Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Easton was certified on October 01, 2026 with 295 points. Listed below is information regarding Easton'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 Easton 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 Easton, 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: SUSTAINABLE CT REPORT-EQUITY TOOL KIT ONE_EASTON.PDF

Documentation Details: Associated with Action 13.1

Partners: 1.1.1: Partners Listed in the Toolkit

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2.2.1 EASTON.PDF

Partners: Sustainable CT

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.6 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 2.4.6 - EASTON.DOCX

Partners: none

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 EASTON OPEN SPACE PLAN.PDF

PDF: 3.4.3 EASTON WORKSHEET.PDF

Documentation Details: While the open space plan was created more than 3 years ago, it is still the most relevant and guiding document in town as of 2026. The conservation commission still uses the 2016 version as its guiding plan. Link to the Open Space Plan online: https://ct-easton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/425/Open-Space-Plan---Conservation-Commission-2016 Link to Meeting Minutes from Plan Adoption: https://www.eastonct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7151/Conservation-Commission-Regular-Meeting-Minutes-09---13---2016

Partners: 3.4.3 (none)

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

10 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.10 EASTON.PDF

Partners: 3.10.3: Easton Garden Club and thenConnecticut Master Gardeners

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.12.1 EASTON.PDF

PDF: 3.12.2.PDF

PDF: ASPETUCK TOTH PARK REMEDIATION GARDENS_ RESTORATION OF NATIVE PLANTINGS_RAIN WATER GARDENS 2026.PDF

Documentation Details: Easton Garden Club Pollinator Website: https://www.eastongardenclubofct.org/easton-pollinator-pathway

Partners: 3.12.1: The Easton Garden Club hosted the event, but the event was attended by and largely supported by the municipality as part of their pollinator public education efforts (as seen in the First Selectman's weekly newsletter; see action 3.10.3a). Aspetuck Land Trust, Pollinator Pathways, Energy and Environment Task Force, and Parks and Recreation all support this initiative. 3.12.2 Easton Parks and Recreation Department, the Garden Club of Easton, and Aspetuck Park.

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.1 - 5 points; 3.13.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.13 EASTON.PDF

Partners: 3.13.1: The Easton Garden Club

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 4.1.2 EASTON.PDF

Documentation Details: 4.1.2 https://ctvisit.com/listings/town-easton The website was most recently updated in early 2025.

Partners: 4.1.2: CT Visit

Additional Information: 4.1.2: This action is a collaborative effort thanks to the volunteers in Easton who care deeply about this action and work with stakeholders in town to make sure that information is updated and relevant. There is also an emphasis on welcoming in Easton.

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.5 - 5 points; 4.2.10 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 4.2. EASTON (1).DOCX

Partners: 4.2.5: The Easton Arts Council is a local non-profit and a strong partner to the town.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.2 Adapt Permitting Process to Promote Sustainable Development

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.2.3a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EASTON 5.2.3 2026.PDF

Partners: None

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.3.1 EASTON.PDF

Documentation Details: https://ecode360.com/27043588?highlight=stands&searchId=5569986105560116#27043588

Partners: 5.3.1: Jean Stetz-Puchalski, the Sustainable Agriculture Commission, the First Selectman, the Easton Garden Club, the Land Use planner, Easton's Farmers, and the community at large worked together to create the right-to-farm regulations. It is a part of a resource to help people support farmers, know where their food comes from, and to increase the sustainability culture in town.

Additional Information: Agriculture is a part of Easton's History. Now that it is ingrained in the PoCD and zoning regulations, it is now ingrained into Easton's culture and healthy living goals moving forward. It has also allowed people to adopt healthier lifestyles.

5.10 Plan and Implement Climate Resilience Strategies

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.10.4 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EASTON 5.10.4 2026.PDF

Partners: None

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.1.2 EASTON.PDF

Partners: 6.1.2: Smart Growth America

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.1 - 5 points; 6.4.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 6.4.1 EASTON.DOCX

PDF: 6.4.2 EASTON.PDF

PDF: 6.4.3 EASTON

WORD: 6.4.5EASTON.DOCX

Documentation Details: 6.4.3: Easton has 10 vehicles in the police fleet, three of which are electric vehicles that were purchased in 2025 and an additional two electric bikes that were purchased in 2025. The Town of Easton (dedicated continual efforts through the Town of Easton Energy & Environmental Task Force & Easton Police Department) are committed to EV/Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment. The Town is transitioning the PD Feet from fossil fuels to EV. To support the Town municipal adoption of EVs, charging stations have been installed and are available to the public.

Partners: 6.4.1: Easton Energy & Environment Task Force, the Easton Police Department, and the Samuel Staples Elementary School 6.4.2: Sustainable CT 6.4.3: none

Additional Information: To see these programs highlighted through Sustainable CT and to connect the dots between sustainable events/programs for residents is important. It helps Easton understand the importance of promoting these events, being out in public, and connecting the dots for the town and surrounding communities. Thanks to the Energy and Environment Task Force for the work they've been doing over the years. It's great to see this work that often goes unseen be made visible to the community.

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: 7.9.1 EASTON.PDF

PDF: 1.6.1 EASTON C-PACE AGREEMENT_SIGNED_CERTIFIED

IMAGE: EASTON CPACE.PNG

Documentation Details: https://www.eastonct.gov/1627/C-PACE-Program

Partners: CT Greenbank

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

20 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 8-1-1 EASTON SUSTAINABLE EVENTS WORKSHEET.XLSX

Partners: see document

Additional Information: The Town of Easton's Energy & Environmental Task Force, in partnership with community organizations, hosts sustainability-focused events that provide residents of all ages with hands-on learning opportunities around environmental stewardship, connecting environmental education directly to a hands-on, take-home experience that extends the event's impact beyond the day itself. Events were organized and promoted through the same coordinated, multi-channel communication strategy the Town uses for public safety and sustainability messaging generally: it was announced in First Selectman Lent's town-wide newsletter, publicized on the Town's municipal website and CivicAlerts system, and cross-promoted through the Easton Garden Club's own channels, including its website, Facebook, and Instagram pages. This promotional approach — spanning municipal e-newsletters, the Town website, and partner-organization social media — ensured the event reached families across the community regardless of which communication channel they typically rely on, reinforcing the Town's broader commitment to equitable, redundant public outreach.

