Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Bethel was certified on October 01, 2026 with 365 points. Listed below is information regarding Bethel'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 Bethel 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 Bethel, 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: BETHEL 2023 EQUITY REPORT DATAHAVEN.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL WALK AUDIT STONY HILL:RT.6 MAP.PNG
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT FLYER & INTRO.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL WALK AUDIT VOLUNTEER CONFIRMATION OUTREACH.PNG
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT OUTREACH EMAIL.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT VOLUNTEER FORM.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT OUTREACH FOLLOW UP.PDF
PDF: AARP WALK AUDIT WORKSHEETS COLLECTION-FILLABLE.PDF
PDF: AARP WALK AUDIT SPANISH WORKSHEETS COLLECTION.PDF
PDF: AARP BIKE AUDIT WORKSHEETS COLLECTION ONE-PAGER.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT COMMUNITY NEWS ANOUNCEMENT ON TOWN OF BETHEL WEBSITE.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL WALK AUDIT ARCHIVED COMMUNTY EVENTS CALENDAR ON TOWN OF BETHEL WEBSITE.PNG
PDF: AARP WALK AUDIT TOOL KIT PREPARATION AND INSTRUCTIONS.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT VOLUNTEER EVENT REMINDER.PDF
PDF: WALK AUDIT MAY 18, 2024 PLANNING & COORDINATION.PDF
PDF: 6.5.3 WORKSHEET - TOWN OF BETHEL.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT LOCATION - EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROPERTY MANAGER - BETHEL SHOPPING CENTER - AVAILABLE LOT 12.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT.PDF
PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT - SUSTAINABLECT.PDF

Partners: 1.1.1 Town of Bethel residents (seniors, children, adolescents, and adults of all races, genders, orientation, cultures, creeds, abilities, mobility, and socio-economic status) near or who frequent the designated walk audit area of Stony Hill Road/Route 6 including Grand at Stony Hill Village, Copper Square, Maplewood at Stony Hill, Old Hawleyville Road, Clearview Avenue, and Redwood Drive. Local business owners and workers, including non-profit organizations, agencies, and restaurants (for the full list see Walk Audit MAY 18, 2024 Planning & Coordination). Municipal government represented by First Selectman Dan Carter and Economic Development Director Janice Chrzescijanek. Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and boards and commissions (Planning and Zoning, Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen. Bethel Public Schools (students, faculty, families). Public transit users, HART Transit bus stops OUTBOUND: Front of 53 Stony Hill Road, 59 Stony Hill Road (Stony Hill Fire Dept), UCONN Cooperative Extension, opposite Mountain Laurel Plaza, Big Y (END); INBOUND: Front of Mountain Laurel Plaza, Copper Square, opposite 53 Stony Hill Road. Cyclists. Sustainable Bethel Commission.

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

20 Points

Approved Information: 1.3.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 1.3 BETHEL BOARD OF EDUCATION EQUITY STATEMENT

PDF: MISSION, CORE BELIEFS, AND EQUITY STATEMENT - BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.PDF

WORD: BETHEL BOE STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

Documentation Details: "Bethel Public Schools message about issues of equity, systemic racism, and unconscious bias in our [Bethel's] school system" via announcement on Bethel Advocate website (link #4 in additional info) 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity - New Action Credit (2020, revised June 2022)

Partners: 1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity: Bethel Board of Education, Bethel Public Schools, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), community members

Additional Information: 1. https://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/b_o_a_r_d_o_f_e_d_u_c_a_t_i_o_n/board_of_education_goals/mission__core_beliefs__and_equity_statement 2. https://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/d_e_p_a_r_t_m_e_n_t_s/non_discrimination_statement 3. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WZaPubdUvrXhSYrgESW0ob3D_OCRchIrnsSZulckyQY/edit 4. https://betheladvocate.com/bethel-public-schools-message-about-issues-of-equity-systemic-racism-and-unconscious-bias-in-our-school-system/ 5. https://betheladvocate.com/instructional-focus-for-the-bethel-public-schools-is-based-on-the-2021-2022-strategic-plan-dr-carver-superintendent-of-bethel-public-schools/ 6. https://sites.google.com/bethel.k12.ct.us/bpsstrategicplan/home?authuser=1 7. https://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

25 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a - 15 points; 2.3.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: BUY LOCAL COMMUNITY EGIFT CARD PROGRAM OVERVIEW.PNG
PDF: BETHEL, CT - BUY LOCAL WORKSHEET.PDF
WORD: LINK TO BETHEL BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN.DOCX
WORD: BUSINESS INVENTORY LINKS 2.3.1.A.DOCX
IMAGE: TOWN OF BETHEL CHAMBER LINK SCREENSHOT
IMAGE: BETHEL CHAMBER LIST OF BIZ.PNG
PDF: FINAL_BETHEL_POCD(1).PDF
PDF: 2.3.2 BUY LOCAL WORKSHEET BETHEL.PDF
PDF: 2.3.1A INVENTORY AND PROMOTE LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES - BETHEL LIST.PDF
IMAGE: 2.3.1A INVENTORY AND PROMOTE LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES - BETHEL MAP SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-16 AT 6.52.26 PM.PNG
IMAGE: 2.3.1A INVENTORY AND PROMOTE LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES - BETHEL MAP SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-16 AT 6.52.13 PM.PNG

Documentation Details: 2.3.1a Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services - BETHEL LIST.pdf https://bethel-ct.gov/programs https://bethelchamberofcommerce.com/ https://bethelchamberofcommerce.com/directory-bethel_chamb 2.3.1a Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services - BETHEL MAP Screen Shot 2026-07-16 at 6.52.26 PM.png 2.3.1a Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services - BETHEL MAP Screen Shot 2026-07-16 at 6.52.13 PM.png https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1LBVDSvmZlFJH92yM4M1mdcHvh_LjAck&ll=41.39281384447521%2C-73.44262228308378&z=12 2.3.2 Buy Local WORKSHEET Bethel.pdf - Updated 2.3_Worksheet containing URL links and screenshots of the Buy Local, Support Local businesses campaign 2024.... 2.3.1.a - business inventory links to town website and the chamber of commerce - https://bethel-ct.gov/programs and https://bethelchamberofcommerce.com/directory-bethel_chamb Buy Local Community eGift Card Program Overview.png - image of the buy local eGift program overview Bethel, CT - Buy Local Worksheet.pdf Link to Bethel Buy Local campaign.docx https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/buy-local---bethel Business inventory links 2.3.1.a.docx Town of Bethel.Chamber link screenshot - image https://bethel-ct.gov/programs Bethel chamber list of biz.png - image of list of businesses in Bethel Chamber of Commerce https://bethelchamberofcommerce.com/directory-bethel_chamb

Partners: 2.3.2 - Buy Local Campaign (10 points): The Town of Bethel, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, and Discover Bethel! partnered with local businesses in Bethel - list of 13 Bethel businesses can be found on "Link to Bethel Buy Local campaign.docx" https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/buy-local---bethel The Town of Bethel Director of Economic Development is a department head of one (Janice Chrzescijanek). She is very effective in promoting the business community through partnerships. One of the main partnership is the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, of which she is a Board Member) - https://bethelchamberofcommerce.com/

Additional Information: Final_Bethel_POCD(1).pdf - Pages 32, 34, and 89 highlighted text showing Bethel's commitment to positioning the local economy and workforce for the 21st century by providing an attractive and supportive business environment - Town of Bethel Plan of Conservation and Development (Adopted: December 12, 2019 Effective: January 1, 2020)

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.6 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: TOWN OF BETHEL'S BUSINESS RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS LINKS

PDF: SCORE WESTERN CT SIMPLE STEPS PROGRAM/BETHEL LIBRARY.PDF

IMAGE: TOWN OF BETHEL'S WEBPAGE FOR BUSINESS RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS.PNG

Documentation Details: 2.4.6: Score Western CT Simple Steps Program/Bethel LIbrary.pdf Town of Bethel's Webpage for Business Resources and Programs.png - Screenshot of Town of Bethel's Webpage for Business Resources and Programs as part of the Economic Development department. Webpage includes link to SCORE website. https://bethel-ct.gov/programs The Bethel Library/Town of Bethel collaborated with the Score Western CT Chapter to host and sponsor a FREE 5 week Workshop called Simple Steps for Starting your Own Business. The participation was consistent with 25 people attending who had startup businesses and existing businesses. A very successful small business event. The outcome was that most of the people engaged with a score mentor to continue to assist.

