Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Middletown, a Sustainable CT gold certified applicant.

Middletown was certified on October 01, 2026 with 800 points. Listed below is information regarding Middletown'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 Middletown 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

40 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 - 40 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: EQUITY TOOLKIT RUSSELL LIBRARY.PDF

PDF: 1.1 PLAY IT FORWARD EQUITY TOOLKIT

PDF: 1.1 MOSAICS ON MAIN EQUITY TOOLKIT.PDF

WORD: 1.1 GOVERNMENT GUIDE EQUITY TOOLKIT.DOCX

Documentation Details: 1.1 Mosaics on Main Equity Toolkit 1.1 Play It Forward Equity Toolkit 1.1 Government Guide Equity Toolkit 1.1 Russell Library Equity Toolkit

Partners: 1.1 Optimize for Equity - Middletown Government Participation Guide (10 points) - Wesleyan University, Russell Library 1.1 Optimize for Equity - Mosaics on Main (10 points) - Mosaics on Main 1.1 Optimize for Equity - Russell Library: At the Center of Our Community (10 points) - Russell Library 1.1 Optimize for Equity - Play It Forward (10 points) - Wesleyan University

Additional Information: 2 other equity toolkits are in development and will be submitted in August.

1.2 Participate in Equity Training – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 1.2_SCT EQUITY TRAINING 2026

Documentation Details: In addition to the 2026 attendees in the attachment, in 2023 the following Middletown personnel attended SCT Equity Training: - Deputy Director of Public Works at the time, Howard Weissburg (spring 2023 training series) - Common Council Member at the time, Edward McKeon (spring 2023 training series)

Partners: None

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: MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION EQUITY POLICY

PDF: MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION EQUITY REGULATIONS

PDF: 1.3 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION EQUITY POLICY IN BOE MINUTES

Documentation Details: Both of the documents linked above can be found on the Board of Education's policy page: https://sites.google.com/mpsct.org/middletownboe/0000-series-mission-goals-objectives?authuser=0. Adoption of the original policy shown on November 8, 2022 Board of Education minutes (item IX.A). Minutes from the December 2025 meeting showing adoption of the revision to the policy were not available as of submission: https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/2423.

Partners: 1.3: None

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 2.1_BROWNFIELD_INVENTORY_LIST.XLSX

Documentation Details: Brownfield Inventory updated 4/10/2026 from Middletown Assessor's Office

Partners: None

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.1 STORMWATER HHW.PDF

WORD: 3.1 PROVIDE WATERSHED EDUATION.DOCX

PDF: 3.1 NO FEED WILDLIFE.PDF

Documentation Details: 3.1 Overview of education programs 3.1 Example of educational material disseminated 3.1 Example of educational material disseminated

Partners: none

3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

25 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.1 - 15 points; 3.2.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.2 CREATE A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

PDF: 3.2.1A COGINCHAUG RIVER WATERSHED BASED PLAN 2008

PDF: 3.2.1A COGINCHAUG RIVER WATERSHED BASED PLAN REVISION 2011

PDF: 3.2.1B AQUIFER PROTECTION AREAS MAP

PDF: 3.2.2 ZONING CODE

Documentation Details: See overview document 3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan Zoning code regulation was completed on 8/6/2026 by Jennifer Kleindienst

Partners: None

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.2- 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.3.2_WATER_PROTECTION_ZONING_CODE_2023.PDF

PDF: 3.3.2_PROTECTION_OF_WATER_SOURCES_1998.PDF

PDF: 3.3.2_ZONING_MAP_JUNE2022.PDF

Documentation Details: Our regulations protect aquifers and watersheds. The zoning code addresses the threat of pollution by prohibiting possible sources of waste water, construction/development dangers, and hazardous materials. 3.3.2_Zoning_Map_June2022 shows the watershed protection areas in blue dashes. 3.3.2, Rolling Credit, Regulations to protect water, zoning codes originally effective 5/26/1998, verified to still be current and relevant 4/18/2023. Zoning Map effective as of 7/21/26.

Partners: 3.3.2 (water protection): None

Additional Information: Zoning map has not been updated since last submission.

