST FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT OCTOBER 2025.PNG
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B INVASIVE PLANTS HARVEST FESTIVAL.JPG
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B REMOVINGINVASIVESAIRPORT.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B TALK ON INVASIVE INSECTS VETERANS PARK.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B HARVEST FESTIVAL INVASIVE PLANT&INSECT EDUCATION.PNG
IMAGE: 3.10.3.B INVASIVEINSECTSHARVESTFESTIVAL.JPG
PDF: 3.10.3.A INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION.PDF

Partners: 3.10.3a None 3.10.3b Education events have been held at Bethany Harvest Festival and Woodbridge Earth Day

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3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.2 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.12.2 POLLINATOR PATHWAY.DOCX.PDF
IMAGE: 3.12.2 MAP OF MILKWEED PLANTINGS-SIGHTINGS BETHANY 2025-26.JPG
IMAGE: 3.12.2 BETHANYCLARKLIBRARYPOLLINATORGARDEN.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.12.2 EARTHDAYPOLLINATORPATHWAYSEEDLINGS.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.12.2 MILKWEEDBUTTERFLYSANCTUARYVETERANSPARK.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.12.2 MILKWEEDLANDTRUSTFIELDS.JPEG
IMAGE: 3.12.2 MONARCHBUTTERFLYATREFUGEINVETERANSPARK.JPEG

Partners: 3,12.2 None

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.13.3 MUNICIPAL TOWN CODE DARK SKY ORDINANCES.DOCX.PDF
PDF: 3.13.3. LIGHTING STANDARDS 9.2 TOWN OF BETHANY ORDINANCES OCTOBER 2022

Partners: 3.13.3 None

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.1 - 10 points; 4.2.5 - 5 points; 4.2.6 - 5 points; 4.2.8 - 10 points; 4.2.13 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 4.2.5 ESTABLISH A CULTURAL OFFICE OR ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT_COUNCIL.PDF
PDF: 4.2.5 PROOF OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS COUNCIL.PDF
PDF: 4.2.6 APPOINTMENT OF BETHANY ARTS AND CULTURE LIAISONS.PDF
PDF: 4.2.6 PROOF OF APPOINTMENT OF BETHANY ARTS AND CULTURE LIAISON.PDF
PDF: 4.2.8 ESTABLISH AN ARTS DISTRICT.PDF
PDF: 4.2.13 INITIATIVE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE - READING RECOMMENDATIONS.PDF
IMAGE: 4.2.13 LIBRARY SHELF.JPG
EXCEL: 4.2.13 SUSTAINABLE BETHANY RECOMMENDED BOOKS.XLSX
PDF: 4.2.1 ESTABLISH A POET LAUREATE.DOCX.PDF
PDF: 4.2.1 AND 4.2.8 BOS MEETING MINUTES APPROVING POET LAUREATE AND ARTS COUNCIL.PDF
PDF: 4.2.1 BETHANY BULLETIN. POET LAUREATE POEM. AUGUST_2025.PDF

Partners: 4.2 Clark Memorial Library - The Library has an Arts in the Library Committee which spearheads many of the Art Exhibitions in town

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

30 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1a - 10 points; 5.4.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.4.1A BETHANY CRB SUMMARY REPORT FINAL FINAL.PDF

PDF: 5.4.1A_WORKSHEET1.DOCX.PDF

PDF: 5.4.1A_CLIMATE VULNERABILITY UPDATE.DOCX.PDF

Partners: 5.4.1. The Nature Conservancy completed a climate vulnerability assessment for Bethany and Woodbridge. Our role was to participate in a community resilience building workshop. We joined Woodbridge as we have many of the same issues with regard to resilience.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.5.1 PROMOTE PUBLIC TRANSIT.PDF

Documentation Details: Document have embedded links

Partners: 6.5.1 - Public Transportation None

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 7.7.1 HEAT SMART CAMPAIGN WORKSHEET.PDF

PDF: 7.7.1 BETHANY_BULLETIN_ARTICLES_HEAT_PUMPS.PDF

PDF: 7.7.1 TRIFOLDV1.PDF

Partners: 7.7.1 Heat Pump campaign: Partnered with PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy) and Energize CT. PACE provided the infrastructure for HES audits and Heat Pump background. EnergizeCT introduced Heat Pump 101 at the campaign kickoff

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 7.9 CPACE RESOLUTION.PDF

PDF: 7.9 BETHANY CPACE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FULLY EXECUTED.PDF

