Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Preston, a Sustainable CT silver certified applicant.

Preston was certified on May 28, 2026 with 505 points. Listed below is information regarding Preston'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 Preston 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 Preston, 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

30 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 1.1 OPTIMIZE EQUITY SUSTAINABLE PRESTON
PDF: 5.3.1 RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE - PRESTON
PDF: 5.3.1 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
PDF: 5.3.1 CT EXAMINER ARTICLE
PDF: 5.3.1 ZONING REGULATIONS
WORD: 2.3.2 WORKSHEET PRESTON PASSPORT
PDF: 2.3.2 PRESTON PASSPORT
WORD: 4.2.10 SUPPORT ART & CULTURE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES
WORD: PLANNING AND ZONING SURVEY RESULTS
WORD: PYSB SURVEY RESULTS
WORD: 1.1.1 FOR ACTIONACTIVITY 2.3.2.DOCX
PDF: PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS
WORD: 1.1.1 FOR ACTIONACTIVITY 4.2.10 SUSTAINABLE PRESTON.DOCX
PDF: STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY RESULTS

Documentation Details: This toolkit was completed for Action 5.3.1 Develop Agricultural Friendly Practices 5.3.1 Preston's zoning policies that support farming include Permitted and Accessory Uses (5.3.1 Town of Preston Zoning Regulations Sections 5.2.14 pg. 28, 11.7.1.15 pg. 47 -48 16.9 pg. 79 and 18.18 pages 117 - 119.) Regulations allowing agricultural signage and farm signs. (Section 5.1.8 pg.26) Farm markets and roadside stands. (Section 5.1.5 and 5.1.8 pg. 26, 5.2.9 and 5.2.10 pg. 27) 5.3.1 Special Town meeting accepting the Right to Farm Ordinance 5.3.1 Right to Farm ordinance document 1.1.1 Optimize for Equity was completed for Action 2.3.2 Develop, implement and maintain an ongoing “buy local” campaign 2.3.2 require worksheet 2.3.2 Passport to Preston document 1.1.1 Optimize for Equity was completed for Action 4.2.10 Support Art & Culture library activities. 4.2.10 Supporting library activities All surveys that supported our equity toolkits

Partners: Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission (CAC), Kathy Warzecha, Town Planner, Preston's Planning and Zoning Commission, 442 Preston residents that replied to the survey, Preston's farming community, CT Department of Agriculture and the CT Farm Bureau. 2.3.2 First Selectwoman, Director of Parks, Rec, Youth and Senior Services, Preston’s Eastern Regional Tourism District liaison, Sloop Printing, Quinn & Hary Consultation, participating businesses, Town staff, and various community supporters, supporting documents strategic planning survey results, Planning and Zoning survey results. 4.2.10 Parks, Recreation and Youth Services, Preston Public Library, Friends of the Preston Library and Selectmen Office. Supporting documents Parks and Recreation survey results and Preston Youth Services Advisory Board survey results.

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

45 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 - 15 points; 2.1.4 - 20 points; 2.1.6 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 2.1.6 PRESTON SOLICITS DEVELOPERS' RIVERWALK MEDIA

PDF: 2.1.4 PARCEL 5 REPORT

EXCEL: 2.1.1 BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY WITH MAP

PDF: 2.1.4 PARCEL 1 REPORT

WORD: 2.1.6 MARKETING MATERIALS

WORD: PARCEL ID CLARIFICATION

Documentation Details: 2.1 Parcel ID clarification; The marketing and LEP verification reports did not use the town's GIS parcel ID. This is a document to clarify that information. 2.1.1_Brownfield Inventory with map 2.1.4 Tighe and Bond LEP Verification Report for Parcels 1 & 5. 2.1.6_Markerting materials. The inventory and map were created on August 1, 2024 (map is dated in the upper left-hand corner).

Partners: Partners for 2.1.4 were Tighr & Bond and the Preston Redevelopment Agency Partners for 2.1.6 were Fuss & O'Neil and Jones Lang LaSalle

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2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 2.3.2 WORKSHEET

PDF: 2.3.2 PRESTON PASSPORT

PDF: 2.3.2 WEBSITE LINKS

Documentation Details:

Partners: Funding for this project came in part from a The Eastern Regional Tourism District (ERTD) fiscal year 2025 Regional Marketing Partnership Program grant.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.1.2 SECCHI DISK MONITORING.DOCX

WORD: 3.1.2 SECCHI DISK MONITORING PHOTOS

WORD: 3.1.2 SECCHI DISK MONITORING UPDATE

Partners: Town of Preston, Amos Lake Association, Inc.

