Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Danbury was certified on October 01, 2026 with 240 points. Listed below is information regarding Danbury'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 Danbury 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

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: FINAL PRESENTATION SDWA
IMAGE: EXAMPLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTING THE WALK AUDIT
WORD: WALK AUDIT PRESS RELEASE - PUBLISHED BY WCSU
PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT FOR DANBURY WALK AUDIT

Documentation Details: 1,1 The Equity Toolkit was completed in conjunction with Action 6.5.3. The walk audit was held on April 22, 2025 in collaboration with the WCSU Sociology Department Futures Lab, under Dr. Christine Hegel-Cantarella. The Equity Toolkit document includes the Danbury demographics on pages 4-6 The compilation of the walk audit data can be found in Final Presentation SDWA. Outreach for the Walk Audit included a press release published by WCSU

Partners: Action 6.5.3. The walk audit was held on April 22, 2025 in collaboration with the WCSU Sociology Department Futures Lab, under Dr. Christine Hegel-Cantarella.

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_DANBURY_BROWNFIELD_INVENTORY.XLSX
WORD: SUSTAINABLE DANBURY ACTION 2 OVERVIEW 2026.DOCX
PDF: 2.1_DANBURY_BROWNFIELD_FIELD CARDS.PDF
PDF: DANBURY BROWNFIELDS GIS MAP_COMP.PDF

Partners: List of Danbury Brownfields was supplied by the City of Danbury Municipal office.

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2.4.4 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER.PDF
IMAGE: ACTION 2.4.3 FLYER.JPG
PDF: ACTION 2.4.3. WRITE-UP.PDF
PDF: ACTION 2.4.4.WRITE UP.PDF

Documentation Details: 2.4.4 DDHS Newsletter (10 Points) (missing dissemination information.) 2.4.3 Dish it Downtown (10 Points)

Partners: Action 2.4.3 City Center Danbury and the City of Danbury

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: DANBURYPOLLINATORPATHWAYMAP.PDF
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT OF POLLINATOR PATHWAY WEBSITE
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT OF DANBURY POLLINATOR GARDEN WEBSITE
PDF: PLANTINGS AT DANBURY POLLINATOR PATHWAY GARDENS
IMAGE: GARDEN DESIGN WORKSHOP PUBLICITY

Documentation Details: The Danbury Pollinator Pathway organization is managed through a steering committee. Members include municipal employees, elected officials, Danbury school system employees, Western Connecticut State University staff, and horticultural professionals. The committee meets once a month to review current projects and identify opportunities for additional pollinator pathway gardens. 3.,12.1 Community Outreach - Presented program at Danbury Library, Hatters Park and Tarrywile Mansion on the benefits of pollinator gardens. Provided information on Pollinator Pathways at WCSU Student Activities event in September 2025. Developed and presented a workshop on Designing a Native Plant Garden at Tarrywile Mansion. Created Danbury Gardens page on municipal website providing information on the plants used in the local gardens. https://www.danbury-ct.gov/615/Danbury-Pollinator-Gardens (5 points) 3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens (5 points) - the Danbury Pollinator Pathway Steering Committee is supporting the installation of pollinator gardens along a corridor that runs through the center of Danbury. MAP There are pollinator gardens on municipal, commercial and private property. The city has provided land for several gardens, including at the Danbury Museum and the Danbury Library. In addition, the Cultural Commission provided funding for the establishment of the Danbury Library garden. (15 points) Map of Danbury showing area in which pollinator gardens will be established. Danbury has a page on the Pollinator Pathway website, screenshot of page. The city of Danbury website has a page showing the location and plants on municipal land in Danbury, screenshot of page. Pictures of the various gardens are compiled in a PowerPoint document. Screenshot of the FaceBook event - Garden Design Workshop.

