Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

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

Winchester was certified on October 01, 2026 with 245 points. Listed below is information regarding Winchester'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 Winchester 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 Winchester, 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: 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY WALK AUDIT REPORT

PDF: 1.1 ATTACHMENT OF 6.5.3 WORKSHEET A

PDF: 1.1 AUDIT FORM EXAMPLES 6.5.3

Documentation Details: 1.1 Optimize for Equity is the summary document created to show how the Town of Winchester applied the Equity Toolkit to Action 6.5.3 related to conducting a pedestrian audit/survey. 1.1, New Action Credit. Optimize for Equity. 3/31/2023

Partners: 1.1: We partnered with many individuals in the Winchester community to complete this activity.

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites

20 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.1 - 10 points; 2.1.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 2.1.4: EMAIL EVIDENCE OF GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION.

PDF: 2.1.4: FINAL GRANT SUBMISSION DECD 2021 MUNICIPAL BROWNFIELDS

PDF: 2.1.1: BROWNFIELD INVENTORY LIST (SUSTAINABLE CT FORMAT)

PDF: 2.1.1: BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY (CONDUCTED BY UCONN FOR WINCHESTER, 2022)

WORD: MEADOW STREET BROWNFIELD PROJECT SUMMARY.DOCX

WORD: 2.1.3 MAD RIVER BAR GRANT PROJECT SUMMARY.DOCX

PDF: MAD RIVER REVITALIZATION WINSTEAD CHARRETTE SCHEDULE.PDF

PDF: MAD RIVER REVITALIZATION WINSTEAD INVITATIONS.PDF

WORD: 2.1.1 CONTINUED USE OF BROWNFIELDS INVENTORY.DOCX

EXCEL: 2.1.1 BROWNFIELD_INVENTORY_TEMPLATE 2026 UPDATES.XLSX

PDF: 2.1.3 MEADOW MULTI USE

PDF: 2.1.3 BAR GRANT CONFIRMATION

Documentation Details: 2.1.1: We have both attached the information you have requested in the template you provided as well as in a format compiled for us through a partnership with the University of Connecticut. See updated 2026 inventory. 2.1.3 Priority sites and workshops. The Town currently has 2 Brownfield grant processes underway, an assessment grant to study the former Sun Chief building parcel (41 Meadow Street) and an adjacent Town owned lot on Meadow Street that the town is evaluating as a brownfield redevelopment and parking solution and a BAR Grant focusing on the redevelopment of Willow and Bridge Streets which host 8 brownfield properties which are all being assessed for feasible reuse. The BAR grant project is currently in the workshop phase with property owners, stakeholders, Town Staff, and other regulatory agencies. The Town assisted with the applications and is an active participant in both projects. 2.1.4: We have attached email evidence that our grant application was submitted and we have also attached the grant application itself. 2.1.1 New Action Credit. Complete brownfield inventory report, as well as a supplemental document put together with UCONN TAB. 2.1.4: New Action Credit. Submitted grant application for brownfields assessment at 10 Bridge Street, Winsted. 10/22/2021.

Partners: 2.1.1 Complete brownfield inventory report with UCONN TAB. 2.1.4: Completed this work in partnership with Rista Malanca, Torrington Director of Economic Development.

Additional Information: 2.1.4: We submitted this and unfortunately were not granted the award we sought. The Town is currently partnering with a new property owner at that site for similar funding.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3b - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.10.3B.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.10.3b: See attached

Partners: None

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: 3.12.1.DOCX

Documentation Details: 3.12.1: See attached

Partners: 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:

IMAGE: 4.1.2 CTVISIT PROFILE BEFORE PICTURE #1

IMAGE: 4.1.2 CTVISIT PROFILE BEFORE PICTURE #2

IMAGE: 4.1.2 CTVISIT PROFILE AFTER PICTURE #1

IMAGE: 4.1.2 CTVISIT PROFILE AFTER PICTURE #2

Documentation Details: 4.1.2: two "before" and two "after" pictures are attached. The hyperlink to our CTVisit profile is: https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-winchesterwinsted. 4.1.2: New Action Credit. Updated CT Visit Profile 2/22/2023.