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

50 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.1 - 10 points; 3.4.2 - 5 points; 3.4.3 - 10 points; 3.4.4a - 15 points; 3.4.4b - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.4.4B.ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUND 2019
WORD: 3.4.4.A OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS (STANTACK RD + BOSTON RD)
WORD: 3.4.2 WORKSHEET
EXCEL: 3.4.4B OPEN SPACE FUND AMOUNT
PDF: 3.4.3 2020-2030 MIDDLETOWN POCD ADOPTED 1.13.2021
EXCEL: 3.4 MIDDLETOWN OPEN SPACE INVENTORY 2025
WORD: 3.4.3 OPEN SPACE PLAN NARRATIVE
PDF: 3.4.4.A CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE MINUTES JULY 2025 RE: STANTACK RD.
WORD: 3.4.3_WORKSHEET
PDF: 3.4.4.A CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE AGENDA AUGUST 2025 RE: STANTACK RD.
PDF: 3.4.4.A OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION - STANTACK RD. 2025 MAP
PDF: 3.4.4A STANTACK RD OWNERSHIP.PDF
PDF: 3.4.4A MIDDLETOWN STANTACK OPEN SPACE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVAL PG 102.PDF

Documentation Details: 3.4.3: POCD, narrative, worksheet 3.4.4a Open Space Inventory, Stantack Rd Open Space Purchase narrative (with links) and map 3.4.4b Open Space acquisition fund establishment, balance

Partners: None

3.8 Implement Low Impact Development

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.8.1a- 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.8.1A LID EDUCATION
PDF: 3.8.1A LID EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET
PDF: 3.8.1A EPA STORMWATER RUNOFF GUIDE WITH REFERENCE TO LID

Documentation Details: See overview document.

Partners: None

3.9 Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests

65 Points

Approved Information: 3.9.1 - 5 points; 3.9.2a - 10 points; 3.9.2b - 10 points; 3.9.2d - 10 points; 3.9.3 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.9.2.D.FOREST_MANAGEMENT_PLAN

IMAGE: 3.9.3 LETTER FROM AMERICAN CHESTNUT FOUNDATION

IMAGE: 3.9.3 S. MAIN STREET TREES 1

PDF: 3.9.1 URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 2026 02 26.PDF

IMAGE: 3.9.3 S. MAIN STREET TREES 2

PDF: 3.9.1 COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE BYLAWS.PDF

WORD: 3.9.1 URBAN FORESTRY & CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS SCREENSHOT.DOCX

PDF: 3.9.1 COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION & AGRICULTURE MEETING MINUTES 2026 02 17.PDF

WORD: 3.9.3 ACTION NARRATIVE

PDF: 3.9.3 CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE MINUTES JULY 2025 - RECENT OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PDF: 3.9.2D COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION & AGRICULTURE MINUTES 2026 05 SHOWING RELEVANCE OF WILCOX MGT PLAN

WORD: 3.9.2 WORKSHEET 1

WORD: 3.9.2 WORKSHEET 2

Partners: None

Additional Information: Please note that the City has two bodies responsible for trees and woodlands. The Urban Forestry Commission monitors trees along streets and roads and in parks. It identifies trees that need to be removed and oversees planting and care of trees, especially in underserved parts of the City. The Conservation and Agriculture Commission's Open Space Management Committee, mandated in the Commission's bylaws, is responsible for woodlands that form part of the City's open space.

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

30 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.1a - 10 points; 3.10.2 - 15 points; 3.10.3a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.10.1A NO ARBORICULTURAL SPECIFICATIONS MANUAL
PDF: 3.10.1A UFC MINUTES MAY 2026
PDF: 3.10.1A UFC MINUTES JUNE 2026
WORD: 3.10.1A REVIEW PROCESS
IMAGE: 3.10.3A SCREENSHOT OF INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON CITY WEBSITE
PDF: 3.10.3A INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON CITY WEBSITE
PDF: 3.10.2 INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL AT MIDDEN PARK AND COGINCHAUG RIVER
PDF: 3.10.3 A_INVASIVE PLANTS INFO ON WEBSITE
IMAGE: 3.10.3 A_INVASIVE SPECIES SCREENSHOT 2026-07-27