Partners: Danbury Parks and Recreation Department Danbury Cultural Commission Danbury Garden Club Danbury Museum Danbury Pollinator Pathway

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 4.1 INVENTORY OF CULTURAL ASSETS - CITY OF DANBURY WEBSITE SCREEN SHOT
WORD: 4.1.1A_WORKSHEET.DOCX

Documentation Details: The City of Danbury recently added to their website the Arts & Culture page that highlights the recent effort to inventory cultural assets, starting with the Cities urban core as part of the Cultural District application, which will be part of a future application. This will be a living list to assist in tourism efforts based on local art and culture. https://danbury-ct.gov/622/Arts-Culture

Partners: Danbury Cultural Commission helped lead the effort to build the map and assets.

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: DANBURYPOCD-DIGITAL FOR WEBSITE AND PUBLIC W TC LTR_20221219114949457O.PDF
PDF: 5.1_WORKSHEET_2.DOCX.PDF
PDF: 5.1 DANBURY POCD (1).PDF

Documentation Details: Attached is Danbury's 2023 POCD. In Worksheet 2, we have the listed page numbers and how the sustainability concepts relate to the POCD.

Partners: The sustainable CT fellows, Brianna and Lyah helped.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: FINAL 5-16-25 WALK AUDIT DATA SHEET
PDF: FINAL PRESENTATION SDWA
WORD: PHOTO VOICE AND SURVEY FACILITATION SHEET
PDF: PORSDWA FLYER
WORD: SDWA PARTICIPANT SHEET
WORD: SDWA STUDENT LISTENER SHEET
WORD: SDWA STUDENT MODERATOR SHEET
WORD: TOR - SUSTAINABLE DANBURY
IMAGE: WALK AUDIT PICTURES
IMAGE: WALK AUDIT PUBLICITY
IMAGE: WALK AUDIT WCSU TEAM ASSIGNMENTS
PDF: WALK WITH DANBURY 2025 SURVEY
PDF: WORKSHEET_6.5.3 DANBURY WALK AUDIT 22APR2025
PDF: WALK AUDIT ROUTE
WORD: WALK AUDIT PRESS RELEASE - PUBLISHED BY WCSU

Documentation Details: 6.5.3 Pedestrian audit of downtown Danbury - 10 points A summary of the walk audit, conclusions and recommendations can be found in document Worksheet_6.5.3 Danbury Walk Audit 22Apr2025 above.

Partners: Dr. Christine Hegel-Cantarella, WCSU Sociology Department and the Futures Lab - Dr. Hegel and students designed the walk audit, led the activities on the day of the audit, and compiled the results into a final report. Roberto Alves, Danbury Mayor, and members of the mayor's office participated in the walk. Brigid Guertin, Executive Director of the Danbury Museum, provided the facilities in support of the walk.

Additional Information: Online photo mural, click Enter as a Visitor
https://app.mural.co/t/hegelcantarellawcsucourses8424/m/hegelcantarellawcsucourses8424/1745952738276/ffb561e50a422ccb5b3869e49ea117e62420252b

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:

IMAGE: 7.9 - MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION TO OPT-IN TO C-PACE
IMAGE: 7.9 C-PACE ON DANBURY WEBSITE.PNG
PDF: DANBURY C PACE MUNI AGREEMENT EXECUTED.PDF

Documentation Details: 7.9.1 (20 points) C-Pace Resolution passed in 2013. Link to Danbury Website: https://www.danbury-ct.gov/624/Commercial-Property-Assessed-Clean-Energ

Partners: C-PACE

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

20 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 8.1_DANBURY_ADDITIONAL
EXCEL: 8.1_DANBURY

Documentation Details: The links to posts about each event, and websites with information on events as well as pictures can be found in "8.1_danbury_additional" Our worksheet is titled "8.1_danbury"

Partners: 8.1 Host a Sustainability Event - For this section we had a large amount of partners listed on the worksheet who created the initiatives and reached out to Danbury to host each event! LL Bean Women's Club of Danbury Western Connecticut State Unniveristy Danbury Garden Club Cub Scouts Disabled American Veterans Association Housatonic Valley Association Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Siera Club Pollinator Pathways

8.8 Earn a Green Schools Designation

35 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 8.8.1.PNG
IMAGE: ACTION 8.8.2.PNG

Documentation Details: 8.8.1 Screenshot from COEEA Connecticut Green LEAF School program listing 4 Danbury Schools as a green leaf school. The schools are as follows: Henry Abbott Technical High School, Western CT Academy for International Studies, Westside Middle School Academy, Rogers Park Middle School. Listing this all as acorns, level 1 for 5 points each.