PDF: 7.9 CPACE SCREENSHOT.PDF

Partners: 7.9.1 None

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 8.1 SUSTAINABILITY EVENT WORKSHEET.XLSX
IMAGE: 8.1.A FIX-IT CAFE 1.JPG
IMAGE: 8.1.A FIX-IT CAFE 2.JPG
IMAGE: 8.1.B INVASIVES 1.JPEG
IMAGE: 8.1.C MONARCH BUTTERFLY.JPEG
IMAGE: 8.1.C POLLINATOR PATHWAY 1.JPEG
IMAGE: 8.1.D WOODBRIDGE 1.JPEG
PDF: 8.1E RID LITTER DAY.PDF
PDF: 8.1G RID LITTER DAY 2025 _ CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY.PDF

Partners: 8.1.1 Partners: Shredding events - Bethany Lions; events on Town grounds, Rid Litter days - many town organizations - Public works picked up bags of garbage from around town, Invasive species - Woodbridge Earth day committee, Bethany Harvest Day committee. Fix- it Cafe - Bethany Harvest Day committee - held on town property

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8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.7.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.7_WORKSHEET.PDF
PDF: 8.7 ENGAGING YOUTH ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY.PDF

Partners: 8.7 (Engage with youth) Solid Waste and Recycle Committee, Bethany Community School

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: 9.1.1_WORKSHEET_1 REPORT ON MATERIAL MANAGEMENT.XLSX

PDF: 9.1.1C EVIDENCE THAT RECYCLE DATA IS PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE.PDF

Partners: 9.1.1 (Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste) - none

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9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - 40 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.3 WORKSHEET NON - MANDATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.DOCX.PDF

PDF: 9.3 FLYER IN BETHANY BULLETIN SHOWING MATTRESS COLLECTION.PDF

PDF: 9.3 MATTRESS RECYCLING COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT.PDF

PDF: 9.3 SCREENSHOT 260318 - FIND A LOCATION BYE-BYE MATTRESS .PDF

PDF: 9.3 HELPSY + BETHANY AGREEMENT - SIGNED.PDF

PDF: 9.3 ARTICLE FROM BETHANY BULLETIN REGARDING TEXTILE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING.PDF

PDF: 9.3 CTS COVERED ENTITY AGREEMENT BETHANY EXECUTED.PDF

PDF: 9.3 ARTICLE FROM BETHANY BULLETIN REGARDING TIRE COLLECTION.PDF

PDF: 9.3 CYLINDER COLLECTIVE AND BETHANY FULLY EXECUTED AGREEMENT.PDF

PDF: 9.3 ARTICLE FROM BETHANY BULLETIN REGARDING CYLINDER COLLECTION.PDF

Documentation Details: On Page 51 of 7.7 MRC-2025 Conn Annual Report, it is shown that the town of Bethany collected 7.6 tons of Mattresses in FY 2024-2025.

Partners: 9.3.1 Partner with Mattress Recycling Council, Connecticut Tire Stewardship Program, Cylinder Collective, Helpsy. All of these are collected at the Bethany Recycling Center

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:

PDF: 10.4 PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACE.PDF

IMAGE: 10.4 BETHANYCOMMUNITYGARDEN-2.JPG

IMAGE: 10.4 BETHANYCOMMUNITYGARDEN3.JPG

Partners: 10.4 (Community Gardens) - Bethany Garden Club, Lions Club contribute to keep the community garden in good shape on town owned property

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10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

35 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.1 - 5 points; 10.7.3 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.7.1 IMPROVE OUTDOOR ACCESS.PDF

PDF: 10.7.3 IMPROVE OUTDOOR ACCESS.PDF

Documentation Details: The improvement described in Improvement 2 - Simpson Preserve comes as a result of the acquisition of the Simpson Preserve described in action 3.4.4.a

Partners: 10.7.1 and 10.7.3 (Improvements) Partnered with Bethany Land Trust

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: 11.1.1 CREATE A HOUSING COMMITTEE.PDF

PDF: 11.1.1 BOS MINUTES 01-07-2025.PDF

PDF: 11.1.1 HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES 4-7-2025 .PDF

PDF: 11.1.1 HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES 5-4-2026 .PDF

Partners: 11.1.1 Housing committee: none

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 12.1A STRENGTHEN MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE CAPACITY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS .PDF

Partners: 12.1.1a (Designate municipal representative): None

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

30 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 13.1.1 WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM.PDF

IMAGE: 13.1.1 SCREEN SHOT WATER TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT .PNG

IMAGE: 13.1.1 SCREEN SHOT WATER TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT .PNG

IMAGE: 13.1.1 SCREEN SHOT WATER TESTING LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENT.PNG

IMAGE: 13.1.1 SCREEN SHOT WATER TESTING LECTURE RECAP.PNG

PDF: ACTION 13.1.2 INCREASING ACCESS TO RECYCLING - EQUITYT TOOL KIT ACTION.PDF

Documentation Details: Two separate actions are provided 13.1.1 Well Water Testing Program 13.1.2 Increasing Access to Recycling - The Equity Toolkit has been applied to this action

Partners: 13.1. Well water testing - University of Connecticut - Connecticut Institute of Water Resources