Partners: 4.1.2: CTVisit (Connecticut Office of Tourism).

Additional Information: 4.1.2: https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-winchesterwinsted is the hyperlink needed to view this webpage.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.4.2 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 5.4.2 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

WORD: CONTINUED USE OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCY REPORT.DOCX

Documentation Details: 5.4.2: The summary of findings and relevancy statement is attached, in full. This was completed in 2022.

Partners: 5.4.2: The Nature Conservancy was our partner in this endeavor.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1 - 5 points; 6.5.3 - 10 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 6.5.1: WRITE-UP OF WINSTED SENIOR CENTER ACTIONS ON TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION

PDF: 6.5.1: TITLE VI PUBLIC RIGHTS AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

PDF: 6.5.1: WINSTED COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

PDF: 6.5.1: WINSTED PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTIONS

PDF: 6.5.1: WINSTED SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION EMAIL

PDF: 6.5.1: WSC VAN FULL RIDER POLICY

IMAGE: 6.5.1: READY TO RIDE

PDF: 6.5.2 WRITE-UP

PDF: 6.5.2 EVENT WRITE-UP IN NEWSLETTER

PDF: 6.5.3: WORKSHEET A

PDF: 6.5.3: PEDESTRIAN WALK AUDIT REPORT

PDF: 6.5.3 WALK AUDIT FORM EXAMPLES

IMAGE: 6.5.2. FAMILY BIKE RALLY INFORMATION AND FLYER.PNG

Documentation Details: 6.5.1: Several documents articulating the lengths the Winsted Senior Center (a part of the Town of Winchester) has gone to in an effort to promote alternate transit methods. 6.5.2: Multiple documents showing the advertising of the event and the holding of the event. 6.5.3: You will find our completed Walk Audit report, a completed Worksheet A, and examples of walk audit sheets that participants filled out through the process. 6.5.1. New Action Credit. Educate residents via existing regional mobility managers, websites, and social media apps about alternative routes and transportation methods (5 points). 3/8/2023 6.5.2. New Action Credit. Conduct a bicycle education program (5 points). 9/11/2022 6.5.3: New Action Credit. Conduct a pedestrian walk and/or bicycle audit. 3/10/2023.

Partners: 6.5.1: We partner with our local Housing Authority to help spread the word of our alternate transportation opportunities. 6.5.2: the Town partnered with Fit Together, a local nonprofit organized by the Town of Winchester, Hartford Healthcare, and the YMCA. 6.5.3: The Town partnered with many individuals in the community to complete this walk audit.

Additional Information: 6.5.1: None. 6.5.2: The bike rally featured the Strider Adventure Zone Balance Bike Course, which helped to aim kids age 18 months to 6 years of age how to ride and provided free loaner bikes to help improve accessibility to the event. This event was held on the Sue Grossman Greenway, which at the time had been recently extended further into Winsted. This is an ideal place to bike and hold discussions about how to ride safely on a trail and on the street. 6.5.3: we also completed our Equity Toolkit on this item.

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.9 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

25 Points

Approved Information: 7.9.1- 20 points; 7.9.4- 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 7.9.1 ADOPTED CPACE RESOLUTION

PDF: 7.9.1 WINCHESTER SIGNED CPACE AGREEMENT

IMAGE: 7.9.1 CPACE INFO ON WEBSITE

IMAGE: 7.9.4- LIST OF CPACE PROJECTS

Documentation Details: 7.9.1: Pass a municipal resolution to op-into C-PACE (attached), sign a legal agreement with C-PACE (attached), and post a link to information about C-PACE on your website (attached) (5 Points). Link to C-PACE information on Winchester's site: https://www.townofwinchester.org/entities/economic-development 7.9.1, New Action Credit, pass a municipal resolution to op-into C-PACE, sign a legal agreement with C-PACE, and post a link to information about C-PACE on your website, January 2022. 7.9.4, New Action Credit, contains a list of three projects that were approved for and closed on C-PACE financing

Partners: C-PACE was a partner through this process.

