Considerations Taken During Action Development

When bringing on a new action or action revisions, we consider the following:

1. Does this action enable/encourage multi-town collaboration?
2. Does the action generate multiple, co-existing benefits?
3. Does the action have the potential to reduce disparities/improve well-being for all?
4. Is the action applicable to & easily replicable for most towns (small/large, rural/urban)?
5. Is the action forward-looking (e.g., awards points for something framed in the positive, rather than ban)?
6. Can points be earned for varying degrees of engagement and impact (e.g., conducting an inventory, implementing a project)?
7. Is support for this action, aside from that of the town itself, available? (i.e. a tool or organization)
Examples of Feedback-Driven Action Updates

Bethany’s arts and culture program
Examples of Feedback-Driven Action Updates

Windham’s community garden
Action Areas for Development

- Housing
- Climate
- Health
- Homelessness Prevention
Action Areas for Development

Light Pollution Remediation

Pollinator Protection
Dynamic and Resilient Planning

Expansion to 4.3: Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

• We would like to see towns integrate:
  • a farmer justice program
  • a young farmers program
  • regenerative practices in land and ocean farming
  • measures to protect pollinators in agricultural practices
  • home farms
Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

Is affordable housing being built sustainably?
- Incorporate sustainable landscaping in new and existing housing
- Promote energy and water efficiency
- Encourage use of environmentally sound building materials

Is it being built in a way that promotes health?
- Reduce exposure to environmental hazards
- Create active spaces
- Enhance universal design beyond ADA requirements

Where is housing being built in the context of the community?
- Promote compact and infill development
- Allow for flexible housing arrangements
- Eliminate minimum parking requirements
- Engage in just land use and housing planning
Climate/Greenhouse Gases

- Clean Energy on Brownfields
- Home Energy Scores
- Slow Streets Program
- Pro- and Reforestation
- Greenhouse Gas Inventories
- Community-based Climate Action
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Health and Wellness

7.4 Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks

7.9 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

7.10 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces
## Homelessness Prevention

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Night Skies/Light Pollution Remediation

- Gather baseline data with light meters
- Conduct public education and outreach
- Ensure that lights are < 3000 Kelvin LED
- Procure warm-toned LED lights
- Adopt an outdoor lighting ordinance
- Conduct an outdoor lighting inventory
- Address ‘lights on’ building codes
- Shut off outdoor lighting when area is not in use
Pollinator Protection

Create a Pollinator Protection Plan
Plant natives in new development
Create pollinator gardens + signage on municipal property
Pass a pollinator-friendly community ordinance
Create a pollinator education program
Restrict use of neonicotinoids in agriculture
Providing a space for action input going forward

On the rightmost panel of the Sustainable CT homepage, we now link to a form where you may provide your input on our actions.

What other actions should we add to Sustainable CT's roadmap?

As you think about your vision for your community, what are some other areas where towns should be showing leadership to create livable, safe, healthy, and resilient communities?
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