Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Bridgeport was certified on May 28, 2026 with 595 points. Listed below is information regarding Bridgeport'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 Bridgeport was approved for in 2026 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED for All Certification Levels

30 Points

Approved Information: 1.1.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: GARDEN OF JOY_EQUITY SCT.DOCX

WORD: CITYFRESHPROGRAM_EQUITYSCT.DOCX

WORD: 10.7.2 EQUITY TOOLKIT FINAL (1).DOCX

Documentation Details: City Fresh Initiative- 13.1.1 Garden of Joy- 10.4.1 Bridgeport Waterfront Pathway - 10.7.2

Partners: See toolkits

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

25 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.3 - 10 points; 2.1.5 - 5 points; 2.1.6 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2.1.6 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: 2.1.6 CIF PROJECTS
PDF: ACTION 2.1.3 - AGI SITE, AWARD LETTER.PDF
PDF: ACTION 2.1.3 - CITY_COUNCIL_RESOLUTION.PDF
PDF: 2.1.5 BRIDGEPORT
PDF: 2.1.6 ARTICLE BRIDGEPORT
WORD: 2.1.5 BRIDGEPORT.DOCX

Documentation Details: 2.1.6: As previously attached, this post was shared on our community engagement platform, Engage Bridgeport. RFP's, RFQ's, and Development Opportunities | Engage Bridgeport: https://engage.bridgeportct.gov/development-opportunities

Partners: N/a

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

20 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a - 10 points; 2.3.1b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2.3.1.WEBPAGE
PDF: 2.3.1.LIST
PDF: 2.3.2 SHOP LOCAL BRIDGEPORT

Partners: None

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.2 - 5 points; 2.4.6 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2.4.1_WORKSHEET BRIDGEPORT (2).PDF
PDF: 2.4.2.LETTER
PDF: 2.4.6 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: ACTION 2.4.2-CT MAIN STREET ACCELERATOR.PDF

Documentation Details: 2.4.2: The letter shows the partnership between the Bridgeport Small and Minority Business Enterprise and HEDCO, which provides Connecticut small businesses with financial assistance.

Partners: 2.4.2: HEDCO 2.4.6: Great Oaks Charter School Bridgeport

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1b - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.1.1A AND 3.1.1B BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: 3.1.2 PATHOGEN MONITORING REPORT 2024.PDF
WORD: 3.1.2 HARBORWATCH COLLABORATION.DOCX
WORD: ACCA WATER QUALITY WORK.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.1.2: The Ash Creek Conservation Association is a non-profit community organization, whose mission is to advocate for the protection and restoration of the Ash Creek Tidal Estuary. The 2025 monitoring season is to end in September, so the 2024 report is the latest one available.

Partners: 3.1.1a: https://www.groundworkbridgeport.org/partners-and-funders 3.1.2: Ash Creek Conservation Assn

3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.8.1a - 5 points; 3.8.1c - 5 points; 3.8.2b - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.8.2BWORKSHEET

WORD: 3.8.1A AND 3.8.1C BRIDGEPORT

Partners: 3.8.1 a: City of Hartford and Groundworks Bridgeport 3.8.1c: This conference was hosted by Connecticut Urban Forest Council, Tree Warden's Association of Connecticut, Connecticut Tree Protective Association

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3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.2.a - 10 points; 3.9.2.b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.9.2_WORKSHEET_1_SCT.DOCX

WORD: 3.9.2_WORKSHEET_2_SCT.DOCX

Partners: None

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.1a - 10 points; 3.10.3a - 5 points; 3.10.3b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.10.3.INVASIVESPECIESRESOURCES

PDF: 3.10A_ HIGHLIGHTED_ZONE BRIDGEPORT 7.0 LANDSCAPE AND SITE DESIGN.PDF

WORD: 3.10 A REVIEW OF REGULATIONS FOR INVASIVE SPECIES.DOCX

WORD: 3.10.3B HOST AN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS ON INVASIVE SPECIES.DOCX

PDF: 3.10.3B

PDF: 3.10.3B MUGWORT

Partners: None

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

40 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 - 5 points; 3.12.2 - 15 points; 3.12.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.12.3.POLLINATORFRIENDLYRESOLUTIONADOPTION
PDF: 3.12.3.POLLINATORFRIENDLYRESOLUTION
PDF: 3.12.1 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: 3.12.2 OUTREACH.PDF
WORD: 3.12.2 GARDENS AND DESC
PDF: 3.12.2 BRIDGEPORT.PDF
PDF: TISDALE_PLANTLIST-1.PDF
PDF: MARIN_PLANTINGPLAN-1.PDF
PDF: HOOKER_PLANTLIST.PDF
PDF: DUNBAR_PLANTLIST-1.PDF

Documentation Details: Please see page 9 of "3.12.3.PollinatorFriendlyResolutionAdoption" to see adoption of plan

Partners: 3.12.3: BEE City USA

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

15 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 4.1.1A.TOURISMASSETS

PDF: 4.1.2.CTVISITPROFILE

Partners: None

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2: 5 points; 4.2.9: 10 points; 4.2.10: 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 4.2.10 BRIDGEPORT (1).PDF

PDF: 4.2.13.COLORFULBRIDGEPORT

PDF: 4.2.2 BRIDGEPORT.PDF

PDF: 4.2.9 BRIDGEPORT.PDF

PDF: 4.2.9 BAT BROCHURE

IMAGE: ACTION 4.2.10-ARTS AND CULTURE IN LIBRARY.PNG

Documentation Details: 4.2.10: Our Communications team manages the City of Bridgeport's social media accounts, prioritizing the promotion of events across the City and sharing information relevant to programs and services. The attached example highlights the City's support of arts and cultural activities at local libraries through promotion on municipal platforms.