Additional Information: We have received word from C-PACE that three organizations in Winchester have approached them about using the C-PACE program since Winchester joined in January 2022.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 - 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 8.2.1: COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

PDF: 8.2.1: WORKSHEET FOR COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Documentation Details: The worksheet clearly shows where each requirement it met within the policy. 8.2.1, New Action Credit. Create a Communications Strategy. 3/27/2023.

Partners: 8.2.1: None.

Additional Information: This was a great exercise to help us get organized with our communications! Thank you for the push.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 - 40 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 9.3.1 ORDINANCE REFLECTING WINCHESTER'S JOINING OF RRDD1

PDF: 9.3 WORKSHEET 1

IMAGE: EVIDENCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

PDF: 9.3.1RRDD1 INFORMATION.PDF

Documentation Details: 9.3.1: The RRDD1 Website document shows the products listed on the RRDD1 website that can be recycled at the facility that is not mandated by the State. The RRDD1 Information document outlines the key components of RRDD1 as an organization, including their annual report, which is requested by Sustainable CT. The Ordinance document shows Winchester's enabling ordinance that helped create RRDD1. The final document shows how we have conducted outreach to the Town through our website and on social media to educate people about these recycling opportunities. 9.3.1: New Action Credit. Create infrastructure to recycle additional materials that Connecticut law has not designated as mandatory recyclable items and provide education to promote participation in these recycling programs. 3/31/2023.

Partners: 9.3.1: We created and now partner with the Regional Refuse Disposal District #1 to conduct these services; we also work with the Lion's Club to conduct eyeglass recycling. Town Hall allows the Lion's Club to accept eyeglasses for recycling not just at RRDD1, but also at Winchester Town Hall.

Additional Information: 9.3.1: While we understand that RRDD1 is a regional transfer station (created by ordinance by the Town of Winchester) and is therefore not perfectly accessible to all, we hope that you will take into account the fact that we offer assistance to those in need to get items brought to RRDD1.

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.3 - 20 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: ANTI-SMOKING ORDINANCE LANGUAGE (PAGE 34 - 37)

PDF: MINUTES SHOWING ANTI-SMOKING ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Documentation Details: The Town adopted an anti-smoking ordinance on June 6, 2022, which is more strict and prohibits smoking from occurring in more places than are required under the Connecticut General Statutes. One of the uploaded documents includes the Anti-Smoking Ordinance language that was adopted on pages 34-37, and the other shows the Minutes from that meeting which reflect that the ordinance was, in fact, adopted unanimously (see bottom of Page 2). 10.3.3, New Action Credit, adopted new Town ordinance to further restrict where smoking can occur, 6/6/2022.

Partners: None.

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1- 15 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 10.5.1- HOST A FARMERS MARKET .PDF

Documentation Details: The attached document provides photo evidence, evidence of social media promotion, and a list of dates when the event was held!

Partners: 10.5.1: We partnered with Paws & Reflect (private business) to host and promote the event. Many farmers and artisans were a part of the collaboration.

Additional Information: 10.5.1: we are also planning to apply for a large grant to support the farmers market going forward, stay tuned!

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options

45 Points

Approved Information: 11.2.1 - 5 points; 11.2.2 - 40 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: AFFORDABLE APPEALS LIST 2022 FOR ON-LINE.PDF

WORD: 2025 AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS LIST FOR POSTING (7).DOCX

Documentation Details: 11.2.1: The attached document was published by the State regarding 2025 data, showing that 10% or more of Winchester's housing stock is affordable 11.2.2: From 2022 to 2025 Winchester increased from 9.07% affordable to 10.34% affordable, an increase of 1.27% (40 points)

Partners: None.

Additional Information: We are also working with a private partner to gain another 32 affordable units at an old elementary school building in 2024/2025.

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.3 - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: 12.2.3: COMPLETED WORKSHEET

IMAGE: 12.2.3 PHOTO OF NEWS ARTICLE #1

IMAGE: 12.2.3 PHOTO OF NEWS ARTICLE #2

Documentation Details: 12.2.3: We have attached the required worksheet, completed, and two photos of a news article written about the forum after the forum was held. 12.2.3: New Action Credit. Hold a community forum on homelessness. 2/17/2023

Partners: 12.2.3: Partners included state legislators, area nonprofits, and more.

Additional Information: 12.2.3: The event was held on February 17, 2023.