

TOWN OF SOUTHBURY--Sustainable CT Spring 2022 Certification Results Summary

Thank you for participating in the review process! We are excited and inspired by the amazing work happening in your community. Here are a few important notes below:

- Each action that was submitted has been marked either “Approved” or “Must Revise.”
- For actions marked “Approved,” there may still be an opportunity to earn further points in a future certification cycle. Please review your comments. If you would like to edit particular “Approved” actions, e-mail info@sustainablect.org to have them unlocked.
- Some applications include exceptional action submissions. Reviewers have designated these “success stories.” They may be featured in Sustainable CT story-telling or posted as examples for other communities.
- On your Municipal Dashboard, every action has a “submission information” box. It’s the place where you told us what actions you applied for, for how many points and when they were completed. For any action marked “Approved,” we may have edited that box. It now only lists the components you were actually approved for.

Action	Status	Approved Points	Success Story?	Reviewer Comment to Municipality
1.1 Optimize for Equity	Approved	10		Well done!
2.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites	Approved	10		We appreciate the clearly marked and organized submission. Action 2.1.1 receives 5 points for the inventory of the two sites and action 2.1.2 receives 5 points for mapping the sites. The Town could extend its inventory by identifying additional sites. Since both brownfield sites identified are under remediation you may provide additional documentation such as remediation action plans and reports to get additional credit. Timeframe for credit" and "Partners" boxes are complete. You are off to a great start!
2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses	Approved	10	Yes	Great job on the Financing for Small Business. 75 participants is outstanding. Also, the activities of the SBA look very informative and provide opportunities for businesses to network. You have more than satisfied the requirements for 2.4.1 and 2.4.3
3.1 Provide Watershed Education	Approved	25	Yes	Well done Southbury, thank you for such an incredible and comprehensive submission for 3.1. We are happy to award you all 25 points for 3.1.1.a (10), 3.1.1b (5), 3.1.1c (5), and 3.1.2 (5). These are amazing initiatives keep up the great work!
3.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan	Approved	10		The materials related to the Pomperaug River Watershed Plan show a solid watershed planning initiative and comprehensive watershed inventory. However credit was given during the Fall 2021 cycle for the work related to developing a watershed inventory. The materials provided also begin to address 3.2.2a and 3.2.3 and would likely be eligible for full credit with the inclusion of a summary of how local regulations align (or do not align) with goals and recommendation in the watershed plan. Thank you for starting the important work of watershed protection.
3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration	Approved	30	Yes	These projects are a great example of engaging the community in watershed protection. The installation of a demonstration at a town park and the extensive removal of invasive species is fantastic. Congratulations! 30 points were awarded in Fall of 2021.
3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan	Approved	10		3.4.4(b) Thank you for submitting documentation of Southbury's recent purchase of property. It shows a commitment to increasing open space in town. Great job! 10 points. (Town requested 5 points, but by completing 3.4.4(b) is awarded 10 points)
3.7 Provide Education on Responsible Water Usage	Approved	5	Yes	Great work! You have successfully completed both components under Action 3.7. We love that you were able to utilize so many great partnerships to host your Water Usage Education Workshop, and that you used several different types of materials for the Educational Materials component. Thanks for a detailed submission!
3.8 Implement Low Impact Development	Approved	20		Congratulations on earning 20 points for Southbury's efforts to advance the use of low impact development to address the impacts of storm water runoff. Points were awarded for educational materials (5), a demonstration project (5), educational event (5), and a long term maintenance plan for LID. Great work! Southbury is encouraged to keep expand its efforts.
3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management	Approved	5		Thank you for your documentation of the educational outreach program that educates about invasive species.