Partners: Town of Bethel First Selectman, Dan Carter - dcarter@bethel-ct.gov Town of Bethel Economic Development Department Director, Janice Chrzescijanek - eddirector@bethel-ct.gov The Bethel Chamber of Commerce - Jessie Raymond - https://bethelchamberofcommerce.com/contact-us Bethel Public Library Programming Coordinator, Ellen Janpol - ejanpol@bethellibrary.org Score Western CT Volunteer Mentors, Will Meikle and Betsy Post - will.meikle@scorevolunteer.org, betsy.post@scorevolunteer.org (respectively)

Additional Information: The Town of Bethel through the Director of Economic Development collaborates with the Bethel Chamber of Commerce and others to provide necessary and available business resources. Bethel's Economic Development Department Director, Janice Chrzescijanek, is the only staff member within this department. She advances projects and programs through collaborative, coordinated partnerships in the town and in the region. The Bethel Chamber of Commerce provides a very important partnership to provide critical resources to the business community in Bethel.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.4.3 BETHEL OPEN SPACE PLAN

PDF: 3.4.3_WORKSHEET BETHEL OPEN SPACE PLAN.PDF

Documentation Details: Bethel Open Space Plan 3.4.3_worksheet Bethel Open Space Plan.pdf

Partners: Town of Bethel Municipal Departments, Boards, Commissions, Community Partners, Milone & Macbroom

3.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.6.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2024-07-11_AGENDA_REVISED FILED IRRIGATION POLICY.PDF

PDF: 2024-07-11_MINUTES BETHEL PUBLIC UTILTIES.PDF

PDF: IRRIGATION_POLICY_APPROVED 7.11.24.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT 2024 BETHEL IRRIGATION.DROUGHT RESTRICTION POLICY.PNG

PDF: JULY_12TH_2024 FIRST SELECTMANS NEWSLETTER.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT TOWN OF BETHEL HOME PAGE BANNER.PNG

Documentation Details: 7.11.24 Bethel Public Utilities agenda to address drought.irrigation policy - highlighted #2 new business agenda item 7.11.24 Bethel Public Utilities minutes approved - highlighted #3 under new business item APPROVED Formal policy approved 7.11.24 Screenshot of approved policy on the minutes from 7.11.24 7.12.24 First Selectman newsletter highlighted water drought irrigation policy screenshot irrigation policy on town of bethel's homepage

Partners: Dan Carter, First Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Selectman Brian Herring, Comptroller Thomas Villa, Public Utilities Director Commissioner Deno Gualtieri, and Commissioner Peter Valenti

Additional Information: -Link to the Bethel Public Utilities agenda.minutes page showing 7.11.24 - https://bethel-ct.gov/2024-puc -Link to the You tube channel meeting - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sErMZwsPYxk -Link to town of bethel's irrigation policy - https://bethel-ct.gov/index.asp?SEC=52B4C243-BF04-4C96-BC20-B8F97E1C4B1F&DE=AD86288A-55EE-4B48-91FA-1B1369065432

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.2 - 15 points; 3.10.3b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.3.3 - BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY - FEB 29 INVASIVE PLANT IN CT PRESENTATION MATERIALS DISSEMINATED.PDF
PDF: 3.10.3 WINTER SOWING SLIDES.PDF
PDF: 10.3.3 CT-INVASIVE-PLANT-LIST-2018_SCIENTIFIC-NAME.PDF (MATERIALS DISSEMINATED)
PDF: 10.3.3 - INVASIVE BETHEL PLANTS.PDF
PDF: 10.3.3 - LEARN ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES.PDF
PDF: 10.3.3 - OUTREACH FOR INVASIVES IN CT HISTORY AND ACTION.PDF
PDF: 10.3.2 - FRANC PRESERVE INVASIVE SPECIES MITIGATION PROJECT.PDF
IMAGE: 10.3.2 - WORK DAY BLT, BPR, BLC, SBC 6/9/2024.PNG
IMAGE: (CAN BE REMOVED) TOWN OF BETHEL'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PARKS & OUTDOOR SPACES.PNG
WORD: 10.3.2 PHOTOS FROM THE WORKDAY EVENT ON JUNE 9.DOCX
IMAGE: 3.10.3 - SCREENSHOT BETHEL WEBSITE LINK TO CT INVASIVE SPECIES PAGE.PNG
WORD: 3.10.3 - BETHEL LAND TRUST LINKS RE EDUC WINTER SOWING. POLLINATOR PLANT PROJECT 2023.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.10.2 - Work Day BLT, BPR, BLC, SBC 6/9/2024, France Preserve Invasives Mitigation Project, Photos from the WorkDay events on June 9 3.10.3 - Screenshot Bethel website link to CT invasive species page.png link to the municipal website: https://bethel-ct.gov/parks-outdoor-spaces link to invasive species source on the website: https://portal.ct.gov/deep/invasive-species/invasive-species Outreach for Invasives in CT history and action.pdf - Outreach overview with hyperlinks and screen shots of outreach materials for "Invasive Plant in Connecticut: History and Action" by J.D. Hill, board member of the Bethel Land Trust. This educational workshop was held on February 29, 2024 at the Bethel Public Library (hybrid in person and online). Below are the documentation details of four (4) examples of educational materials disseminated (attached) at "Invasive Plant in Connecticut: History and Action" workshop by J.D. Hill, board member of the Bethel Land Trust. This educational workshop was held on February 29, 2024 at the Bethel Public Library: Bethel Public Library - Invasive Plant in CT presentation.pdf - The slideshow for the "Invasive Plant in Connecticut: History and Action" presentation Invasive Bethel Plants.pdf - Describes what plants are invasive in Bethel and what to do Learn About Invasive Species.pdf - Bethel Land Trust efforts and techniques for stewardship concerning invasive species in Bethel. CT-Invasive-Plant-List-2018_Scientific-Name.pdf - Identification resource, list of common invasive plant species in Connecticut. Below is the documentation details for an example of educational materials disseminated (attached) at "Winter Sowing: An Easy and Low Cost Way to Start Native Pollinator Plants" by J.D. Hill, board member of the Bethel Land Trust. This educational workshop was held on January 12, 2023 at the Bethel Public Library (hybrid in person and online): Winter Sowing Slides.pdf - The slideshow for the "Winter Sowing: An Easy and Low Cost Way to Start Native Pollinator Plants" by J.D. Hill, board member of the Bethel Land Trust. This educational workshop was held on January 12, 2023 at the Bethel Public Library (hybrid in person and online) Below are other examples of materials and events in Bethel to mitigate invasive and promote native plant species: Franc Preserve Invasive Species Mitigation Project.pdf - Project of overview for invasive plant management practices used on preserves owned by the Town of Bethel and managed by Bethel Land Trust. Answers the questions What is an invasive species and why do we care? Identification list of invasive plants in Bethel Work Day BLT, BPR, BLC, SBC 6/9/2024.png - Volunteer event at The Friends of the Franc Preserve, owned by the Town of Bethel, to help manage invasive plants by planting native saplings donated by the Bethel Lions Club sponsored by Town of Bethel's Parks and Recreation Department, Bethel Land Trust, Bethel Lions Club and Sustainable Bethel Commission Town of Bethel's Parks and Recreation Department PARKS & OUTDOOR SPACES webpage including external link to Bethel Land Trust website https://bethel-ct.gov/parks-outdoor-spaces https://cahnr.uconn.edu/extension/locations/fairfield/ https://publications.extension.uconn.edu/answers/ Bethel Land Trust - Invasive Species educational presentation at the Bethel Library Winter 2024 Bethel Land Trust - photo of invasive species educational presentation at the Bethel LIbrary Winter 2024 Bethel Land Trust - links to education winter sowing and pollinator plant project 2023 Screenshot - bethel website link to state of ct invasive species website page

