Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Cromwell was certified on May 28, 2026 with 260 points. Listed below is information regarding Cromwell'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 Cromwell 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 Cromwell, 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 REV 12-19-25.PDF

Documentation Details: It is 95 pages.

Partners: Human Service Department and Senior Center Town of Cromwell

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

30 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.3 - 10 points; 2.1.4 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: RED LION 2-1-3.PDF
PDF: 61RIVER RD CROMWELL PHASE I ESA ASTM REPORT.PDF
PDF: RED LION BROWNFIELD AWARD LETTER
PDF: BROWNFIELD GRANT APPLICATION TOWN OF CROMWELL
PDF: CERTIFICATION
PDF: PHASE I ESA ASTM REPORT JAMES MARTIN DR_PART1.PDF
PDF: PHASE I ESA ASTM REPORT JAMES MARTIN DR_PART2.PDF
PDF: PHASE I ESA ASTM REPORT JAMES MARTIN DR_PART3.PDF
PDF: PHASE I ESA ASTM REPORT JAMES MARTIN DR_PART4.PDF
PDF: PHASE I ESA ASTM REPORT JAMES MARTIN DR_PART5.PDF

Documentation Details: Attached is a State of CT Financial Assistance Proposal for the Town of Cromwell, the Application, Certification and the Award Letter. Our Town was awarded a 3-million-dollar Brownfield Grant from the State of Connecticut to remediate the site of the former Red Lion Hotel off of I-91. For 2.4.1 I There are 5 separate PDFs because the Phase I Assessment is over 1,000 pages. Below is the link to the Sustainable CT Brownfields Spreadsheet https://cromwellctgov-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/jtranquillo_cromwellct_com/EVyNACW_PAxEtUWikEwGNX4BlJXSBl_w3SYY8d2v9ZINvw?e=eYIbbQ

Partners: None for 2.1.3, for 2.1.4. GZA Geoenvironmental was the vendor that prepared the report.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1- 10 points; 3.4.2- 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: CONSERVATION_COMMISSION_OPEN_SPACE_PLAN_REV._2012_1.PDF
WORD: SUSTAINABLE CT DOC RE USE OF OPEN SPACE PLAN JT 9-8-25.DOCX
EXCEL: 3.4_TOWN_OPENSPACEINVENTORY.XLSX
PDF: WORKSHEET 1

Documentation Details: The Open Space Plan is the PDF document. We used the Sustainable CT Excel sample Inventory and the last doc in Word is the brief explanation of the relevance of our Open Space Plan in 2025.

Partners: Conservation Commission

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: WETLANDS HOME PAGE INVASIVE SPECIES REV 9-8-25.JPEG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT_10-11-2025_115157_PORTAL.CT.GOV.JPEG

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT_10-11-2025_115256_CIPWG.UCONN.EDU.JPEG

Documentation Details: Attached is a screenshot from the Town of Cromwell website, specifically the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission, on the left-hand side, I added 2 links one to CT DEEP and 1 to UCONN related to invasive species. 3.10.3 On our Municipal Website, under the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission Page, I added two links to information about invasive species. One is the CT DEEP website related to CT invasive species, and the second link is to UCONN's page regarding invasive plants. I attached the screenshot from the page. We respectfully ask for 5 points. Link to Uconn Invasive Species: https://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list/ Link to DEEP's Invasive Species page: https://portal.ct.gov/deep/invasive-species/invasive-species

Partners: None

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: TOWN OF CROMWELL LIGHTING REGULATIONS EFF 6-2-25.PDF

PDF: 15 APRIL MINUTES.PDF

Documentation Details: 3.13 Attached please find the Town of Cromwell Zoning Regulations Section 5.9 regarding Lighting which incorporated Dark Skies concepts relevant to our municipality. In addition, please find the April 15, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes which approved the Zoning Regulations eff. June 2025.

Partners: Planning and Zoning Commission

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.8- 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: ORDINACE ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL DISTRICT.PDF
PDF: TOWN CHARTER ESTABLISHING THE CULTURAL DISTRICT
PDF: MINUTES FROM CULTURAL DISRTICT THAT INCLUDES DISCUSSION OF SELECTION OF AREA
WORD: MEMO ABOUT DISTRICT BOUNDARY SELECTION

Documentation Details: The submission includes the Ordinance, and the Notice of Public Hearing

Partners: None

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

35 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b - 35 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: POCD 2024 CROMWELL.PDF

WORD: 5.1 WORKSHEET - CROMWELL.DOCX

Documentation Details: 5.1.1b - Cromwell PoCD sustainability concepts worksheet. PoCD also attached.