Documentation Details: 3.10.1a Regulations Review (4 documents) 3.10.3a Invasive species education resources available on City Website 3.10.3b, New Action Credit, invasive species educational workshop, held 4/26/26

Partners: 3.10.3.b (workshop): City of Middletown partnered with the Town of Middlefield's Economic Development Committee, Wesleyan University Sustainability Office, The Rockfall Foundation, Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, Middletown Garden Club, Everyone Outside, and The Jonah Center for Earth and Art to publicize this event.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.12 NARRATIVE

Partners: Middletown Pollinator Pathway runs many relevant events and conducts outreach and education with City support. Along with the City, Middletown Pollinator Pathway works with a few key nonprofit partners for their programming, including Middletown Garden Club, The Rockfall Foundation, and the Jonah Center for Earth and Art.

Additional Information: For the last five years Middletown has employed a part-time City Gardener, Patsy Mylchreest, a past president of the Middletown Garden Club. She has been adding pollinator-friendly native plants to existing plantings and designing and developing new pollinator-friendly plantings. The Parks Supervisor has authorized her to use the division's credit card for purchases of plants and shrubs. The gardener receives a quantity discount and pays no sales tax on her purchases, and makes sure that the plant material she obtains from a few trusted sources is free of neonicotinoids and other pesticides toxic to pollinators and wildlife in general.

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_CTVISIT_MIDDLETOWN_PROFILE.PDF

Documentation Details: 4.1.2, Rolling Credit, Profile on CTVisit, still current, relevant, and accessible as of 7/21/26

Partners: 4.1.2: CTVisit lists our municipality and its many attractions

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4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

30 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2 - 5 points; 4.2.3 - 10 points; 4.2.5 - 5 points; 4.2.13 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 4.2.13 SUSTAINABLE CT- MIDDLETOWN 2026- ODDFELLOWS.PDF

PDF: 4.2.13 SUSTAINABLE CT- MIDDLETOWN 2026- MOSAICS ON MAIN (1).PDF

PDF: 4.2.3 SUSTAINABLE CT- MIDDLETOWN 2026- ARTIST GRANTS AND FUNDING.PDF

PDF: 4.2.2 SUSTAINABLE CT- MIDDLETOWN 2026- MUNICIPAL MARKETTING OF THE ARTS.PDF

PDF: 4.2.5 SUSTAINABLE CT- MIDDLETOWN 2026- MCA.PDF

Documentation Details: 4.2.3: While there is much more than the examples listed above for artist grants and funding, the grants listed above fit the description. Grants are distributed through the city run Middletown Commission for Arts- the MCA. 4.2.2: The arts are marketted through the city in many different avenues, with a notable one being the city's Arts and Culture section of it's webpage and the "Notify Me" list serve, created by the Arts and Culture Coordinator of Middletown: Kisha Michael. 4.2.5: The MCA is truly a pride of Middletown, and has been going strong since 1972. 4.2.13 Oddfellows Playhouse is a great circus youth program, sponsored by the city which teaches children athletics and arts alike.

Partners: 4.2.2 (publicity and marketing): None 4.2.3 (arts budget): None 4.2.5 (arts & culture commission): None 4.2.13 (Oddfellows): Oddfellows

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.1 WORKSHEET 1.PDF

Documentation Details: 5.1 Worksheet on how the 5.1 goals are integrated into Middletown's 2020-30 plan.

Partners: 5.1 (Integrate Sustainability into POCD): Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission collaborated with the City to create the POCD that integrates sustainability.

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1- 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: (5.3.1)Z2021-5_APPROVED_TEXT_AMENDMENT_FARM_MARKETS_AND_FARM_STANDS_2023.PDF

PDF: (5.3.1) Z2021-6_APPROVED_TEXT_AMENDMENT_FARM_BREWERIES,_WINERIES,_CIDERIES_2023.PDF

Documentation Details: 5.3.1: Changes to zoning regulations supporting a) farm breweries, wineries, and cideries can be found in document 5.3.1 Z2021-6 and b) farm markets and farm stands can be found in document 5.3.1 Z2021-5. 5.3.1, New Action Credit, change zoning regulations to further support agriculture, 8/11/21 for farm markets and 9/22/23 for breweries/wineries/cideries.