Partners: 4.2.2: OPED, DSSD 4.2.9: Fairfield County's Community Foundation, mntd Studios, Bluestone Real Estate, M&T Bank, WSHU Radio, CT Humanities, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners LLC, Colorful Bridgeport 4.2.10: Bridgeport History Center 4.2.13: DSSD

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b - 20 points; 5.1.1c - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.1.1B.WORKSHEET

PDF: 5.1.1.POCD

PDF: ACTION 5.1.1C-DSSD BOARD MEETING CITY AGENDA.PDF

PDF: ACTION 5.1.1.C-DSSD BOARD MEETING.PDF

Documentation Details: 5.1.1c: The City attends monthly public board meetings for the Downtown Special Services District to provide updates on ongoing projects citywide, as well as within and around the Downtown area. These updates include planning, design, infrastructure, development, and construction projects.

Partners: 5.1.1b. Fitzgerald and Halliday

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.3 - 5 points; 5.5.4 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.5.3.EVENT

PDF: 5.5.4.STATUS

Partners: 5.5.3: Bridgeport Public Library, Preservation Connecticut, Connecticut Historic Preservation Office, Bridgeport History Center

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5.8 Promote Cool Roofs

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.8.3a - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.8.3A BRIDGEPORT.PDF

Partners: None

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.1.3_WORKSHEET.PDF

PDF: BRIDGEPORTCOMPLETESTREETS081811.PDF

PDF: 6.1.3 ADOPTION

Partners: MetroCOG (former GBRC) USDOT, CTDOT

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.5.3.ROADSAFETYAUDIT

PDF: 6.5.3_WORKSHEET (1).PDF

Partners: 6.5.3: CTDOT, FHI Studio

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.3.2 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 7.3.2 OVERVIEW.DOCX

Partners: None

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

25 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 - 20 points; 7.9.4 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 7.9.3.CPACEPROJECTSLIST

PDF: 7.9.1 MUNICIPAL WEBSITE SCREENSHOT

PDF: 7.9.1 C-PACE AGREEMENT

PDF: 7.9.1ADOPTIONMEETINGMINUTES

Documentation Details: 7.9.1: For adoption of the updated C-PACE agreement, please see page 18 of "7.9.1.AdoptionMeetingMinutes" to see City Council unanimous approval.

Partners: 7.9.1: CT Green Bank 7.9.3: Connecticut Green Bank, Smart Roofs Solar Inc.

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.WORKSHEET

Documentation Details: Municipal outreach can be found on this site: https://engage.bridgeportct.gov/waterfront/news_feed/waterfront-wednesdays-summer-2025

Partners: 8.1: Trust for Public Land, CT DEEP

8.4 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.4.1- 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 8.4_SUBMISSION_TEMPLATE (1) (1).XLSX

Partners: See document

8.8 Earn a Green Schools Designation

35 Points

Approved Information: 8.8.1 - 15 points; 8.8.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.8.1 BRIDGEPORT.PDF

IMAGE: 8.8.2 BRIDGEPORT

Documentation Details: 3 sapling-level schools, 15 points each. Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School is a Green Ribbon School from 2014.

Partners: 8.8.1: COEEA

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

10 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.3.1.WORKSHEET

IMAGE: 9.3.1.EVIDENCE

PDF: 9.3.1.OUTREACH

Partners: 9.3.1: None

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 9.5.2.DOCX

Partners: None

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: 10.3.3TOBACCOUSEPOLICY

Partners: None

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.4.1.DOC

WORD: 10.4.1 GARDEN OF JOY.DOCX

Partners: 10.4.1: https://www.gogvi.org/supporters

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

45 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1- 15 points; 10.5.2- 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.5.2.SOCIALMEDIAOUTREACH

PDF: 10.5.3.POPUPMARKETSSCHEDULE

PDF: 10.5.1 FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE.PDF

PDF: 10.5.2.BENEFITSEVIDENCE

IMAGE: EAST SIDE FARMERS MARKET SCREEN SHOT.PNG

Documentation Details: 10.5.1 and 10.5.2: https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/health-social-services/events-and-programs/east-side-farmers-market 10.5.2: https://portal.ct.gov/doag/adarc/adarc/farmers-market-nutrition-program/authorized-redemption-locations

Partners: 10.5.2 and 10.5.3: Bridgeport Farmer's Market Collaborative, nOURish Bridgeport, End Hunger Connecticut, Connecticut Fresh Match, USDA, M&T Bank, Hartford Healthcare, CT Dept of Agriculture,

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10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.2a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.6.2_WORKSHEET_3 (1).PDF

IMAGE: 10.6.2A.PNG

Partners: None

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.3 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT SUBMISSION.PDF

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:

WORD: 2025 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST FOR POSTING (3).DOCX

Documentation Details: In 2025, Bridgeport has 20,33% affordable housing.

Partners: None

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 11.3.2 HOUSEHOLD DEFINITION

Partners: 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:

WORD: 12.2.2 HOMELESSNESS RESOURCE WEBPAGE BRIDGEPORT

Documentation Details: 12.2.2: https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/health-social-services/social-services/homelessness-care-response and https://www.bridgeportct.gov/government/departments/health-social-services/social-services/shelters

Partners: None

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

15 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 13.1.1 CITY FRESH PROGRAM

Documentation Details: https://www.bridgeportct.gov/news/mayor-ganim-announces-15000-award-city-fresh-program

Partners: See report