3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.1a-c - 10 points; 3.2.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.2.1 WATERSHED ACTION PLAN DOCUMENT

PDF: 3.2.1 MAP INDEX.PDF

PDF: 3.2.1 MAPS

PDF: 3.2.1 WILDLIFE

PDF: 3.2.3 WATERSHED BASED PLAN

PDF: 3.2.3 2022 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

WORD: 3.2.3 WORKSHEET

WORD: 3.2.3 ACTION PLAN

PDF: 3.2.3 REVIEWED REGULATIONS

Documentation Details: 3.2.1a 3.2.3 Watershed Based Plan was prepared by Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD). It was beyond the scope of this Plan to conduct a full Natural Resources Inventory. 3.2.1 Watershed Action Plan document indexes all the references to a Natural Resources Inventory. 3.2.1b map index and 3.2.1 maps is an updated town wide Natural Resources Inventory including the watershed. 3.2.1 Wildlife is a wildlife guide and data base prepared by the Amos Lake Association, Inc. 3.2.3Watershed Based Plan was prepared in 2015, 3.2.3 2022 Assessment update provides an interpretation of both the 2015 Amos Lake Abbreviated Watershed-Based Plan as well as information gathered during a watershed monitoring trip to Amos Lake during the 2022 season. The goal of this project is to develop recommendations to better manage Amos Lake's watershed to promote a healthy waterbody. 3.2.3 Action Plan is an action plan in cooperation of the Town Planner, PZC, and Amos Lake Association with the assistant of ECCD and The Last Green Vally Water Quality Coordinator. 3.2.3 Worksheet is required. The plan is still relevant and used by the municipality.

Partners: Preston Town Planner, Planning Zoning Commission, Amos Lake Association, Eastern Connecticut Conservation District and The Last Green Vally Water Quality Coordinator

Additional Information: 4/1/2026 Created in 2015, the watershed-based plan remains relevant by addressing water quality issues and promoting sustainable resource management. It includes a clear schedule, interim milestones, progress benchmarks toward water quality goals and load reduction, and a monitoring system to track success. I have attached an updated Action Plan to further illustrate it's relevance. The maps were all prepared in 2024

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: ACTIVITY 3.3.1 DOCUMENT

EXCEL: LAKE OBSERVER DATA UPDATE

Partners: The Amos Lake water quality monitoring program is in cooperation with the Last Green Valley Water Quality program and Amos Lake Association volunteers. Results are uploaded to CT DEEP's CT Lake Watch data base program. Water Quality Monitoring events took place May 22, 2023, September 8, 2023, May 1, 2024, August 28, 2024, May 14,2025 and September 24,2025. Paddles on the Waters has been a long-time goal of the Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission. Preston Parks and Recreation had the ability to get the word out and the ability to register participants. Amos Lake Association had the volunteers and knowledge of Amos Lake to carry out the events. CT DEEP became and unexpected partner by suppling vessel identification stickers and permission to copy some of their printed materials.

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

35 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: POCD OPEN SPACE FARMLAND

EXCEL: 3.4.1 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY TEMPLATE

IMAGE: 3.4.1 OPEN SPACE INVENTORY MAP

WORD: 3.4.3 WORKSHEET UPDATED 2024 POCD

WORD: 3.4.4B OPEN SPACE FUND BALANCE

PDF: 3.4.3 2024 POCD APPROVED DOCUMENT

WORD: 3.4.2 WORKSHEET UPDATED 2024 POCD

PDF: 3.4.4B STATEMENT

PDF: 3.4.3 WORKSHEET UPDATED 2024 POCD

Documentation Details: 3.4.1 Open Space Map and listing 3.4.2 required worksheet updated for 2024 POCD 3.4.3 required worksheet updated for 2024 POCD 3.4.4b Preston Annual report as of 6/30/24 showing open space acquisition fund balance. 3.4.4b Statement update balance with current bank statement.

Partners: none

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.5.1- MAP INVENTORY

PDF: 3.5.1- NATURAL RESOURCE AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY

Documentation Details: The maps were obtained from the CT ECO, UConn CLEAR, and the CT DEEP websites.

Partners: This project was completed on July 18, 2024 utilizing the CT ECO, UConn CLEAR, and the CT DEEP websites.