Partners: Bethel Land Trust Board Member, JD Hill Bethel Public Library Director, Megan Dean Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group/Master Gardeners UCONN Extension Program Master Gardener, Sandra Wilson Bethel Land Trust Chairman, Lou Valenti Town of Bethel Parks and Recreation Department Director, Rachel McGrath Bethel Lions Club President, Kristen Peterson Sustainable Bethel Commission Vice-Chair, Gabriela Hernandez

Additional Information: The collaboration between the Bethel Land Trust and the Town of Bethel, CT for over 40 years, exemplifies a powerful partnership dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of our community's natural resources. Together, these two entities work hand in hand to safeguard our precious lands, ensuring they remain accessible and protected for current and future generations to enjoy. Through joint efforts in conservation, education, and sustainable land management practices, the Bethel Land Trust and the Town of Bethel foster a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and the promotion of a thriving, resilient community. https://bethel-ct.gov/parks-outdoor-spaces Link to invasive species page on Town of Bethel website: https://bethel-ct.gov/parks-outdoor-spaces https://portal.ct.gov/deep/invasive-species/invasive-species

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT BLT POLLINATOR PATHWAY PROJECT 2.27.23.PNG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT BETHEL POLLINATOR PATHWAY WEBSITE.PNG

WORD: POLLINATOR PATHWAY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS EARTH DAY 2024.DOCX

PDF: GENERIC 300 POLLINATOR EARTH DAY 4.20.24.PDF

PDF: PPNEPESTICIDEBROCHUREV8NOMARKS EARTH DAY 4.20.24.PDF

PDF: SAMPLE LIST OF NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS FOR BEES THROUGH THE SEASON EARTH DAY 4.20.24.PDF

PDF: WILDFLOWER LIST PP-1 EARTHDAY 3.20.24.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT POLLINATOR PATHWAYS PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS.PNG

Documentation Details: Pollinator Pathway Educational Materials.docx - List of links to the Pollinator Pathway website includes: list of recommended plants, List of Native Trees and Shrubs for Bees through the Season, Wildflower list, Pesticide Free Brochure, Pollinator Pathway educational brochure. Bethel Land Trust pollinator pathway project 2.27.23 - Screenshot of OVERVIEW OF THE WINTER SOWING & NATIVE POLLINATOR PLANT PROJECT: Bethel Land Trust coordinated with partners and provided supplies to plant over 150 jugs around town and distributed additional seed packets during winter 2023. Seedlings were planted at Franc Preserve in the spring 2023. https://bethellandtrust.org/news-article/overview-of-the-winter-sowing-native-pollinator-plant-project/ Bethel website page on the Pollinator Pathway website - https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/bethel 4 pdf DOCS that were at the Pollinator Pathway table at the Bethel Community Earth Day event - these were discussed and provided to the attendees

Partners: 3.12.1 (public outreach): Pollinator Pathway CT had a booth at Bethel's Earth Day Event (hosted by Sustainable Bethel Commission) where they distributed educational materials and spoke with residents on improving pollinator habitat, encouraging native plantings, reducing the use of insecticides, etc. Bethel Land Trust and Bethel Public Schools - FEB 27, 2023 – OVERVIEW OF THE WINTER SOWING & NATIVE POLLINATOR PLANT PROJECT: https://bethellandtrust.org/news-article/overview-of-the-winter-sowing-native-pollinator-plant-project/ https://bethel-ct.gov/parks-outdoor-spaces - Polllinator Pathways Organizations - https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/ Bethel Garden Club - https://amaf127.wixsite.com/bethel-garden-club; https://www.facebook.com/BethelCTGardenClub/

Additional Information: Pollinator Pathway CT had a booth at Bethel's Earth Day Event (hosted by Sustainable Bethel Commission) where they distributed educational materials and spoke with residents on improving pollinator habitat, encouraging native plantings, reducing the use of insecticides, etc. additional link - https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/plant-list Information available at the Bethel Earthday event on 4/20/24

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2 - 5 points; 4.2.6 - 5 points; 4.2.10 - 5 points; 4.2.12 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: CULTURAL AND ARTS LIAISON, 3.28.2024 SIGNED PDF.PDF

IMAGE: ARTS AND CULTURE WORKSHOP 6.6.24 FLYER.PNG

IMAGE: ARTS AND CULTURE EVENTS AT THE BETHEL TOWN LIBRARY PROMOTED ON THE TOWN OF BETHEL'S WEBSITE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.PNG

PDF: POET LAUREATE FOR BETHEL CT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY LINK.PNG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT POET LAUREATE BETHEL LIBRARY 4.13.24.PNG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT POETRY EVENT RICK MAGEE 4.24.PNG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT POET LAUREAT APPOINTED 2.2022 3 YR TERM.PNG

IMAGE: 4.2.2 LINK TO ARTS AND CULTURE IN MUNICIPAL MARKETING TOWN OF BETHEL WEBSITE

Documentation Details: Poet Laureate for Bethel CT Certificate of Recognition.pdf - Certificate recognizing Rick Magee as the Poet

Laureate for the Town of Bethel signed on February 1, 2024 by then-First Selectman, Mathew S. Knickerboker. Cultural and Arts Liaison, 3.28.2024 SIGNED PDF.pdf - Letter from Bethel's First Selectman, Dan Carter documenting the appointment of the Bethel's Economic Development Director, Janice Chrzescijanek, as the Arts and Cultural Liaison . Janice Chrzescijanek is also the Chairman of Bethel Arts. Arts and Culture workshop 6.6.24 flyer.png - Image of promotional flyer informing residents of the "Arts and Culture Meetings Series" in Bethel on June 6th at 6 PM. Event location: La Zingera, 8 Pt Barnum Square Bethel, CT. Co-hosted by Bethel Arts Chair, Janice Chrzescijanek. The QR code and link on the flyer directs you to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arts-and-culture-meetings-tickets-891178056557?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl This eventbrite webpage describes in more detail the collaboration between The Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut and local arts commissions including Bethel Arts to organize and host an Arts and Culture Meeting Series event for the second year. The Town of Bethel, through the Director of Economic Development and Chairman of the Bethel Arts organization collaborate with the Cultural Alliance of Western CT to provide artist workshops and networking opportunities. This year 2024 is the 2nd year of this important partnership. Arts and culture events at the Bethel Public Library promoted on the Town of Bethel's website through the Community Events Calendar.png - Image of The Town of Bethel promoting Bethel Public Library Arts and Culture events on town's online Community Events Calendar - https://events.bethel-ct.gov/ Screenshot bethel public library link.png - Screenshot of the Bethel Public Library Department webpage on the Town of Bethel's website https://bethel-ct.gov/depts-library For description of the artist professional network or workshop (category 4.2.12), please see section "Additional Information" screenshot of the bethel library collaboration with the Poet Laureate during National Poetry Month