Partners: 5.3.1 (zoning regulations): None

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

35 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.1a - 10 points; 5.4.1b - 5 points; 5.4.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.4.2_FINAL DRAFT MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - JULY 2026

PDF: 5.4 WORKSHEET 1 (1).PDF

PDF: 5.4 WORKSHEET 2.PDF

Documentation Details: 5.4.2 Final Draft of the Middletown Community Resilience Building Summary of Findings from July, 2026 5.4.1a Worksheet detailing primary climate impacts found from Community Resilience Building Workshop form July, 2026 and River Cogs Natural Hazard and Mitigation Plan 2026 5.4.1b Worksheet detailing secondary climate impacts found from Community Resilience Building Workshop form July, 2026 and River Cogs Natural Hazard and Mitigation Plan 2026

Partners: 5.4.1a (climate vulnerability assessment): River COG, the CT Nature Conservancy 5.4.2 - The CT Nature Conservancy

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5.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.6.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 5.6.2 SOLSMART CERTIFICATION

PDF: 5.6.2. MIDDLETOWN SOLSMART APPLICATION

PDF: 5.6.2 SOLSMART PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

Documentation Details: 5.6.2 Documentation showing Middletown has achieved Silver status in the national SolSmart community designation program

Partners: None

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2 - 5 points; 6.1.6 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS POLICY ADOPTION.PDF
PDF: 6.1.3_WORKSHEET (1).PDF
PDF: 6.1.3_COMPLETE STREETS MASTERPLAN
WORD: 6.1.3 COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE ADOPTION.PDF.DOCX
PDF: 6.1.1_COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE INFO
WORD: 6.1.6_WORKSHEET_REV.DOCX
PDF: 6.1.1_COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES_JUNE 2026
PDF: 2025 PZC BUS STOP SHELTERS APPVD.PDF
PDF: 6.1.2_COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

Documentation Details: 6.1.1 Complete Streets Committee Information 6.1.2 Complete Streets training 6.1.3 Complete Streets Master Plan 6.1.3 Worksheet 1 (moved to action 6.5.4 due to feedback) 6.1.3 Complete Streets Ordinance Adoption

Partners: none

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.4 - 10 points; 6.4.5 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.4.5 - PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR EV CHARGING STATIONS AT 3 LOCATIONS
WORD: 6.4.5 - NEW EV CHARGING STATIONS WITH PICTURES
WORD: 6.4.4 MIDDLETOWN EV ASSESSMENT

Documentation Details: 6.4.4: ZEV charging infrastructure assessment narrative 6.4.5: Purchase agreement between the City of Middletown and ESC Engineering for EV charging stations at 3 locations in Middletown.

Partners: None

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.2 - 5 points; 6.5.4 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.5.4 WORKSHEET 2

PDF: 6.5.4 COMPLETE STREETS MASTER PLAN

PDF: 6.5.4_COMPLETESTREETSPRIORITYROUTESMAP2023.PDF

PDF: 6.5.4 MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

IMAGE: 6.5.2_BICYCLE RODEO - HELMET GIVEAWAY FLIER 2026

IMAGE: 6.5.2_BIKE SAFETY EVENT AT HEALTH AND SAFETY DAY EVENT

Documentation Details: 6.5.2_Bicycle Rodeo - Helmet Giveaway Flier 2026 - This event took place at the 2026 Middletown Health and Safety Day and was co-sponsored by the City of Middletown, the City Police Department and the Kawanis Club. 6.5.4 - Worksheet 2 6.5.4 - Complete Streets Master Plan including bike ped routes 6.5.4 - Identified priority routes 6.5.4 - Master Plan adoption meeting minutes

Partners: 6.5.2: City of Middletown Police Department

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: 7.1.1 DATA REQUEST%3ASUSTAINABLE CT 2025 SUBMISSION FOR ACTION 7.1.XLSX