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

25 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

WORD: 3.10.2 PHOTOS

WORD: 3.10.1A REGULATIONS REVIEW

WORD: 3.10.1A SHORT TERM RENTALS

Documentation Details: Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission, CT DEEP Forestry Division, Preston citizen scientist, Amos Lake Association, Town Planner,

Partners: Preston is one of 36 municipalities in Connecticut that is governed by the Connecticut Coastal Management Act (CCMA), and contains approximately 5.4 miles of coastline along the Thames River and Poquetanuck Cove. In 2013 a fish ladder was installed at the Hallville dam which restored access to a historical migration path allowing alewives to journey from Long Island Sound up the Thames River to Avery Pond and Amos Lake to spawn and then return to the sea. Amos Lake is a 112-acre trophy trout and bass management lake.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.12.1 POLLINATOR OUTREACH

PDF: 3.12.1 MESSY LAWN PG1

WORD: 3.12.2 CREATE A NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN

Partners: The Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission, Preston Garden Club and Preston Public Library

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3.14 Implement Sustainable Snow Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.14.1a - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 3.14.1 ADAM COLLINS LETTER

PDF: 3.14.1 ADAM COLLINS CERTIFICATE

Partners: CT Training and Technical Assistance Center UConn

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 4.1.2 PRESTON'S CT VISIT PAGE

Documentation Details: 4.1.2- Document containing the webpage screenshot and hyperlink Our CTVisit page was updated during our Buy Local campaign (February-July, 2025).

Partners: None

Additional Information: None

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.2- 5 points; 4.2.10- 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 4.2.2 ARTS & CULTURE MARKETING

WORD: 4.2.10 SUPPORT ART & CULTURE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Documentation Details: Town of Preston, Preston Parks, Recreation and Youth Services, Preston Public Library

Partners: Preston's Town website, Parks, Recreation & Youth Services website, Facebook pages, Preston Pipeline and mailer inserts all provide public information about arts and culture programs. Local library arts and cultural activities are promoted through these channels as well.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

35 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.1 - 20 points; 5.3.4 - 5 points; 5.3.5 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.3.1 PRESTON ZONING REGULATIONS

PDF: 5.3.1 PRESTON'S RIGHT TO FARM ARTICLE CT EXANINER

PDF: 5.3.4 AGRICULTURAL FORUM AGENDA

PDF: 5.3.4 AGRICULTURAL FORUM FLYER

PDF: 5.3.1 RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE - PRESTON

WORD: 5.3.4 AGRICULTURAL FORUM ABOUT WITH PHOTOS

PDF: 5.3.1 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

WORD: 5.3.5 POCD EXTRACTIONS

PDF: 5.3.5 BANK STATEMENT

PDF: 5.3.5 TOP STATEMENT

Documentation Details: 5.3.1 Preston's zoning policies that support farming include Permitted and Accessory Uses (5.3.1 Town of Preston Zoning Regulations Sections 5.2.14 pg. 28, 11.7.1.15 pg. 47 -48 16.9 pg. 79 and 18.18 pages 117 - 119.) Regulations allowing agricultural signage and farm signs. (Section 5.1.8 pg.26) Farm markets and roadside stands. (Section 5.1.5 and 5.1.8 pg. 26, 5.2.9 and 5.2.10 pg. 27) 5.3.4 documents in the Agricultural Forum flyer, agenda, and photos 5.3.5 POCD exerts, Planners statement and bank statement for funding

Partners: 5.3.1 Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission (CAC), Kathy Warzecha, Town Planner, Preston's Planning and Zoning Commission, 442 Preston residents that replied to the survey, Preston's farming community, CT Department of Agriculture and the CT Farm Bureau. 5.3.4 Paul Whitescarver, Executive Director, SeCTer; Joan Nichols, Executive Director, CT Farm Bureau; Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner, Dept of Agriculture; Sarah Kubik Norwich County Executive Director, Melanie Exley, Loan Officer, USDA, Farm Service Agency; Scott Soares, State Director, USDA, Southern New England Rural Development; U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney's Office; State Senator Heather Somers; State Representative Anne Dauphinais; State Representative Greg Howard; and State Representative Brian Lanoue; Town of GRISWOLD, NORTH STONINGTON, PRESTON, STERLING, & VOLUNTOWN

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 5.5.2 WORKSHEET

WORD: HERITAGE LANDSCAPE AND RESOURCE PLANNING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Documentation Details: The HERITAGE LANDSCAPE AND RESOURCE PLANNING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS prepared by Oakfield Research for the Preston Historical Society and the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. 2026: The Town continues to rely on the Heritage Landscape and Resource Planning Report and Recommendations prepared in 2011 as a relevant planning resource. Although completed more than a decade ago, the report remains a useful reference for understanding community assets, evaluating priorities, and informing current planning and preservation decisions.