Partners: Dan Carter, Bethel First Selectman Janice Chrzescijanek, Bethel Director of Economic Development and Bethel Arts Chairman The Cultural Alliance for Western CT. Megan Dean, Director of the Bethel Public Library The Town of Bethel, through the Director of Economic Development and Chairman of the Bethel Arts organization collaborate with the Cultural Alliance of Western CT to provide artist workshops and networking opportunities. This year 2024 is the 2nd year of this important partnership. The Bethel Public Library and its Director Megan Dean along with the Bethel Municipal Government have a long standing history of collaborating and cross promoting arts and culture events held at the library and around town.

Additional Information: Description of the artist professional network or workshop (category 4.2.12) : The Town of Bethel, through the Director of Economic Development and Chairman of the Bethel Arts organization collaborate with the Cultural Alliance of Western CT to provide artist workshops and networking opportunities. This year 2024 is the 2nd year of this important partnership. The event provides a way for artists and the community to connect and learn about current cultural and arts initiatives and how to participate and become involved. The event not only provides networking with refreshments, there is an agenda to hear from attendees about important topics that build on our cultural, artistic and historic preservation. The event creates a lively and positive dialogue with everyone. This is an opportunity to networking, exchange information, and the provision of resources to enhance access and equity within our community. This is a collaborative event whereby we coordinate valuable insights that will not only shape Bethel's culture and arts community but also develop the base for the regional honoring our rich history and shape our collective future. This community discussion engages thoughts and insights that will shape our cultural matters and will contribute to a vibrant and inclusive arts landscape. Arts and Culture workshop 6.6.24 flyer.png of the image of the promotional flyer informing residents of the "Arts and Culture Meetings Series" in Bethel on June 6th at 6 PM. Event location: La Zingera, 8 Pt Barnum Square Bethel, CT. Co-hosted by Bethel Arts Chair, Janice Chrzescijanek. The QR code and link on the flyer directs you to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arts-and-culture-meetings-tickets-891178056557?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl This eventbrite webpage describes in more detail the collaboration between The Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut and local arts commissions including Bethel Arts to organize and host an Arts and Culture Meeting Series event for the second year. The Town of Bethel, through the Director of Economic Development and Chairman of the Bethel Arts organization collaborate with the Cultural Alliance of Western CT to provide artist workshops and networking opportunities. This year 2024 is the 2nd year of this important partnership. Here is the link to the library promotion of the Poet Laureate event during National Poetry month April 2024 - https://patch.com/connecticut/bethel/calendar/event/20240413/2c62cb61-9fb9-49b6-af10-55a262a57e0d/celebrate-national-poetry-month-with-bethels-poet-laureate-rick-magee Link to a community poetry reading with Poet Laureate april 2024 at Byrd's Books - https://www.byrdsbooks.com/event/spring-poetry-series-april-5th-store. The First Selectman said that the Poet Laureate appointment is 2022 is a 3 year appointment. Rick Magee was appointed in February 2022 therefore, his term ends in February 2025. Here is the link to the SHU website which confirms 3 year appointment - https://www.sacredheart.edu/news-room/news-listing/shu-professor-chosen-as-bethels-poet-laureate/#:~:text=Richard%20Magee%2C%20Sacred%20Heart%20University,with%20three%20of%20his%20poems. 4.2.2 link to town of Bethel wesbite with muncipal marketing for arts and culture: https://events.bethel-ct.gov/

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b - 25 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.1.1A_BETHEL_POCD.PDF
WORD: 5.1.1A_BETHEL_WORKSHEET 1.DOCX
PDF: 5.1.1B_BETHEL_POCD.PDF
PDF: 5.1.1B_BETHEL_WORKSHEET 2.PDF

Documentation Details: 5.1.1a_Bethel_POCD.pdf - Town of Bethel Plan of Conservation and Development Adopted: December 12, 2019 Effective: January 1, 2020 5.1.1a_Bethel_Worksheet 1.docx - Action 5.1 Worksheet 1 Hazard Mitigation Goals 1-4 with pages where referenced on 5.1.1a_Bethel_POCD.pdf 5.1.1b_Bethel_POCD.pdf - Town of Bethel Plan of Conservation and Development Adopted: December 12, 2019 Effective: January 1, 2020 (edited with highlighted referenced page numbers from 5.1.1b_Bethel_Worksheet 2.pdf) 5.1.1b_Bethel_Worksheet 2.pdf - Action 5.1 Worksheet 2 5.1.b Integrate Sustainability into POCD with examples of sustainability concepts and pages where referenced on 5.1.1b_Bethel_POCD.pdf

Partners: Town of Bethel's Planning and Zoning Commission: L.Curtis, S.Deuschle, K.Grant, A.Kessler, R.Legnard (Vice-Chair), J.Lennon, K.Parsons Jr., P.Rist (Chair), R.Stowell, R.Tibbitts, R.Wallace. Beth Cavagna, Town Planner David McCollum, Assistant Town Planner B.J. Liberty, POCD Committee Member J.Chrzescijanek, Economic Development Director Milone & MacBroom, Inc. Consultants Bethel Emergency Manager Bethel Housing Authority Bethel Land Trust Board of Education Board of Finance Board of Selectman Bethel Police Department Conservation Commission Connecticut Department of Transportation Department of Public Works Economic Development Commission Housatonic Area Regional Transit Parks and Recreation Commission Parks and Recreation Department Planning and Zoning Department Redding Land Trust Senior Center Director Town Engineer Utilities Department Western Connecticut Council of Governments

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5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: BETHEL ZONING CODE APPR.AMEND LINKS 2.1-12.1.2021.DOCX
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT ZONING ECODE REGULATIONS P.52.PNG
PDF: ZONING REGULATIONS WITH AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE 12-1-2021.PDF

Documentation Details: Town of Bethel Zoning code approved 2.1.2021 and Amended 12.1.2021 Screenshot of relevant page 52 - including AGRICULTURAL / ANIMAL USES VC C RT6 I IP 1. Farming, forestry or horticulture. X P P P P 2. Nurseries and the accessory sale of produce and plants provided the Commission shall approve areas for outside display. PDF of the full Planning and Zoning Regulations for the Town of Bethel

Partners: Beth Cavagna, Director of Planning and Zoning Department for Town of Bethel

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.2.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: BETHEL MOBILITY STUDY SLIDE PRESENTATION FEBRUARY 2024.PDF