Partners: 7.1.1 - none

7.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.4.2 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 7.4.2 MIDDLETOWN LF SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENT-CERTIFICATION REPORT

WORD: 7.4.2 SOLAR PROJECT OFFICIALLY COMPLETED AT FORMER LANDFILL IN MIDDLETOWN.DOCX

Documentation Details: 7.4.2 - A project description can be found on page 2-1 of "Middletown LF Solar PV Development-Certification Report". 7.4.2 - News article describing the project in "Solar Project Officially Completed At Former Landfill in Middletown.docx

Partners: 7.4.2 - Verogy was the contractor for this project

7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: 7.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PRESS RELEASE PARAGRAPH

IMAGE: 7.7 COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

IMAGE: 7.7 COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN LANDLORD INFORMATION EVENT: FINAL LANDLORD INVITE - MIDDLETOWN

PDF: 7.7 ARTIFACTS

PDF: 7.7_WORKSHEET_1

PDF: 7.7 IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN - NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA AD

Documentation Details: New items: 7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign - Advertisement material printed in local newspaper and posted on social media pages. 7.7 Community Energy Campaign Landlord Information Event flier 7.7 Community Energy Campaign Grant Award notification shows confirmation of receipt of a grant from EnergizeCT to support our energy campaign initiative. 7.7 Community Energy Partnership press release includes language approved by Eversource representative to announce the receipt of a grant from EnergizeCT to promote energy efficiency audits of homes. Ongoing: 7.7 Community Energy Campaign Overview covers audience engagement, examples of outreach materials, campaign start and end dates, campaign results, and lessons learned. 7.7 Community Energy Campaign Events includes descriptions of campaign events and the number of participants at each event. We are submitting two community energy campaigns for credit —the HeatSmart Program and HeatSmart Round 2 Program —and these documents contain information about both campaigns. 7.7.1, New Action Credit, Implement a community energy campaign, HeatSmart Program began 7/22/21, HeatSmart Round 2 Program began 7/20/22

Partners: 7.7.1: HeatSmart Program - New Action: Jonah Center for Earth and Art - community organization helping reach income-eligible population in rental units and multi-family housing.

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 C-PACE LEGAL AGREEMENT.PDF

PDF: 7.9.1 C-PACE RESOLUTION.PDF

PDF: 7.9.1 C-PACE LINK AND SCREENSHOT.PDF

Documentation Details: 7.9.1 C-PACE legal agreement and resolution provided

Partners: None

7.10 Support Battery Storage Solutions

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 7.10.2 WORKSHEET

Documentation Details: This review was completed by Marek Kozikowski, Director of Land Use, in August 2026.

Partners: None

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 TEMPLATE 2026 CERTIFICATION.XLSX

Documentation Details: 8.1 Host Sustainability events

Partners: 8.1.1 (sustainability events): Please see the worksheet for information on partnerships.

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.2 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY 2019
WORD: 8.2.1A WORKSHEET
PDF: 8.2.1B MAYOR'S EMAIL 2026 08 14
WORD: 8.2.1B COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION
PDF: 8.2 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY 2026 REVISION

Partners: none

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

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.4.1- 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.4 COMMUNITY MATCH FUND AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.PDF

Documentation Details: 8.4 Community Match Fund - list of 2 projects and description of each project

Partners: QPlusCT and CNTR

8.6 Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.6.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2025 PZC BUS STOP SHELTERS APPVD.PDF

WORD: 8.6_WORKSHEET_REV.DOCX

Documentation Details: The 4/26/26 invasive plant workshop included an invasive plant removal component at the City's Veterans' Park with representatives from the City of Middletown and Town of Middlefield.

Partners: 8.6/3.10.3.b workshop: City of Middletown partnered with the Town of Middlefield's Economic Development Committee, Wesleyan University Sustainability Office, The Rockfall Foundation, Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, Middletown Garden Club, Everyone Outside, and The Jonah Center for Earth and Art to publicize this event.

