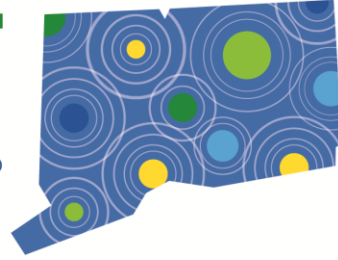


# Sustainable CT

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## Actions that Align Well with Action 1.1 Optimize for Equity (Examples)

### 4.2.10 Support Arts and Cultural Activities Offered at your Local Library(ies)

- Engage community members to offer programming that is reflective of their interests.

### 5.7.2 Plan for Long Term Recovery

- Complete a Project on the Work Plan of the Long-Term Recovery Committee.
- Have different community members meet/collaborate with LTRC to identify a project and solution that the community deems necessary/relevant.

### 6.1.6 Implement Complete Streets Projects

- Implement, repair and maintain specific projects that expand safe, connected, active transportation networks across all neighborhoods, such as: sidewalk widening, street furniture, crosswalks, tree belt enhancements, sidewalk and roadway surface treatments, pavement markings, speed bumps, refuge islands, bump-outs, chicanes, shared lane marking, bike parking, bike signage, bike sharing programs, connected bicycling infrastructure, roadway narrowing, roundabouts, transportation wayfinding, safe corridors for children under the Safe Routes to Schools program, improved bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure connectivity to transit stations and stops, adequate public transit signage, improved bus stop facilities, including sheltered waiting spaces (where appropriate), and ensuring proper cleaning, snow removal, and access to transit stops. Projects implemented as a requirement of compliance with the American Disabilities Act or other legally mandated improvements are not eligible for points.

### 6.5.3 Through a Process of Community Engagement, Conduct a Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Audit

- Bring many different types of road users to conduct a thorough audit of your roadways for pedestrian and bicycle safety and usability.

### 6.5.5 Conduct a Community Mobility Needs Assessment

- With a robust process of community engagement and education, conduct a community mobility needs assessment. Identify study areas and evaluate: age and mobility demographics; economic information (projected job growth or loss and expected future income); community services (access to childcare, access to health care, etc.); community access to all forms of transportation; and strategies to address first and last mile needs of transit and non-motorized transportation users.

### 6.5.6 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

- Provide shared mobility services, such as having your municipality partner with a bicycle-share, electric scooter or segway, or an electric car-share service. Other shared mobility services will be considered if financially supported by the municipality.

- If shared mobility is a problem in the community, hold processes of community engagement to find which form of shared mobility would best fit all types of residents and their accessibility.

#### [7.6.1 Create a Streetlight Inventory and Perform a Lighting Needs Assessment](#)

- Perform a lighting needs assessment, detailing what to light, when to light, and at what level informed by robust community engagement.

#### [8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications](#)

- Engage community stakeholders in the process of developing a municipal communications strategy to target audiences across your community.

#### [8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability](#)

- Support youth-led sustainability projects in your community.

#### [10.1.2 Conduct a Community Food Assessment](#)

- Engage community members to thoroughly assess food access and availability.

#### [10.1.3 Create a Community Food Action Plan](#)

- Using an inclusive process for resident and stakeholder participation, create an equitable Community Food Action Plan to ensure that all community members can access sustainable, nutritious food. In addition to being shaped by stakeholder participation, the Action Plan may also be informed by the findings of the Community Food Assessment Report or a farmer forum. Consider subpopulations (including variations in income, race, ethnicity, national origin, and age).

#### [10.5.3 Improve the Accessibility of Farmers Markets](#)

- Engage with community members to identify accessibility features most needed at the farmers market.

#### [10.6.1b Conduct a Heat Assessment](#)

- Conduct a heat assessment. This should include which areas of the municipality or region are most at risk during an extreme heat event, and which populations are most vulnerable. The CDC identifies the following populations that are especially vulnerable to extreme heat: infants and young children; adults aged 65 or older; people with chronic health conditions, low-income populations, athletes, outdoor workers, and pregnant people.

#### [10.6.2b Inventory, Create, and Improve Cooling Centers](#)

- Create: Identify neighborhoods or areas that are lacking in easily accessible cooling centers. Work with public and private property owners, residents, and community organizations to identify new sites for cooling centers.

#### [10.7.1 Assess Accessibility of Open Space](#)

- Through a process of community engagement, perform an on-site assessment of the current accessibility of an open space area in your municipality, and identify possible accessibility or other improvements for the open space area. Your community engagement process should include participants who represent a diverse representation of town residents, including residents with various mobilities, races, ethnicities, and ages. Ideally, municipal leadership

and/or staff would participate as well. Visit your identified open space with your group of participants and assess conditions, amenities, and potential opportunities for improvement.

#### [10.7.2 Improve Open Space Access](#)

- Improve an open space parcel in your municipality (i.e., improving access, improving habitat, etc.). Improvements must be outside of routine maintenance.

#### [12.2.3 Organize Community Conversations to Discuss Homelessness](#)

- Organize a community conversation or forums with a broad group of stakeholders to discuss homelessness in your community or region, focused on meeting the goal of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in the municipality and larger region.