PDF: BETHEL CT COMMUNITY PARKING TRANSPORT SURVEY RESULTS 10-19-2023.PDF

PDF: BETHEL PARKING MARCH 10 2024 DRAFT.PDF

Documentation Details: Bethel Mobility Study Slide Presentation February 2024.pdf - The slide deck of "Mobility, Walkability and Parking Improvement Plans for Downtown Bethel" presentation held during a public information meeting at Bethel Municipal Center in February 2024 Bethel CT Community Parking Transport Survey Results 10-19-2023.pdf - Survey data results of the "COMMUNITY SURVEY | Mobility, Walkability & Parking Improvement Plans for Downtown Bethel" this survey data was collected from Bethel residents, downtown Bethel business owners, workers, and property owners during the Summer of 2023 Statement of Purpose: See "Additional Information" section Bethel Parking March 10 2024 Draft.pdf - Bethel Mobility, Walkability and Parking Improvement Plans for Downtown Bethel - updated Draft March 24, 2024

Partners: Town of Bethel's: Planning & Zoning Director / Town Planner, Beth Cavagna Economic Development Director, Janice Chrzescijanek First Selectman, Dan Carter Consultants: H & H (Hardesty and Hanover) infrastructure engineering firm, contracted to assist Bethel in developing an effective parking management plan

Additional Information: Statement of Purpose (category 6.2.1): The Town of Bethel has been growing for the past several years, especially during and after the pandemic in 2020 and continues to develop and grow. While the growth is certainly welcome and has added to the Town's grand list with spin off economies such as restaurant and retail, it also comes with growth pains such as managing infrastructure and parking in the Bethel downtown area. The Town of Bethel used the existing "Bethel Forward: A plan for Downtown Bethel" document adopted in 2016 and contracted H & H (Hardesty and Hanover) in 2023 to perform a combined parking and transportation needs assessment, evaluate existing conditions and recommend solutions now and for the future. The study was paid for through a state of Connecticut grant. There was a public information meeting in February 2024 to present the parking and assessment needs evaluation and results to about 50 residents and business owners in attendance. The parking and transport mobility study looked at the following considerations: Supply and Demand, Who Parks Where, Wayfinding, Pedestrian Desire Lines, Pedestrian/Bike Connections, and Development Considerations. The mobility study recommended: 1) Improved Wayfinding 1a) Location 1b) Advanced Signs 2. Time Limits & Enforcement (Short/Long term lots/spaces) 3. Permits (Designated lots or spaces) 4. Shared Parking - MOU. The information collected at the public information meeting and through the Community Survey will be used to finalize the study and recommendations with final approval by the Board of Selectman Fall 2024. The draft plan has occured in result of the parking needs assessment and should be finalized in the future.

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT FLYER & INTRO.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT VOLUNTEER FORM.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL WALK AUDIT VOLUNTEER CONFIRMATION OUTREACH.PNG
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT OUTREACH EMAIL.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT OUTREACH FOLLOW UP.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT VOLUNTEER EVENT REMINDER.PDF
PDF: AARP WALK AUDIT TOOL KIT PREPARATION AND INSTRUCTIONS.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL WALK AUDIT STONY HILL:RT.6 MAP.PNG
PDF: AARP WALK AUDIT WORKSHEETS COLLECTION-FILLABLE.PDF
PDF: AARP WALK AUDIT SPANISH WORKSHEETS COLLECTION.PDF
PDF: AARP BIKE AUDIT WORKSHEETS COLLECTION ONE-PAGER.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL WALK AUDIT ARCHIVED COMMUNTY EVENTS CALENDAR ON TOWN OF BETHEL WEBSITE THROUGH CIVICLIFT.COM.PNG
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT COMMUNITY NEWS ANOUNCEMENT ON TOWN OF BETHEL WEBSITE.PDF
PDF: WALK AUDIT MAY 18, 2024 PLANNING & COORDINATION.PDF
PDF: 6.5.3_WORKSHEET - TOWN OF BETHEL.PDF
PDF: BETHEL WALK AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT.PDF

Documentation Details: Walk Audit MAY 18, 2024 Planning & Coordination.pdf 6.5.3_worksheet - Town of Bethel.pdf Bethel Walk Audit Summary Report.pdf BETHEL WALK AUDIT FLYER & INTRO.pdf Bethel Walk Audit VOLUNTEER FORM.pdf Bethel Walk Audit Volunteer Confirmation Outreach.png Bethel Walk Audit Outreach email.pdf Bethel Walk Audit Outreach follow up.pdf Bethel Walk Audit VOLUNTEER Event Reminder.pdf AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit Preparation and Instructions.pdf Bethel Walk Audit STONY HILL:RT.6 Map.png AARP Walk Audit Worksheets Collection-fillable.pdf AARP Walk Audit Spanish Worksheets Collection.pdf AARP Bike Audit Worksheets Collection ONE-PAGER.pdf Bethel Walk Audit Archived Communty Events Calendar on Town of Bethel Website through civiclift.com.png Bethel Walk Audit Community News Anouncement on Town of Bethel Website.pdf Bethel Walk Audit Location- Email Correspondence with Property Manager- Bethel Shopping Center - Available Lot 12.pdf

Partners: Town of Bethel residents (seniors, children, adolescents, and adults of all races, genders, orientation, cultures, creeds, abilities, mobility, and socio-economic status) near or who frequent the designated walk audit area of Stony Hill Road / Route 6 including Grand at Stony Hill Village, Copper Square, Maplewood at Stony Hill, Old Hawleyville Road, Clearview Avenue, and Redwood Drive. Local business owners and workers including non-profit organizations, agencies, and restaurants (for the full list see Walk Audit MAY 18, 2024 Planning & Coordination) Municipal government represented by First Selectman, Dan Carter and Economic Development Director, Janice Chrzescijanek; additionally Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and boards and commissions (Planning and Zoning, Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen. Bethel Public Schools (students, faculty, families) Public transit users, Hartransit bus stops OUTBOUND: Front of 53 Stony Hill Road, 59 Stony Hill Road (Stony Hill Fire Dept), UCONN Cooperative Extension, opposite Mountain Laurel Plaza, Big Y (END); INBOUND: Front of Mountain Laurel Plaza, Copper Square, opposite 53 Stony Hill Road Cyclists Sustainable Bethel Commission

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.5.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 7.5 WORKSHEET BETHEL ENERGY PLAN.DOCX

PDF: TOWN OF BETHEL AND AMARESCO, INC. CONTRACT 10.24.2014.PDF

WORD: TOWN OF BETHEL ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN.DOC

PDF: TOWN OF BETHEL, CT – EMS REVIEW – MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2018.PDF

PDF: ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN BOS SM MINUTES 2.24.2011.PDF

PDF: 7.5.1 A AND B DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL ENERGY PLAN REAFFIRMATION OF PLAN'S RELAVANCE.PDF

Documentation Details: 2026... 7.5.1 a and b Develop a Municipal Energy Plan Reaffirmation of Plan's Relevance.pdf 2024.... 7.5 Worksheet Bethel Energy Plan.docx - Action 7.5 Worksheet Municipal Energy Plan requirements and reference pages Town of Bethel and Amaresco, INC. Contract 10.24.2014.pdf - Service Agreement between the Town of Bethel and Amaresco, INC. October 2014 to perform the energy plan (fifteen year term) Town of Bethel Energy Conservation Plan.doc - The Energy Conservation Plan as adopted by the Bethel Board of Selectmen on February 24, 2011. The Town of Bethel's appointed Energy Conservation Committee has developed an Energy Conversation Plan with a goal of achieving the lowest point on the total cost curve for Bethel's energy use equation commensurate with a reduction in the Town's "carbon footprint" by optimizing energy efficiency and by the use of non-polluting and renewable energy resources, where feasible. Town of Bethel, CT – EMS Review – Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018 Board of Selectman Minutes approving the Energy Conservation Plan 2/24/2011

Partners: Town of Bethel's Energy Committee Chair, Bill Cratty - crattywiliam@sbcglobal.net Town of Bethel"s Board of Selectman Amaresco, INC Bill Cratty, Previous Bethel Energy Commission Chairman, crattywilliam@sbcglobal.net; 203-733-1826

Additional Information: The Bethel Energy Commission was created prior to the Sustainable Bethel Commission and were tasked with developing an energy plan. The Energy Commission was later folded into the Sustainable Bethel Commission as part of the overall mission.