Partners: Preston Historical Society, records of the Long Ecclesiastical Society, Architects Robert B. Hurd, AIA, and Oakfield Research

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: 6.1.6 PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTER

PDF: 6.1.6 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PLAN

PDF: 6.1.6_WORKSHEET - CORRECTED.PDF

WORD: 6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING 2023.DOCX

Partners: 6.1.6 State of Connecticut DOT

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.2 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 6.4.2 TRAINING

Partners: Preston sustainability team, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. Webinar presenters Austin Willman, NREL, Ed Klock McCook, Rocky Mountain Institute, Ed Gilliland, IREC, Daphne Dixon, CT SWA Clean Cities Coalition and Live Green CT, and Mike Salisbury, Office of the Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency at the City and County of Denver, CO.

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: PRESTON C-PACE AGREEMENT SIGNED 1-08-2015

PDF: PRESTON C-PACE PARTIAL RELEASE AGREEMENT 9-5-2022

WORD: TOWN WEBSITE LINK C-PACE.DOCX

Documentation Details: Commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) is a tool that can finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on commercial property.

Partners: Preston partnered with the Connecticut Green Bank for 7.9.1

7.10 Support Battery Storage Solutions

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.10.2 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: ACTION 7.10.2 WORKSHEET 1

Documentation Details: The worksheet questions were instrumental in prompting us to critically assess how our regulations might support or hinder efforts to create a more sustainable community. By considering each regulation in light of sustainability principles, we were able to identify opportunities for improvement and better alignment with our goals.

Partners: Planning and Zoning Office, Planning and Zoning Commission

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 HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY EVENT TEMPLATE
IMAGE: 8.1.1 P-3 NOCTURNAL FACEBOOK PAGE
IMAGE: 8.1.1 P-5 SQUARE FOOT GARDENING FACEBOOK PAGE
IMAGE: 8.1.1 P-6 CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC) FACEBOOK PAGE
IMAGE: 8.1.1 P-8 SPEEDY BUZZ ON BEEKEEPING FACEBOOK PAGE
IMAGE: 8.1.1 P-11 - 13 PADDLES ON THE WATER
WORD: 8.1.1 P-09 TRI TOWN TRAIL GRAND OPENING
IMAGE: 8.1.1 P-10 TRI TOWN TRAIL DAY
EXCEL: 8.1.1 HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY TEMPLATE
WORD: 8.1.1 SCREENSHOTS OF EVENTS

Documentation Details: Sustainable CT Event template and supporting documentation.

Partners: Preston Public Library, Friend of the Preston Library, Preston Parks & Rec, Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission, Amos Lake Association, Paul Colburn Master Wildlife Conservationist, Eversource, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Dan Williams, Paul Colburn Master Wildlife Conservationist, CT Department of Environmental Protection, Tri Lea Gable Farms, Tri Town Trail Association, and The Last Green Valley

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8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.7.1 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 8.7 WORKSHEET

Documentation Details: Preston Parks & Recreation and Youth Services, Preston Scout Troop 75

Partners: Preston Parks & Recreation and Youth Services, Preston Scout Troop 75

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - 30 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.3.1 TEXTILE RECYCLING AGREEMENT
WORD: 9.3.1 TEXTILE RECYCLING FACEBOOK POST
WORD: 9.3.1 TEXTILE RECYCLING WEBSITE POST
WORD: 9.3.1 MATTRESS RECYCLING WEBSITE
WORD: 9.3.1 MATTRESS RECYCLING WEBSITE - PRESTON
WORD: 9.3.1 UPDATED WORKSHEET
WORD: 9.3.1 UPDATED WORKSHEET DOCUMENTATION
IMAGE: TEXTILE BIN

Documentation Details: The file Textile Bin was added to show the program is still active in 2026.

Partners: 9.3.1 (Recycle Additional Materials): Preston maintains agreements with Mattress Recycling Council Connecticut, LLC, Bye Bye Mattress for Mattresses and the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA) and Apparel Impact, LLC for textiles. 9.3.1 Updated to add paint and electronics to the worksheet and document mattress and textile are still active.

Additional Information: The Town has partnered through SCRRRA with Apparel Impact, a Veteran and Family-owned company that focuses on supporting and giving back to communities throughout the country. The goal of this partnership is to reduce the Town's volume of municipal solid waste which lessens costs at the transfer station, helps the environment while also supporting families in need and non-profit organizations throughout the United States. Collection bins have been placed at the Town Hall and Transfer Station. Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a nonprofit organization created by the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) to develop and implement statewide mattress recycling programs. Mattress Recycling Council contributes to a sustainable future by developing and implementing innovative mattress recycling solutions.

