



Based on your ongoing feedback, Sustainable CT is revising its actions for 2021! These are still works in progress, but if you've already begun work on your application under the 2020 framework, you can click on the hyperlinks in the pages ahead to view drafts as of October 2020. They continue to be refined and will be released on the website by January 1, 2021. These drafts also do not yet encompass edits that will result in a more generous framework to earn credit for past action, nor do they yet include links to new required submissions worksheets for many actions, designed to help applicants better organize information for reviewers. Submissions in 2021 must meet the 2021 submission requirements for each action, even if they were approved in a previous certification cycle. If you have questions, please contact info@sustainablect.org. Thanks for your partnership and patience as we all improve together!

The Sustainable CT Team

Proposed 2021 Action Revisions (includes new action steps and/or concepts)

- 2.4/3.4: [Develop an Open Space Plan](#)
- 2.10/3.10: [Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management](#)
- 3.1/4.1: [Map Tourism and Cultural Assets](#)
- 3.4/4.4: [Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth](#)
- 4.1/5.1: [Integrate Sustainability into POCD](#)
- 5.1/6.1: [Implement Complete Streets](#)
- 4.3/5.3: [Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices](#)
- 4.5/5.5: [Inventory and Assess Historic Resources](#)
- 5.4/6.4: [Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment](#)
- 5.5/6.5: [Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies](#)

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- 6.2/7.2: [Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings](#)
- 6.7/7.7: [Install Efficient Exterior Lighting](#)
- 7.3/8.3: [Train Municipal Representatives](#)
- 8.1/11.1: [Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment](#)
- 8.2/11.2: [Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options](#)

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Proposed 2021 Action Clarifications (minor edits)

- 2.7/**3.7**: Provide Education on Water Conservation
- 2.8/**3.8**: Implement Low Impact Development
- 3.1/**4.1**: Map Tourism and Cultural Assets
- 3.2/**4.2**: Support Arts and Creative Culture
- 5.4/**6.4**: Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment
- 5.5/**6.5**: Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies
- 7.5/**9.1**: Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste
- 7.7/**9.3**: Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics
- 7.8/**9.4**: Develop a Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Program
- 7.9/**10.2**: Conduct Health Impact Assessments
- 7.10/**10.3**: Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

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Proposed New Actions for 2021

9/1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.2: [Participate in Equity Training](#)

1.3: [Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity](#)

2/3. Well Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.12: [Enhance Pollinator Pathways](#)

3.13: [Promote Dark Skies](#)

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.5: [Collaborate with Other Municipalities](#)

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

4.3/10.4: [Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces](#)

8/11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.3: [Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options](#)

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1: [Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness](#)

12.2: [Collect and Share Homelessness Data](#)

12.3: [Coordinate Municipal Services with Homeless Response System](#)

12.4: [Improve Outcomes for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

2020 Action List

1. Thriving Local Economies

- 1.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites
- 1.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing
- 1.3 Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options
- 1.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses
- 1.5 Promote Sustainable Workforce Development
- 1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

- 2.1 Provide Watershed Education
- 2.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan
- 2.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration
- 2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan
- 2.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory
- 2.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use
- 2.7 Provide Education on Water Conservation
- 2.8 Implement Low Impact Development
- 2.9 Manage Woodlands and Forests
- 2.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management
- 2.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program

3. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

- 3.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets
- 3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture
- 3.3 Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan
- 3.4 Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth

4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

- 4.1 Integrate Sustainability into POCD and Zoning
- 4.2 Adapt Permitting Process to Promote Sustainable Development
- 4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices
- 4.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability
- 4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources
- 4.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations
- 4.7 Plan for Long Term Recovery

5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

- 5.1 Implement Complete Streets
- 5.2 Promote Effective Parking Management
- 5.3 Encourage Smart Commuting
- 5.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment
- 5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

- 6.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use
- 6.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings
- 6.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings
- 6.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings
- 6.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan
- 6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets
- 6.7 Install Efficient Exterior Lighting
- 6.8 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

- 7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event
- 7.2 Provide Effective Community Communications
- 7.3 Train Municipal Representatives
- 7.4 Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks
- 7.5 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste
- 7.6 Implement Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) Program
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8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

- 8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment
- 8.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options
- 8.3 Benchmark Energy and Water Use for Multifamily Housing

9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

- 9.1 Optimize for Equity

10. Innovation Action

- 10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action
- 10.2 Support Community Match Fund (CMF) Project and Civic Engagement

1. Inclusive and Equitable Community

Impacts

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highlighting changes

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