Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Ledyard was certified on October 01, 2026 with 205 points. Listed below is information regarding Ledyard'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 Ledyard 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 Ledyard, 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: SUSTCTEQUITY_UPDATED.PDF

Documentation Details: Walk Audit Toolkit: Walk audit occurred August 2026.

Partners: 1.1 (Equity Tool Kit): None

1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.1 - 10 points

Documentation Details: Action 1.2.1 Participate in Equity Training - REQUIRED for Gold Certification. Three qualified members attended the Spring Session of the Sustainable CT Equity Training Series on March 11, 2026, March 25, 2026, and April 8, 2026. The members that attended all three training events are Beth Ribe (Ledyard Sustainable CT Ad Committee Member), Elected Official Jessica Buhle (Ledyard Town Councilor), and Chrstine Dias (Town of Ledyard, Director of Human Resources).

Partners: Three qualified members attended the Spring Session of the Sustainable CT Equity Training Series on March 11, 2026, March 25, 2026, and April 8, 2026. The members that attended all three training events are Beth Ribe (Ledyard Sustainable CT Ad Committee Member), Elected Official Jessica Buhle (Ledyard Town Councilor), and Chrstine Dias (Town of Ledyard, Director of Human Resources).

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

20 Points

Approved Information: 1.3.1 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: ACTION 1.3.1TCEQUITYRESOLTION REC070926.PDF

Documentation Details: See attached letter to Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee Chairman and corresponding resolution passed by the Ledyard Town Council 7/8/26.

Partners: Action 1.3.1: None

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: ERIN BAGDOIAN PROOF OF TRAINING

Documentation Details: Erin Bagdoian, Fiscal Assistant, completed the "Best Practices In Sustainable Procurement" training on April 16, 2026. Her summary of the training is provided here as well as her email will be attached. Key points I took away from this video are: • The importance of including chemicals in sustainable procurement policies o Purchasing office furniture free of flame retardants, limiting usage of anti-bacterial products which can lead to health and environmental problems, and restricting PFS's, VOC's and plastics when purchasing • The importance of town administration's support on sustainable purchasing, especially with engaging with volunteers • Selection considerations and motivation factors around food service packaging and janitorial product • Safer States program helping to pass State and local policies on toxic chemicals in the environment • Guidance on how to start a procurement policy (EPP) This video will lead to changes in my purchasing habits as the land use department's fiscal assistant. When purchasing items like office furniture or cleaning products. I will be intentional to seek out products with minimal environmental impact. I will encourage development of an EPP for the Town, especially with a special designation on our vendor list as discussed during this training. Thank you for sharing this resource with me, I look forward to using the content from this video to make more informed purchasing decisions to protect our environment.

Partners: 2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing: None

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: LEDYARD TOWN WEBSITE SCREENSHOT OF BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Documentation Details: Updated link to Business Directory: https://www.ledyardct.gov/business-directory/ 2.3..1 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services Ledyard Business Directory: https://www.ledyardct.org/759/8815/Business-Directory

Partners: 2.3..1 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services: None

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.2d - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.9.2.D HARWOODEMAIL&DOCUMENTATION REC061826.PDF

Documentation Details: See attached email from Commissioner James Harwood of the Ledyard Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee with all associated documents for action 3.9.2.d Complete a Forest Management Plan.

Partners: Action 3.9.2..d: None

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.10.3.A WEBSITE SCREENSHOT SHOWING INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

PDF: 3.10.3.BHARWOODEMAILEDUCATIONALWORKSHOPREC061826.PDF

Documentation Details: Action 3.10.3.a Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management (5pts) Link to Ledyard Conservation Commission Educational Resources: https://www.ledyardct.org/QuickLinks.aspx?CID=8 Action 3.10.3.b Host or Sponsor An Educational Workshop (5pts) 3.10.3.b - Email from Commissioner Harwood of the Ledyard Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee with educational event information and associated flyer.

Partners: 3.10.3.b: None

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 LEDYARD.PDF

Documentation Details: https://ctvisit.com/listings/town-ledyard

Partners: 4.1.2: CTVisit

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.4 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.5.4 LOCALGOVERNMENTSTATUSCERTIFICATION REC061026.PDF

Documentation Details: See attached email chain between the Ledyard Land Use Department and Mary Dunne of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development and attached Local Government Certification

Partners: Action 5.5.4 "Local Government Status": 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: BETH E RIBE COMPLETE STREET TRAINING SUMMARY 4/30/26

Documentation Details: Action 6.1.2 Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee Member, Beth E Ribe attended Complete Streets Training provided by Smart Growth America on 4/30/26. Summary attached in PDF

Partners: 6.1.2: Smart Growth America hosted the training

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: WORKSHEETS PART1.PDF
PDF: WORKSHEETS PART2.PDF
PDF: WORKSHEETS PART3.PDF
PDF: WORKSHEETS PART4.PDF
PDF: WALKAUDITFLYERDRAFT REC072726.PDF
PDF: WALK AUDIT WORKSHEET AND REPORT.PDF

Documentation Details: File Uploads Work Sheets Part 1-4 show worksheets from walk audit with various maps, comments and observations. Walk audit flyer that was used to promote the event.