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture	Approved	10		Thank you for your submission, and congratulations! Southbury has been awarded 10 points for successfully completing sub-actions 4.2.2 (promoting arts in municipal marketing), 4.2.3 (committing funding to the arts), and 4.2.10 (promoting library events). Keep up the great work.
5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices	Approved	5		5 points are awarded for action item 5.3.4 hosting a farmer forum. The subject matter and speakers were especially interesting.
6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies	Approved	5		Thank you for providing documentation about your public transit educational materials. Utilizing web, social media, print, and municipal resources was a great way to get the word out and making the link between sustainability and public transit is a great way to reinforce the value that public transit provides! You have been awarded 5 points for Action 6.5.1.
7.7 Implement a Community Energy Campaign	Approved	15		Thank you for Southbury's submission of their residential energy conservation campaign. Great work has been done. You have earned 15 points for this action. Thank you for providing your reflections and lessons learned - these were very insightful and thoughtful! Congratulations!\n"Thank you for Southbury's submission of their residential energy conservation campaign. Great work has been done. You are close to earning 15 points for this action. Please upload the following additional information for 7.7.1-C to receive credit for this action: - Results of the campaign plan, number of participants, overall results, and lessons learned."
8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event	Approved	15		Congratulations on receiving the full 15 points for this action for Southbury's Farmers Market. Nice job! Actions marked "approved" are locked from further editing. Please email info@sustainablect.org to have this action unlocked for revisions in future certification cycles.
8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications	Approved	15	Yes	Great recovery, Southbury! Southbury builds on an original 2021 submission, and appears to have met all the actionable points with flying colors. The submission includes a communications plan that sets goals and strategies, aids in budgeting, and facilitates better assessments of effectiveness; community stakeholders are involved in formulating communication methods and strategy; and descriptions (or examples) of web sites, social media and print media are included. We also very much appreciate the inclusion of the requested worksheet. Southbury has had demonstrable success in dealing with changes in communication protocols demanded by Covid-19, and has an excellent cross-channel balance between new and legacy media. Our only suggestion would be that Southbury consider broadening its network of partners to include other civic and business actors (local businesses, fellowship organizations, private and public schools, theater groups, youth groups, veterans organizations, environmental and historic preservation groups, etc.). Great work, Southbury!
8.5 Collaborate With Other Municipalities	Approved	5		Thank you for your submission and your ongoing efforts to collaborate with other municipalities. Congratulations, Southbury has been awarded 5 points for ongoing, relevant, and meaningful regional collaboration to implement projects in the Pomperaug Watershed Based Plan (action 3.2) which was adopted in 2018. Each Sustainable CT action implemented regionally (in this case action 3.2) is eligible for 5 points. Thank you!
9.4 Develop a Food Waste Prevention Campaign or Food Scraps Recovery Campaign or Program	Approved	5	Yes	Thank you for your Sustainable CT submission on action 9.4 Develop a Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Campaign. The partners involved in this program were very impressive and we applaud your efforts to work with so many folks to make this program a success. Food waste prevention is higher up on the food waste hierarchy, and therefore of a great value. It looks like a lot of care and thought has been put into this action and we wish to nominate your town as a success story. Great work, you have received the 5 points you asked for for this action.
10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces	Approved	15		Thank you for your submission. Southbury earns 15 point for its community garden submission with pictures, community outreach strategy, and write-up. The confirmation memo from the Southbury Parks and Recreation Director that the garden remains operational is also useful.

11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan	Approved	10		<p>Thank you for your submission, we are happy to award Southbury the 10 points you requested under Action 11.1.2.</p> <p>11.1.2-- Thank you for submitting the Partnership for Strong Communities housing data profile (2020) for Southbury. Per the action submission requirements, you have also submitted worksheet 2. You also noted this data has been presented at several meetings, including a public Affordable Housing Workshop meeting on February 24th, 2022, satisfying the action submission requirements.</p>
12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness	Approved	5		<p>Thank you for submitting materials relating to your actions to make residents aware of the problem of homelessness and making residents aware of services and supports. You have been awarded 5 pts for these action, keep up the good work!</p>
13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action	Must Revise	0		<p>Congrats on collaborating with your Community to create a dog park that is a place where all can visit. Unfortunately, points cannot be awarded for the completion of this action. Although this is a great space that all in Southbury have the pleasure of enjoying, the creation of the Southbury Dog Park falls outside of the 3 year timeframe for credit for this action.</p>

TOTAL

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