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1- 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: BETHEL CPACE MUNI AGREEMENT EXECUTED.PDF

WORD: TOWN OF BETHEL WEBSITE LINKS TO C-PACE PROGRAM.DOCX

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT C-PACE LINK BETHEL WEBSITE.PNG

PDF: FINAL_BETHEL_POCD(1).PDF

Documentation Details: Bethel CPACE Muni Agreement EXECUTED.pdf - The executed agreement between the town of Bethel and C-PACE Town of Bethel website links to C-PACE Program.docx- The link to C-PACE program on the Town of Bethel's website Screenshot - C-PACE link on Bethel website

Partners: The Town of Bethel Economic Development Department and the First Selectman's Office partnered with C-PACE to execute and agreement through the legislative approval process.

Additional Information: Submit: A certified copy of your municipality's legal agreement with C-PACE. Please also submit a screenshot of a link to https://www.cpace.com/Building-Owner on your municipality's website. Legal Agreement signed on January 29, 2014 and the links to the Town of Bethel Website connecting to the Ct GreenBank Final_Bethel_POCD(1).pdf - pages 66, 91, 103 highlighted text showing town of Bethel encourages the use of green renewable energy - Town of Bethel Plan of Conservation and Development (Adopted: December 12, 2019 Effective: January 1, 2020)

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: BETHEL EARTH DAY EVENT FLYER 2024
PDF: BETHEL EARTH DAY 2024 PHOTOS
PDF: BETHEL EARTH DAY 2024 INVOLVEMENT FORM
PDF: BETHEL EARTH DAY 2024 FACEBOOK EVENT
PDF: BETHEL EARTH DAY 2024 EMAIL TO BOOTHS
PDF: BETHEL EARTH DAY TRASH CLEANUP SIGNUP SHEET
WORD: BETHEL CT EARTH DAY ARTICLES 4.22.23.DOCX
WORD: BETHEL CT EARTH DAY ARTICLES SECOND ROUND 4.22.23.DOCX
PDF: POSTER BOARD INPUT EARTH DAY 2023.PDF
PDF: HHW-EVENT-BETHEL-FLYER-2024.PDF
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT BETHEL WEBSITE HHWD .PNG
EXCEL: 8.1 WORKSHEET SCORE SIMPLE STEP WORKSHOP 2024.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1 WORKSHEET EARTHDAY 2023.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1 WORKSHEET HHWD 2024.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1 WORKSHEET HHWD 2023.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1 2024 PRIDE FEST WORKSHEET.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1_SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2024 WORKSHEET.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1 WORKSHEET EARTHDAY 2024.XLSX
EXCEL: 8.1_TRASH TALK 2023 WORKSHEET.XLSX

Documentation Details: The Town of Bethel Sustainability Events include: (All events free to attend) Earth Day 2023 and 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Day 2023 and 2024 Summer Concert Series 2024 Trash Talk Event 2023 Bethel Pride Parade and Celebration 2024.

Partners: 8.1.1 Bethel Community Earth Day 2024 Sustainable Bethel organized and attended the event. The First Selectman helped promote. Parks & Rec was involved with the planning and organization on the day. Bethel Lions Club donated 350 sapling trees to give away. Members from the following had a booth: ACE Hardware of Bethel, Bach to Rock Ridgefield, Bethel Democratic Town Committee, Bethel Fire Department, Bethel Garden Club, Bethel Land Trust, Bethel Lions Club, Bethel Public Library, Bethel Schools Student Garden , Girl Scout Troop 50717, Send A Smile Cards & Gifts, HRRA, Pollinator Pathway, PosiGen, Sustainable Bethel, UConn Fairfield County Master Gardeners, First Congregational Church of Bethel, POWR2, Garden with Alice, Punchy's Island Grill (food truck). The following donated items for the raffle: Bethel.Swims, Byrd's Books, Hat City Paper, Belardinelli, The Toy Room, Caraluzzi's, Whitlocks, UK Gourmet, Broken Symmetry. The following promoted the event: Greenwood Features, Molten Java, Bethel Food Pantry, Dr. Mike's, Rocco's deli, Cinnamon Churros Café, Cafe Duo, Pink lemon, Veranos bakery, Bagel crossing, Pretty Little Things, The Giggling Pig Town of Bethel Public Works Department Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority Bethel Pride

Additional Information: Earth Day 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Day 2024 and the links to the HRRA website https://hrra.org/household-hazardous-waste/ Bethel Website https://bethel-ct.gov/depts-transfer-station Trash Talk Event - 10/10/23 at Bethel Municipal Center Summer concert series Sundays August 2024 Bethel Pride Parade and Celebration May 31, 2024

8.5 Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.5_WORKSHEET_1.DOCX.PDF
PDF: AGENDAJULY15.PDF
PDF: BETHELLIBRARYFLYER.PDF
PDF: BROOKFIELDLIBRARYFLYER.PDF
PDF: BETHELLIBRARYREGISTRATION.PDF

Documentation Details: 8.5_Worksheet_1.docx.pdf AgendaJuly15.pdf BethelLibraryFlyer.pdf BrookfieldLibraryFlyer.pdf BethelLibraryRegistration.pdf

Partners: Sustainable Bethel Commission Newtown Conservation Commission Brookfield Conservation Commission

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2024__BETHEL_ACCEPTABLE SW.RECYCLING 2024-2025.PDF
WORD: ACCEPTABLE OTHER RECYCLABLES BETHEL LINKS.DOCX
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT TRANSFER STATION WASTE.RECYCLING BETHEL CT.PNG
WORD: 9.3_WORKSHEET COMPLETE.DOCX

Documentation Details: Town of Bethel Transfer Station acceptable other recycling materials, fees and process pdf Town of Bethel Transfer Station acceptable other recyclable materials stewardship program HRRA Screenshot Town of Bethel Department of Public Works website links to recycling and solid waste documents 9.3 Worksheet Completed

Partners: HRRA, 203.775.4539; info@hrra.org Kathy Gablis, Bethel Recycling Coordinator, (203) 794-8549; PublicWorks@bethel-ct.gov

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: BETHEL ORGANICS(FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING) DROP-OFF PROGRAM INFO FLYER.PDF
PDF: BETHEL ORGANICS(FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING) DROP-OFF PROGRAM TRIFOLD FLYER 8.11.23.PDF
PDF: BETHEL ORGANICS(FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING) DROP-OFF PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT 8.7.23.PDF
PDF: BETHEL NEWSLETTER FIRST SELECTMAN'S UPDATE 3.22.24.PDF
PDF: BETHEL NEWSLETTER FIRST SELECTMAN'S UPDATE 3.29.24.PDF
PDF: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE - FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM COMPOSTING GRANT OCTOBER_31ST_2025.PDF
PDF: BETHEL NEWSLETTER FIRST SELECTMAN'S UPDATE 9.29.23.PDF
IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE BETHEL FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.24.17 PM (1 OF 2).PNG
IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE BETHEL FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.25.07 PM (2 OF 2).PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE BETHEL ORGANICS DROP-OFF PROGRAM SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.52.12 PM (2 OF 2).PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE BETHEL ORGANICS DROP-OFF PROGRAM SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.52.00 PM (1 OF 2).PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING SIGN UP SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.45.31 PM (1 OF 2).PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING SIGN UP SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.46.26 PM (2 OF 2).PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE TOWN OF BETHEL FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PROGRAMS SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.49.47 PM.PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE TOWN OF BETHEL TRANSFER STATION SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.48.31 PM (1 OF 2).PNG