Partners: Action 6.5.3 Conduct A Walk Audit: 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: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) AGREEMENT
PDF: C-PACE LEGAL AGREEMENT FILED 2-10-2016
IMAGE: LEDYARD CPACE.PNG

Documentation Details: Link included on panel of resources at the bottom to C-PACE Program information: https://www.ledyardct.gov/departments/land-use/

Partners: Action 7.9.1 Participate in and Promote C-Pace Program: None

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.1.1.A-C HARWOODEMAIL&ATTACHMENTS REC061826.PDF

Documentation Details: See attached email from Commissioner James Harwood of the Ledyard Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee and all supporting documentation to fulfull the requirements of Action 8.1 a, b and c.

Partners: Action 8.1.a 8.1.b, 8.1.c : None

8.3 Train Municipal Representatives

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.3.2a - 5 points; 8.3.2b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.3.2.B IWWCMINUTESDISCUSSIONTRAINING REC060226.PDF

Documentation Details: Action 8.3.a Train Municipal Representatives: Ledyard Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission members who attend CT DEEP's Training for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies are as follows: Justin DeBrodt (11/13/25), Michael Marelli (1/21/25), Robert Graham (Completed 1/18/25) Training Content Description: This online training program allows municipal inland wetlands agencies and their staff to meet the regulatory and training requirements of the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (IWWA). This program instructs and guides agency members and staff on (1) the law they are implementing and enforcing and (2) the resources they are charged with protecting. Municipal inland wetlands agencies have the daunting task of balancing support for their community's economy with the need to protect and restore inland wetland and watercourse resources. This course assists agencies with their responsibilities by examining key sections of the IWWA, important procedures and critical legal concepts for conducting agency business, stream crossing guidelines, habitat enhancement and restoration techniques, maps and site plans, and more! It is strongly recommended that all new municipal inland wetlands agency members and staff complete this training program. Veteran members and staff can benefit from taking the course as it provides a good review of fundamental subject matter. (Description taken from website: https://clear.uconn.edu/training/ct-deep-training-certificate-courses/deep_iwa_training/) 8.3.2.b: Minutes when training was discussed.

Partners: Action 8.3.a Train Municipal Representatives: None

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.4.1 TOWNCOUNCILMEETINGMINUTES.PDF

PDF: 9.4.1 PRESSRELEASE.PDF

PDF: 9.4.1 INFORMATIONALFLYER.PDF

Documentation Details: 9.4.1 Compost Organic Waste See page 12 of Town Council Meeting Minutes (pdf pg 12

Partners: Blue Earth Compost based in Hartford CT worked in collaboration with the Town of Ledyard to implement the program and provide the compost bins.

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: LEDYARD FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION.PDF

Documentation Details: 10.5.1 Host a Farmer's Market See attached link to information for the Ledyard Farmer's Market Committee supported by Town Staff: https://www.ledyardct.gov/boards-committees-commissions/ledyard-farmers-market-committee/ See attached information regarding the Ledyard Farmer's Market Schedule, Weekly on Wednesdays 4pm-7pm, June-September: https://www.ledyardfarmersmarket.org/ The Farmer's Market takes place on Town Owned Property/Park

Partners: 10.5.1 Host a Farmer's Market: None

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

10 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2024 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST

PDF: 2023 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST

WORD: 2025 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST.DOCX

Documentation Details: Action 11.2.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options Ledyard's affordable housing has increased by 0.29% from 3.82% in 2023 to 4.11% in 2024 Ledyard's affordable housing has increased by 0.28% from 3.82% in 2023 to 4.10% in 2025

Partners: Action 11.2.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options: None

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11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT

PDF: FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Documentation Details: Action 11.3.2 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options All resources available on the Ledyard Town Website regarding Fair Housing: https://ct-ledyard3.civicplus.com/318/Fair-HousingEqual-Housing-Opportunities

Partners: Action 11.3.2 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options: 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:

PDF: 12.2.2 SCREENSHOTLEDYARDWEBSITE211INFO REC072026.PDF

Documentation Details: Action 12.2.2. - 211 Information on Ledyard Town Website: https://www.ledyardct.org/60/Social-Services Updated link: https://www.ledyardct.gov/departments/social-services/

Partners: Action 12.2.2. - 211 Information on Ledyard Town Website: None.