Additional Information: Will submit photos for the invasive plant workday post-event on 4/26

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 9.4_DESCRIPTION OF COMPOSTING PROGRAMS.DOCX

PDF: 9.4_FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION REPORT_BLUE EARTH_ JULY 2026.PDF

Documentation Details: 9.4.1 Description of food waste collection programs 9.4.1 Weight report from Blue Earth for Feed the Earth Program

Partners: 9.4.1 Blue Earth Compost (Circular Services) for food scrap collection programs; RiverCOG for Compost Bin Sales

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.4 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: PLAY IT FORWARD POSTER:FLYER.PDF

PDF: 9.5.4_PLAYITFORWARD_WASTEREDUCTIONDESCRIPTION..PDF

PDF: MIDDELTOWN RECREATION CENTER PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION.PDF

PDF: MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERSHIP DESCRIPTION (MIDDLETOWN PAL).PDF

PDF: DONATION CHECKLIST.PDF

PDF: PLAY IT FORWARD - BINS LIST.PDF

IMAGE: COLLETION BIN AT MIDDLETOWN RECREATION CENTER.JPG

PDF: PLAY IT FORWARD - DONATION COUNT.PDF

PDF: MACIE CARLOS '27 IS "PLAYING IT FORWARD"_ STUDENT'S PROGRAM REPURPOSES GEAR FOR MIDDLETOWN ATHLETES – THE WESLEYAN ARGUS.PDF

WORD: 9.5.4_COLLABORATIVE_REPAIR_CAFS.DOCX

IMAGE: 9.5.4_REPAIR_CAFÉ_2026_VISITOR_FORM.HEIC

Documentation Details: Play It Forward Waste Reduction Description: Overview of Play It Forward including mission and goals, collection logistics, KPI, and long-term goals Play It Forward Poster/Flyer: Informational flyer with QR code leading to social media links, bin location, donation guidelines, and more information Middletown Recreation Center Partnership Description: Confirmation on partnership with Middletown Recreation Center Middletown Police Department Partnership Description: Confirmation on partnership with Middletown Police Department on Middletown PAL Donation Checklist: Donation guidelines on what shoes and clothes to donate Play It Forward - Bins List: List of bin locations and their fullness status Play It Forward - Donation Count - Record of cleaned donation with estimated amount of waste diverted from landfill Collection Bin at Middletown Recreation Center: Photo of Collection bin at one of the partner sites The Wesleyan Argus: Article on how Play It Forward was created and operates 9.5.4 collaborative repair cafes doc outlines the details of the repair cafe events. 9.5.4 repair cafe visitor form is a form to be filled out by visitors of the repair cafe events.

Partners: Middletown Recreation Center partnered with Play It Forward by serving as a municipal collection and distribution parter, and promoting Play It Forward within the community. The Middletown Police Department that runs Middletown PAL supports the program by accepting donated athletic shoes and clothes for distribution to youth participants in its sports programs. Through these partnerships, the municipality plays an active role in facilitating reuse, reducing textile waste, and increasing access to sports.

Additional Information: N/A

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.1 Encourage an Equitable and Just Food System

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.1.4 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.1.4_DESCRIPTION_OF_FORUM.PDF

IMAGE: 10.1.4_HAVENS_HARVEST_MEETING_FLYER.PNG

Documentation Details: 10.1.4, New Action Credit, Hold a community food forum, 7/10/23

Partners: 10.1.4 (food forum): Haven's Harvest led the community meeting and gave an informational presentation on food rescue. Middletown promoted the event, and as a result both municipal employees and community members, including representatives of the Community Health Center and the Amazing Grace food pantry, attended. The Mayor spoke about his past work with food rescue and how he intends to continue this work in his current role.

Additional Information: Haven's Harvest brought a selection of appetizing and attractively presented recovered foods and encouraged us to view eating recovered food not as taboo but rather as a way to avoid wasting good food that anyone can enjoy.

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.3.3_FIELD_USAGE_ORDINANCE.PDF

PDF: 10.3.4_NO_IDLING_SIGNS.PDF

Documentation Details: The prohibition on smoking of tobacco and illegal drugs in parks can be found in Section D.3.a of "10.3.3_Field_Usage_Ordinance." Section H extends the State regulations on pesticide applications from 0-8 public and private school grounds to all Middletown playing fields and parks, regardless of the age of users. 10.3.3, Rolling Credit, Policy to reduce tobacco usage, ordinance last updated 4/1/2019, policy still current and relevant. 10.3.4, Rolling Credit, No-Idling signs have not been installed in the past three years, but signs are still relevant, visible, in good condition, and functioning.