IMAGE: 9.4 COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE TOWN OF BETHEL TRANSFER STATION SCREEN SHOT 2026-07-14 AT 2.48.54 PM (2 OF 2).PNG

Documentation Details: 2026... Municipal website detailing the Bethel Food Scraps program in partnership with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA). https://bethel-ct.gov/foodscraps https://bethel-ct.gov/vertical/sites/%7B90B1B948-C443-4CA6-8B88-90B1EEA9B1E2%7D/uploads/October_31st_2025.pdf Sign Up for the Bethel Food Scraps Program https://form.jotform.com/HRRA/hrra-food-scraps-recycling-sign-up- Transfer Station Program and Smart Bin Program https://hrra.org/information-bethel/ https://hrra.org/organics-food-scraps-bethel/ https://hrra.org/food-scraps-dropoff-locations/ Bethel Awarded A Composting Program Video https://youtu.be/DlSutUyEQAA?si=EjL-tngdCKU3hpK8 Learn how to use the Bethel Food Scraps Program Video https://youtube.com/shorts/JAwfYPJDdks?si=aD473xfbZxs6oK_A Welcome to the Bethel Food Scraps Program Video https://youtu.be/ITxIYNzctDA?si=F41jTp52FvSdbxV_ 2024 below... Materials Disseminated: BETHEL ORGANICS(Food Scraps Recycling) Drop-Off Program Info Flyer.pdf - Separate Your Food Scraps Challenge with QR code for www.HRRA.org/organics-food-scraps-bethel BETHEL ORGANICS(Food Scraps Recycling) Drop-Off Program Trifold Flyer 8.11.23.pdf - Outreach to prevent residential food waste - A how to guide of the food waste composting program including acceptable and not-acceptable Food Waste Items. BETHEL ORGANICS(Food Scraps Recycling) Drop-Off Program Announcement 8.7.23.pdf - The Town of Bethel has a new recycling program for food scraps announcement and explanation of program details including composting process. Bethel Newsletter First Selectman's Update 3.22.24.pdf - Notice of Free Compost: If you've been participating in the food scraps recycling pilot program, your compost is here! Please come to the Transfer Station and gather up to 3 buckets of finished compost on Saturday, March 30th or Thursday, April 4th. Tell your neighbors about this great program! Bethel Newsletter First Selectman's Update 3.29.24.pdf - Notice for Food Scrap Participants: If you've been participating in the food scraps recycling pilot program, and want compost, please come to the Transfer Station and gather up to 3 buckets of finished compost tomorrow, March 30th or Thursday, April 4th. Bethel Newsletter First Selectman's Update 9.29.23.pdf - Outreach to prevent residential food waste - Notice of Trash Talk Tuesday 10/10 [2023]: We are also going to Trash Talk on Tuesday, October 10th. The Food Scraps program has been going great down at the Bethel Transfer Station. We will have representatives of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRAA) on hand for a presentation to help residents learn more about the program. Join is at the Town Hall in the General-Purpose Room at 7 pm! Overview of Outreach please see "Additional Information" section.

Partners: November 2025 Update: Bethel will receive $520,970 to implement the processing of the food scraps collected right here in our community. Bethel will be able to make its own compost! Connecticut ships enormous amounts of garbage to out of state to landfills every year and the rising costs are affecting every Bethel resident. Our successful Food Scraps Program diverts the heaviest part of our waste, organics, out of our municipal waste stream and lowers costs for Bethel transfer station users and taxpayers. Having our own composting program will reduce transportation costs, reduce current costs of vegetation disposal, and will allow us to stay ahead of costly state mandates, including a food scrap diversion mandate for our schools. This is a huge opportunity to reduce costs for our residents and be good stewards of our environment. Thank you to HRRA, our Public Works department, and Town Clerk's office for moving this program forward. https://bethel-ct.gov/foodscraps https://bethel-ct.gov/vertical/sites/%7B90B1B948-C443-4CA6-8B88-90B1EEA9B1E2%7D/uploads/October_31st_2025.pdf 2024 Below.... The Town of Bethel's Transfer Station Food Scrap Collection and Unit-Based Pricing Pilot Program was developed in partnership with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority(HRRA). Funding provided by the Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program administered by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protections (DEEP). The Bethel Transfer Station is part of the municipal Public Works Department. Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority's Project Manager, Tiffany Carlson, provided outreach and partnership at several Bethel events including: Trash Talk Tuesday on October 10, 2023, the Sustainable Bethel Commission meeting on January 17, 2024, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 13, 2024, the Bethel Community Earth Day Fair on April 20, 2024, and Food Truck Friday (Summer 2023). Tiffany Carlson works for HRRA and has partnered with the Town of Bethel to provide ongoing outreach and communication regarding the BETHEL ORGANICS(Food Scraps Recycling) Drop-Off Program. Town of Bethel's Public Works Director, Eric Swenson Town of Bethel's Transfer Station team Town of Bethel's First Selectman, Dan Carter, informed residents of the Organics food scrap recycling program through the weekly newsletters posted on several platforms, including https://bethel-ct.gov/fridayupdate

Additional Information: Overview of Outreach: The Town of Bethel through its Public Works Department's Transfer Station team in partnership with Tiffany Carlson, HRRA Project Manager, targeted Bethel Residents by providing outreach to prevent residential food waste by explaining program details including what food waste items are acceptable and the composting process involved in the BETHEL ORGANICS(Food Scraps Recycling) Drop-Off Program. Educational outreach included: Trash Talk Tuesday on October 10, 2023, the Sustainable Bethel Commission meeting on January 17, 2024, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 13, 2024, the Bethel Community Earth Day Fair on April 20, 2024, and Food Truck Friday (Summer 2023). https://hrra.org/organics-food-scraps-bethel/ https://bethel-ct.gov/fridayupdate

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: 2018-11-13 AGENDA TOBACCO
PDF: 2018-11-13 MINUTES BOS TOBACCO
PDF: 2024 FIELDS APPLICATION
IMAGE: BETHEL ORDINANCE §7-5G

Documentation Details: §7-5G grants the Park and Recreation Commission the explicit legal authority, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to make the rules and regulations that govern how the public can use town park facilities. It is under this specific legal mandate that they instituted the smoke-free park rules. Bethel Board of Selectmen agenda tobacco-free parks 11.13.18 - highlighted Bethel Board of Selectmen minutes tobacco-free parks 11.13.18 - highlighted P5 2024 fields application #14 highlighted §7-5G grants the Park and Recreation Commission the explicit legal authority, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to make the rules and regulations that govern how the public can use town park facilities. It is under this specific legal mandate that they instituted the smoke-free park rules.