8.5 Engage in a Sustainable CT Mentorship with Other Municipalities

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.5.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.5.1 EASTON.PDF

IMAGE: 8.5 EXAMPLE OF COLLABORATION.PNG

Documentation Details: https://eastoncourier.news/2026/04/15/proposed-harbor-to-hills-greenway-would-link-fairfield-to-shoreline/

Partners: 8.5.1: Bike path mentor/mentee relationship originated with Justin Giorlando (Former Easton Land Use Consultant), Jean Stetz-Puchalski, and Mary Hogue.

Additional Information: Easton moved beyond its borders to collaborate with other municipalities around sustainability issues and possibilities. This action built relationships between volunteers and led to numerous projects. The mentorship relationship also supported overall sustainability projects and Sustainable CT certification efforts in Easton.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.5EASTON.PDF

Documentation Details: Food Recycler Program - promotes waste reduction

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.2.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 10.2.1 EASTON

Partners: 10.2.1: Health Resources in Action (HRiA)

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.4.1 EASTON (3).PDF

Partners: 10.4.1: Silverman Farms, Easton Agriculture Commission, Samuel Staples Elementary School, the Aspetuck Land Trust, Easton Garden Club

10.6 Plan and Prepare for Extreme Heat

10 Points

Approved Information: 10.6.2a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 10.6 EASTON SCREENSHOT OF WEBSITE.PNG
IMAGE: PLANNING FOR HEAT EMERGENCY-COOLING CENTER-STAY COOL IN EASTON • EASTON, CT.PNG
IMAGE: SCREENSHOT- TOWN OF EASTON-HOW-TO-PREPARE-FOR-EXTREME-HEAT.PNG
PDF: PUBLIC DOC - HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXTREME HEAT RESOURCE FOR EASTON AND REGIONAL HEAT EVENTS
IMAGE: COOILING CENTER- POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK POST 7-2-26.PNG
IMAGE: COOLING CENTER - EASTON POICE DEPT INSTAGRAM POST 2026.PNG
IMAGE: COOLING CENTER - POST ON TOWN WEBSITE 7-14-26.PNG
IMAGE: EXAMPLE 1- LIBRARY AMENITIES.JPG
IMAGE: EXAMPLE 2 LIBRARY AMENITIES.JPG
IMAGE: EXAMPLE 3 - LIBRARY AMENITIES.JPG
IMAGE: EXAMPLE 4- LIBRARY AMENITIES .JPG
WORD: 10.6.2_WORKSHEET_EASTON.DOCX

Documentation Details: 10.6.2 Town of Easton Worksheet

Additional Information: The Town of Easton ensures broad, redundant public notification of extreme heat events, cooling center openings, and related safety guidance through a coordinated, multi-channel communication strategy that reaches residents electronically, in print, and by phone. Digital channels: Notifications are posted by the Easton Police Department on its Facebook and Instagram accounts, and as CivicAlerts on the Town of Easton municipal website (eastonct.gov), where they surface across multiple town pages. Additional updates are distributed through e-newsletters from the First Selectman's Office, the Police Chief, and the Senior Center. Phone: Residents needing direct assistance during extreme heat can call the Town's dedicated line (203-268-4111), reaching staff who help connect them to relief resources, in addition to the statewide 2-1-1 line. Print channels: Physical notices are posted at high-traffic community locations, including the Easton Public Library, Town Hall, and the Police Department. The Senior Center's newsletter — printed and mailed to the 3000 households in town — provides an additional non-digital touchpoint reaching residents regardless of internet access. Notifications include specific, actionable detail — such as exact cooling center hours by location and day, adjusted for holidays and staffing — rather than general heat-safety reminders alone, as demonstrated in the Town's July 2026 extreme heat alert, which specified operating hours for the Library and Senior Center cooling sites through a multi-day heat event. This layered approach ensures extreme heat warnings and cooling center information reach residents across age groups, technology access levels, and communication preferences, supporting an equitable and effective public health response before and during heat events.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 11.1.1 EASTON.PDF

Documentation Details: https://www.eastonct.gov/1707/Advisory-Committee-Affordable-Housing-Co

Partners: 11.1.1: Partner with land use boards, commissions, and departments concerning applications that include affordable housing provisions as part of the approval process. Provides a point of contact and a forum for advocacy groups, not-for-profit organizations, and developers on matters pertaining to affordable housing. Represents Easton in regional forums and collaborations relevant to affordable housing. Also a partner to the City of Bridgeport; during equity trainings, opportunities for increased engagement and managing outreach surfaced and were supported.

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:

PDF: 12.2.2 EASTON.PDF

Documentation Details: https://eastonct.gov/2168/Homelessness-and-Housing-Instability

Partners: 12.2.2(none)

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

35 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 - 35 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 13.1 HISTORIC RESOURCES.PDF

WORD: 13.1 GROW A ROW.DOCX

Documentation Details: Link to eCode: https://ecode360.com/EA2974/laws/LF2073360.pdf Link to meeting minutes: https://www.eastonct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8181/Annual-Town-Meeting-Minutes-04---29---2024 Link to Grow a Row: https://www.eastonct.gov/1219/Municipal-Agent-for-the-Aging

Partners: None