Partners: 8.8.2 U.S. Department of Education. 8.8.1 COEEA Connecticut Green LEAF School program

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 (2).XLSX
IMAGE: ACTION 9.1.C - 8.16 SOCIAL MEDIA POST .PNG
IMAGE: ACTION 9.1.C - SOCIAL MEDIA POST (2).PNG

Documentation Details: 9.1.1 Worksheet Collect Data (5 points) 9.1.C - 2 social Media posts on Local Elected Officals page showing 2023-24, 2024-25 Waste Data. Posted 8/16/2026 (5 Points)

Partners: HRRA

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.3.1 MRC TONNAGES MASTER.PDF
PDF: 9.3.1 E-WASTE CY 24 AND CY 25.PDF
IMAGE: 9.3.1 TEXTILES RECYCLING.PNG
IMAGE: 9.3.1 OUTREACH SEP_16_2025,_10_44_20_AM[1].PNG
WORD: 9.3 PUBLIC_EDUCATION_FOR_DANBURY_-_SUSTAINABLE_CT.DOCX
IMAGE: 9.3.1 OUTREACH AT DANBURY_HEALTH_FAIR[1].JPG
PDF: 9.3_WORKSHEET FINAL.DOCX.PDF

Documentation Details: Tonnage recaps for 9.3 Recycle Additional Materials Ewaste for calendar years 2024 and 2025 Mattress units for calendar years 2024 and 2025 (I also attached the MRC's annual report which shows Danbury as a collection site. See Appendix A: Table 6) Textiles; Danbury started offering textile recycling in April, 2025 (the numbers are in lbs) 9.3.1 Mattresses (10 points) 9.3.1 e-waste (10 points) 9.3.1 Textiles (10 Points)

Partners: HRRA

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 9.4.1 CITY OF DANBURY FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PROGRAM.PNG

Documentation Details: 9.4.1 HRRA website describing Danbury Food Scrap Program: https://hrra.org/organics-food-scraps-danbury/ (15 points)

Partners: HRRA - Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.1b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: ACTION 10.6 1 - RESILIENT DANBURY - PAGE 11
IMAGE: ACTION 10.6. 1 - RESILIENT DANBURY - PAGE 14
IMAGE: ACTION 10.6 - RESILIENT DANBURY - PAGE 26
IMAGE: ACTION 10.6 - RESILIENT DANBURY - PAGE 15
IMAGE: ACTION 10.6.1 - RESILENT DANBURY - PAGE 8
PDF: DANBURY_ROAR-MAP-PORTFOLIO.PDF
WORD: ACTION 10.6 1B - HEAT ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Documentation Details: In November 2023 a report was finalized called "Resilient Danbury" which addressed Extreme Heat and Extreme weather plans that can be incorporated into Southern Main St and the "East Ditch" area. Reccomendations from this are being incorporated into southern Main st development. Attached documents show the Heat plans and info on the project. Full powerpoint is linked - https://resilientconnecticut.uconn.edu/resilient-danbury/

Partners: CIRCA UCONN

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

Documentation Details: We're submitting the 2025 Affordable Housing Appeals List. Information about our municipality can be found at page 1, line 6.

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:

IMAGE: 12.2.2 INFORMATION POSTED TO CITY OF DANBURY WEBSITE.PNG

Documentation Details: 12.2.2 Screenshot of the 211 information on the City of Danbury Website (5 points) Link to website: https://www.danbury-ct.gov/227/Human-Services

Partners: n/a