Partners: Rachel Mcgrath, Director Parks/Recreation - mcgrathr@bethel-ct.gov [undefined:mcgrathr@bethel-ct.gov; (203) 794-8531

Additional Information: Link to Parks and Rec outdoor rental use application showing smokefree parks: https://bethel-ct.gov/index.asp?SEC=861A6B4F-FFF9-48C0-B901-3DC66EC82A0B #14

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 NOTIFICATION 2.PDF
PDF: EXTREME HEAT NOTIFICATION 3.PDF
PDF: COOLING CENTERS 7.26.2023.PDF
PDF: EXTREME HEAT NOTIFICATION.PDF
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT BETHEL CT COOLING CENTERS JUNE 18.PNG
PDF: JUNE_14TH_2024 FIRST SELECTMAN FRIDAY NEWSLETTER.PDF
PDF: 10.6.2_WORKSHEET_3 BETHEL COOLING CENTERS.PDF

Documentation Details: Town of Bethel tracks weather through the Office of Emergency Management and posts flyers regarding cooling centers on social media. This is also communicated by the FIrst Selectman's office on the Town of Bethel's website and through town-wide email distribution. 10.6.2_worksheet_3 Bethel Cooling Centers.pdf

Partners: Town of Bethel Office of Emergency Management Director, Thomas Galliford; (203) 794-8522, eoc@bethel-ct.gov https://www.bethel-ct.gov/emergency-management Town of Bethel First Selectman, Dan Carter

Additional Information: The Facebook link posting Bethel CT cooling centers and flyers on the Bethel CT FOEM page: https://www.facebook.com/BethelOEM Town of Bethel Emergency Management website page with resources: https://bethel-ct.gov/em-resources First Selectman Friday newsletter posted on June 14th regarding the heat - this is posted on the town's website and distributed throughout the town through emails. It is also communicated through the patch and the bethel advocate: https://bethel-ct.gov/index.asp?SEC=40346901-141C-49CA-9568-1AEBC06FD65C&DE=D527464C-6D4B-4F38-B995-FF75F0802F64

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: 2026-06-17 AGENDA.PDF
PDF: 2026-06-17 MINUTES.PDF
PDF: BETHEL POCD 2020

Documentation Details: The Town of Bethel provides for and advances affordable housing options through policies established by the Planning and Zoning Committee. These members are elected for three-year terms. Affordable housing engagement and strategy can be found in the Bethel Forward and POCD documents. The elected membership includes a diverse demographic in age, gender, etc., working in several sectors. On pages 27 and 70, the 2020 POCD discusses affordable housing and strategy. As well as pages 91-92. The Town of Bethel provides these services through the appointed Housing Authority. The Housing Authority was established in 1976 and provides a critical service to the small town of Bethel, CT. The First Selectman appoints each authority member, and then the Board of Selectmen approves the appointment. There are 5 members appointed for 5-year staggered terms who meet monthly. The Director of P/Z is a staff member and serves as chairman of the Housing Authority. Demographics and diversity range within authority membership - public school, customer service, residential real estate, retired/senior, The Authority is created and complies with 10-3 and 10-4 of the CT General Statutes. The Authority meets monthly to advance affordable housing policies and programs.

Partners: Chamber of Commerce, commercial property owners, developers

Additional Information: Links to the POCD - chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.bethel-ct.gov/vertical/sites/%7B90B1B948-C443-4CA6-8B88-90B1EEA9B1E2%7D/uploads/Final_Bethel_POCD(1).pdf Here are the links to the Housing Authority membership, mission, objectives, agendas, minutes, and website: 1. Housing Authority appointed members - https://bethel-ct.gov/boards -membership is balanced with party affiliations. 2. Housing Authority agendas and minutes - https://bethel-ct.gov/housing 3. Housing Authority website - https://www.bethelhousingauthority.org/ The State of CT Affordable Housing Non-Exempt Municipality List 2023 - chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/2023-Affordable-Appeals-List-formatted-for-Annual-Report.pdf

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11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: TOWN OF BETHEL PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.PDF
IMAGE: BETHEL AMENDED ZONING REGS TOD 12.1.21 SCREENSHOT.PNG
IMAGE: TOD-REGULATIONS-BETHEL 1.1.2018. SCREENSHOT.PNG
PDF: TOD-REGULATIONS-BETHEL 1.1.2018.PDF
PDF: ZONING-REGULATIONS-12-1-21 AMENDED TOD.PDF

Documentation Details: Town of Bethel Plan of Conservation and Development.pdf - POCD Section 4: Pursue Responsible Growth pages 22-27 shows plan to improve the affordable housing stock by requiring a 20% through mixed use development projects within the TOD parameters; assist developers to provide additional options; discourage removal of affordable housing in these areas. page 86 breaks down implementation recommendations. Screen shot and pdf - TOD final regulations 1.1.2018 Screen shot and pdf - Amended Zoning regulations 12.1.2021 with TOD

Partners: Town of Bethel's Planning and Zoning Commission: L.Curtis, S.Deuschle, K.Grant, A.Kessler, R.Legnard (Vice-Chair), J.Lennon, K.Parsons Jr., P.Rist (Chair), R.Stowell, R.Tibbitts, R.Wallace. Beth Cavagna, Town Planner David McCollum, Assistant Town Planner B.J. Liberty, POCD Committee Member J.Chrzescijanek, Economic Development Director Milone & MacBroom, Inc. Consultants Bethel Emergency Manager Bethel Housing Authority Bethel Land Trust Board of Education Board of Finance Board of Selectman Bethel Police Department Conservation Commission Connecticut Department of Transportation Department of Public Works Economic Development Commission Housatonic Area Regional Transit Parks and Recreation Commission Parks and Recreation Department Planning and Zoning Department Redding Land Trust Senior Center Director Town Engineer Utilities Department Western Connecticut Council of Governments

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1a - 5 points; 12.1.1b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: NEXT-STEPS-TO-ADVANCE-RACE-EQUITY-FINAL-9-29-22 REQUIRED.PDF

PDF: USING-THE-NEW-CAN-CASE-NOTE-TEMPLATE--FINAL.PDF

PDF: CRISIS-INTERVENTION-DE-ESCALATION-WORKSHOP-2023-06-21.PDF

IMAGE: 12.1.1A SCREENSHOT OF MUNICIPAL LIAISON

IMAGE: 12.1.1A HYPERLINK

Documentation Details: 12.1.1a Screenshot of Municipal Liaison - image 1) Next-Steps-to-Advance-Race-Equity-FINAL-9-29-22 REQUIRED.pdf - The Next Steps of Advancing Race Equity https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cx4mypYE78 Kathryn Hebert, Chairman Sustainable Bethel Commission, contact information: sustainablebethel@bethel-ct.gov. Online Training session viewed 2/29/24 Online training/webinar was provided by CT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH) - https://cceh.org/webinars/ 2) Using-the-new-CAN-Case-Note-Template--FINAL.pdf - Using the new CAN Case Note Template to Support your Diversion Conversation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9lusBH8p8Q Kathryn Hebert, Chairman Sustainable Bethel Commission, contact information: sustainablebethel@bethel-ct.gov. Online Training session viewed 2/29/24 Online training/webinar was provided by CT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH) - https://cceh.org/webinars/ 3) Crisis-Intervention-De-escalation-Workshop-2023-06-21.pdf - Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Training https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dlcv9ML-qMs Kathryn Hebert, Chairman Sustainable Bethel Commission, contact information: sustainablebethel@bethel-ct.gov. Online Training session viewed 2/29/24 Online training/webinar was provided by CT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS (CCEH) - https://cceh.org/webinars/

Partners: Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness SustainableCT Town of Bethel's Sustainable Bethel Commission Chairman, Kathryn Hebert Town of Bethel's Director of Social Services, Megan Alworth-Khavadian