Partners: None.

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1- 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SECTIONS 2 AND 4 OF TOWN OF CROMWELL ZONING REGULATIONS AGRICULTURE.PDF

Documentation Details: See above.

Partners: None.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.5 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: CHARGING STATIONS INVOICE

IMAGE: CHARGING STATIONS PHOTO 1

IMAGE: CHARGING STATIONS PHOTO 2

Documentation Details: In December of 2024 the Town of Cromwell purchased a total of eight charging stations across two town owned properties for public use. Two stations are located at Cromwell Town Hall 41 West Street. The remaining six are installed in public parking lot 1 Community Road, Cromwell.

Partners: None

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

20 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: CPACE AGREEMENT.PDF

IMAGE: SCREENSHOT OF CPACE AGREEMENT POSTED P&Z PAGE

Documentation Details: https://www.ctgreenbank.com/community-solutions/c-pace/
https://www.cromwellct.com/planning-zoning-commission/pages/town-cromwells-agreement-c-pace

Partners: Sustainable CT, Greenbank

7.10 Support Battery Storage Solutions

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: MEMO SUSTAINABLE CT 7.10 SUPPORT BATTERY STORAGE SOLUTIONS.DOC

WORD: 7.10.2_WORKSHEET_1.DOCX

Documentation Details: Attached please find a Zoning Memo detailing the Town of Cromwell's Zoning Regulations as they apply to renewable energy and battery storage solutions.

Partners: None

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: MEMO SUSTAINABLE EVENTS CROMWELL.PDF
PDF: LIBRARY SUSTAINABLE EVENTS CROMWELL CT.PDF
EXCEL: EXCEL SHEET 8.1.

Documentation Details: Both are PDFs. The backup is multiple pages.

Partners: Belden Library Cromwell

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4- 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: COMPOST BIN PAMPHLET.LIBRARY.PDF
PDF: CROMWELL FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM.PDF
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT_10-11-2025_123933_WWW.CROMWELLCT.COM.JPEG
WORD: MEMO REGARDING THE ORGANIC MATERIAL RECYLING
PDF: BLUE EARTH CONTRACT.PDF

Documentation Details: https://www.cromwellct.com/transfer-station/pages/composting-information this is the link to the general composting page for the Transfer station. this is the link to the library composting. it is done in 2 places https://www.cromwellct.com/library/pages/blue-earth-compost

Partners: Blue Earth Compost and the Middlesex Community Foundation

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.1 Encourage an Equitable and Just Food System

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.1.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: MINUTES OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHING A FOOD COUNCIL

WORD: MEMO RE: FOOD POLICY COUNCIL AND MEMBERS

Partners: Conservation Commission

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: PUBLIC GARDEN PHOTO

WORD: MEMO SUSTAINABLE CT GARDEN INFORMATION.DOC

PDF: 2025 FINAL COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION.PDF

Documentation Details: 10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces Our town offers public garden spaces. The area is located on town property 173-181 Evergreen Road (see IMG_0081). The program is run by the public library system. Usually people plant various vegetables such as tomato, corn, and peppers. This planting season kicks off at the garden on May 27 at 4 pm followed by ice cream! https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=3574&EventID=560797

Partners: Cromwell Belden Public Library runs the garden.

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1- 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FARMERS MARKET

WORD: SUSTAINABLE CT 10.1 FARMERS MARKET.DOCX

Documentation Details: 10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers The Town of Cromwell runs and hosts a farmer's market at Riverport Park (town property) every Friday from 4pm to 7pm from June through September. Fresh certified organic produce is sold by local farmers (eg Phoenix Farm) along with other local products (such as honey). These events are free to all and often also include live music. The Cromwell Farmer's Market is advertised on the town website, Facebook, and elsewhere (eg local paper, activity book published by the Dept. of Recreation). https://cromwellct.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=31012

Partners: none

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: SUSTAINABLE CT FAIR HOUSING.PDF

Documentation Details: I attached all relevant documents as 1 PDF

Partners: None

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.2b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: PROOF OF STAFF TRAININGS

Documentation Details: Amy Saada is our Director of Human Services and I attached a screenshot of her contact information. She is the point person and point of contact for homeless and other related services. We respectfully request 5 points. In addition for item b. I attached proof of staff trainings which include marginalized groups and other underserved populations. We respectfully request 15 points for a & b. https://www.cromwellct.com/people/amy-saada this shows she is the homeless liaison and her contact info.

Partners: None