Partners: 10.3.3 (policy to ban smoking in public areas): None 10.3.4 (idling prevention): State of Connecticut DEEP

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.4.CULTIVATING_JUSTICE_MILLER-BRIDGE_STREET_COMMUNITY_GARDEN.PDF

Documentation Details: 10.4 Cultivating Justice Miller-Bridge Street Community Garden contains the required elements for this action, including photos at the bottom. We are submitting this in conjunction with our Action 1.1 submission; more detail about the community garden's background can be found there if needed. 10.4.1, New Action Credit, Develop and promote inclusive spaces and programs that provide opportunities for residents to engage in local farming, Miller Street Park garden workday 7/8/23

Partners: 10.4.1: Cultivating Justice

Additional Information: The property earmarked for Cultivating Justice farming activity belongs to the City of Middletown, and is used with its permission.

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:

IMAGE: 10.5.1.FACEBOOK_HEADER_SCREENSHOT

IMAGE: 10.5.1.FACEBOOK_MARKET_DAYS_SCREENSHOT

IMAGE: 10.5.1,TWITTER_SCREENSHOT

IMAGE: 10.5.1,_AND_10.5.2 MIDDLETOWN_FARMERS_MARKET_FLYER.JPG

IMAGE: 10.5.1.INSTAGRAM_SCREENSHOT

Documentation Details: 10.5.1: Host a farmers' market (15 points) The City of Middletown operates one farmers' market each Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM from June through October (20 weeks each year) on the South Green (corner of Main St. and South Main St). The North End Action Team, a local nonprofit, ran the farmers' market from 2010 through 2019; the City of Middletown took over the market in 2020. Each year, the market has a variety of vendors, including at least four that sell Connecticut-grown fresh produce. 2023 market dates are June 30 through October 27. The City supports the market through advertising on the City website (https://www.middletownct.gov/1198/Middletown-Farmers-Market), a banner on Main Street, and funding a part-time farmers' market manager position. In addition to advertising through these means, the market manager advertises on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and hangs posters and shares marketing via email to local businesses for the market. 10.5.2: Support FMNP/EBT (30 points) The Middletown Farmers' Market on the South Green accepts FMNP vouchers and EBT/SNAP for the entire market and has since 2020. Eligible FMNP and EBT recipients present their card/show their app at the Farmers' Market information tent to receive "double dollars" to effectively double their spending power. There will be a doubling cap in 2023 due to limited funding, which came through the City's CDBG grant process. This process is advertised via the poster, Main Street banner, and social media pages noted in 10.5.1. 10.5.3: Improve accessibility (0 points) The City operated a shuttle bus service in 2020 but had low ridership numbers. In 2022, Middletown Transit Authority donated several round-trip bus passes that were used by 4 residents. 10.5.1, 10.5.2: New Action Credit

Partners: 10.5.1: Middletown Commission on the Arts, Connecticut Grown 10.5.2: CT Fresh Match

Additional Information: The City of Middletown operates one farmers' market each Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM from June through October (20 weeks each year) on the South Green (corner of Main St. and South Main St). The North End Action Team, a local nonprofit, ran the farmers' market from 2010 through 2019; the City of Middletown took over the market in 2020. Each year, the market has a variety of vendors, including at least four that sell Connecticut-grown fresh produce. 2023 market dates are June 30 through October 27. The City supports the market through advertising on the City website (https://www.middletownct.gov/1198/Middletown-Farmers-Market), a banner on Main Street, and funding a part-time farmers' market manager position. In addition to advertising through these means, the market manager advertises on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and hangs posters and shares marketing via email to local businesses for the market. The Middletown Farmers' Market on the South Green accepts FMNP vouchers and EBT/SNAP for the entire market and has since 2020. Eligible FMNP and EBT recipients present their card/show their app at the Farmers' Market information tent to receive "double dollars" to effectively double their spending power. There will be a doubling cap in 2023 due to limited funding, which came through the City's CDBG grant process. This process is advertised via the poster, Main Street banner, and social media pages noted in 10.5.1.