9.4 Compost Organic Waste

15 Points

Approved Information: 9.4- 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.4.1 PRESS RELEASE.PDF
WORD: 9.4.1 WEBSITE.DOCX
PDF: 9.4.1 BLUE EARTH AGREEMENT
PDF: TOTAL WEIGHT COMPOSTED IN 2025

Documentation Details: Blue Earth Compost, Inc.

Partners: 9.4.1 On October 27, 2023, Preston's 1st selectman, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, signed a two-year contract with Blue Earth Compost, Inc. Composting buckets and compostable bags were made available to residents at the local transfer station and at the town hall collections office. 2/7/26 document shows total weight composted in 2025 with Blue Earth Composting.

Additional Information:

9.5 Promote Waste Reduction and Reuse

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.5.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 9.5.1 NARRATIVE
IMAGE: CACEXHIBIT PHOTO 1
IMAGE: CACEXHIBIT PHOTO 2

Documentation Details: Action previously under 9.4.1

Partners: Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission, Preston Board of Education, Preston Master Gardener Becky Hayes

Additional Information: 9.5.1 Preston's Conservation and Agricultural Commission members manned a food scrap collection and composting information exhibit at the Preston Veterans Memorial School Science Night, on April 22, 2024 from 6-8 pm and again in April of 2025. The exhibit included Preston's Food Scrap Recycling Program demonstration and products. Recycle bin, compostable bags, Blue Earth "feed the earth" flyer. Fact sheets were provided by UConn, USDA, Blue Earth and Backyard Conservation. Photos attached.

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 HIA TRAINING

Partners: Health Resources in Action (HRiA) Training Cara Sawyer took the training on 8/17/2024 Patti Monahan to the training on 8/15/2024.

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE USE OF TOBACCO AT TOWN FACILITIES

IMAGE: BULLETIN BOARD POSTING

PDF: LEGAL NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Documentation Details: The Preston Parks and Recreation Commission was created by the voters of Preston at a special town meeting on February 28 1968. The rules and regulations were created shortly after prohibiting smoking and tobacco use in at our recreational facilities and park including public events. This is publicized on our website and on our facility and Pavilion use forms.

Partners: none

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 10.4.1 COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES

Partners: Preston Parks & Recreation Youth Services, Preston Public Library, Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission (CAC) and Preston Garden Club 2026: The Town connected with residents and raised awareness of the space through local news coverage, social media, and a “Planning a Garden Means Believing in Tomorrow” mural at Town Hall. Vegetables were harvested and shared with patrons of the senior center and library. These outreach efforts helped highlight the project, share its community purpose, and invite residents to engage with and enjoy the space.

10.7 Improve Outdoor Access for All

40 Points

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

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 10.7.2 DOCUMENTATION

WORD: 10.7.2 WORKSHEET MARY DORA

WORD: 10.7.3 MARY DORA IMPROVEMENTS

WORD: 8.7.1 WORKSHEET

WORD: 8.7.1. NARRATIVE

Partners: Preston Conservation and Agricultural Commission (CAC), Preston Garden Club members and , CT DEEP Forestry CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Forestry Division

Additional Information: An additional 10.7.3 Improvement to an open space parcel in our municipality was submitted under 8.7.1 Youth led sustainability action. The partners on this action were Preston Scout Troop 75 and Parks, Recreation and youth services.

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: 11.3.2 APPROVED ZONING REGULATIONS

Documentation Details: 11.3.2 Preston Zoning Regulations highlighted View a copy of our Zoning Regulations - August 2025 https://www.preston-ct.org/DocumentCenter/View/4609/APPROVED-ZONING-REGULATIONS-August-2025 Page 13 Section 2 – Definition of Family Page 67 Section 14 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Partners: Town Planner, Preston Planning and Zoning Commission, Preston Sustainablity Team

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 HOMELESSNESS RESOURCES

WORD: 12.2.2 HOMELESSNESS RESOURCES UPDATED

WORD: 12.2.2 SCREEN SHOTS

Documentation Details: 12.2.2 Homelessness Resources document includes instructions for finding the resources on the town's website as well as the document itself. 12.2.2 Updated to include expanded 211 information

Partners: none

Additional Information: https://www.preston-ct.org/DocumentCenter/View/4832/1222---Homelessness-Resources-02-13-26?bidId=