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

40 Points

Approved Information: 10.7.2 - 10 points; 10.7.3 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.7.1.OUTDOOR EVENT

PDF: 10.7.2_WORKSHEET_1.DOCX.PDF

PDF: 10.7.3 IMPROVEMENTS_RESTORATION.PDF

Documentation Details: 10.7.1 - description of outdoor event 10.7.2 - worksheet 1 10.7.3 - description of improvements to open space

Partners: the Jonah Center for Earth and Art and see list in Worksheet 1

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:

PDF: 11.2 SUSTAINABLE CT- MIDDLETOWN 2026- AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST.PDF

Documentation Details: 11.2.1: The most recent CT Department of Housing Affordable Housing Appeals List from 2025 shows that Middletown 23.13% affordable housing.

Partners: 11.2.1: None

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 12.1._MUNICIPAL_HOMELESSNESS_LIAISON_AND_TASK_FORCE.PDF

PDF: 12.1.1.A_RELATIONSHIP_DESCRIPTION.PDF

PDF: 12.1.2_HOMELESSNESS_TASK_FORCE_MEETING_MINUTES_JUNE2023.PDF

Documentation Details: 12.1_Municipal_Homelessness_Liaison_and_Task_Force has the hyperlink and screenshot which provides documentation for both 12.1.1.a (municipal liaison) and 12.1.2 (homelessness task force members and organizations). 12.1.1.a: New Action Credit, Municipal Liaison for homelessness services, position created 7/20/2023 12.1.1: New Action Credit, Task force to address homelessness, meeting 6/13/2023

Partners: 12.1.1.a (municipal liaison): None 12.1.2 (homelessness task force): Members from the following organizations serve on this task force: City of Middletown Police Force, Russell Library, Columbus House, Grace and Mercy Ministries, Middlesex Hospital, Middlesex/Meriden/Wallingford CAN, Ministerial Health Fellowship, Revolution 360 Degrees, River Valley Services, Street Fire Ministries, St. Vincent DePaul, The Connection - Eddy Shelter. Municipal employees also serve on this task force and host the meetings (which take place monthly).

12.3 Collect and Share Homelessness Data

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.3.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 12.3.PDF

Documentation Details: 12.3.1, I pulled different information both from CT counts, and additionally from the Middlesex Wellness survey.

Partners: 12.3.1 (homelessness data): CAN Coordinator gathered this data from the CT counts site.

Additional Information: I was unable to find the youth data within these surveys. However, they have so much invaluable information on homelessness I am submitting this action anyways in hopes that the plethora additional information that the Middlesex survey provides will make up for this deficiency.

12.4 Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.4.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 12.4.1_WORKSHEET_1.DOCX

WORD: 12.4.2_WORKSHEET_2.DOCX

PDF: 12.4.1_FY24_BUDGET_SHELTER_SERVICES_FUNDING.PDF

EXCEL: 12.4.2_CT_EMERGENCY_SHELTER_LIST_2021-2.XLSX

Documentation Details: In document 12.4.1_FY24_Budget_Shelter_Services_Funding, the farthest right column (labeled City Council) is the amount that is officially approved for the budget. Document 12.4.2_CT_Emergency_Shelter_List_2021 is courtesy of CAN's website. 12.4, Rolling Credit, Shelters have existed in Middletown since before 2020, list is current and relevant as of 7/31/2023; budgeting has been allocated to address homelessness in years prior to this application timeframe, fiscal year 2024 budget approved 6/7/2023.

Partners: 12.4.1 (Municipal funds to address homelessness): None 12.4.2 (Shelters available): all shelters listed are places in the CAN

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

25 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 - 25 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 13.1 MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION GUIDE NARRATIVE

PDF: 13.1 GOVT GUIDE LAUNCH SLIDES

PDF: 13.1 GUÍA DE PARTICIPACIÓN DEL GOBIERNO DE MIDDLETOWN

PDF: 13.1 MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION GUIDE 2.0 - ENGLISH

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