

Take action.

**Make an impact.**

Get recognized!

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**Pass a resolution** and establish a Sustainability Team.

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**Register your community** at [sustainablect.org](http://sustainablect.org).

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**Review the list of actions.**

Identify those that you've already completed. Use our tools and resources to implement new actions.

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**Optimize for equity.** Start working on action 1.1 Optimize for Equity. This action is required for certification.

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**Implement at least one action** of your choice in categories 1-11. Category 12 will be required beginning in 2022, but it is eligible for points now.

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Successfully complete actions totaling **200 or more points** for Bronze certification, or **400 or more points** for Silver.

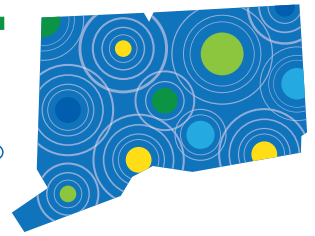
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**Submit online for certification!**

There are two certification opportunities each year, with deadlines in April and August.

# Sustainable CT

Local Actions. Statewide Impact.®



**Sustainable CT is a free, voluntary certification program that inspires, supports, and celebrates thriving and resilient Connecticut communities.**

An independently funded, grassroots, municipal effort, Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices, technical support and funding, and certification to recognize municipal sustainability achievements.

## Why Participate?

- » Recognition
- » Funding & resources
- » Community building & equity
- » Cost savings
- » Peer learning
- » Partnerships

## Find Out More:

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## FOUNDING FUNDERS

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# 2021 Sustainable CT Actions

Sustainable CT actions and points may be subject to change. For the most recent list, visit [sustainablect.org](https://sustainablect.org).

## 1. INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY IMPACTS

1.1	Optimize for Equity <b>(REQUIRED)</b>	10 - 50 pts
1.2	Participate in Equity Training	10 pts
1.3	Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity	15 pts

## 2. THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMIES

2.1	Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites	5 - 90 pts
2.2	Implement Sustainable Purchasing	5 - 45 pts
2.3	Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options	5 - 30 pts
2.4	Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses	5 - 20 pts
2.5	Promote Sustainable Workforce Development	5 - 25 pts
2.6	Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program	5 - 20 pts

## 3. WELL-STEWARDED LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

3.1	Provide Watershed Education	5 - 25 pts
3.2	Create a Watershed Management Plan	10 - 30 pts
3.3	Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration	15 - 45 pts
3.4	Develop an Open Space Plan	5 - 55 pts
3.5	Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory	10 - 20 pts
3.6	Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use	5 - 15 pts
3.7	Provide Education on Water Conservation	5 pts
3.8	Implement Low Impact Development	5 - 105 pts
3.9	Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests	5 - 15 pts
3.10	Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management	5 - 20 pts
3.11	Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program	5 - 25 pts
3.12	Enhance Pollinator Pathways	5 - 40 pts
3.13	Promote Dark Skies	5 - 35 pts

## 4. VIBRANT AND CREATIVE CULTURAL ECOSYSTEMS

4.1	Map Tourism and Cultural Assets	5 - 15 pts
4.2	Support Arts and Creative Culture	10 - 25 pts
4.3	Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan	10 - 15 pts
4.4	Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth	20 - 25 pts

## 5. DYNAMIC AND RESILIENT PLANNING

5.1	Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development	5 - 60 pts
5.2	Adapt Permitting Process to Promote Sustainable Development	5 - 20 pts
5.3	Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices	5 - 35 pts
5.4	Assess Climate Vulnerability	5 - 25 pts
5.5	Inventory and Assess Historic Resources	5 - 55 pts
5.6	Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations	10 - 20 pts
5.7	Plan for Long-Term Recovery	5 - 15 pts



### BRONZE CERTIFICATION



- Complete **1 Equity Toolkit** in action 1.1.
- Implement at least **1 action** of your choice **in categories 1-11**.
- Successfully complete actions totaling **200 or more points**.



### SILVER CERTIFICATION



- Complete **3 Equity Toolkits** in action 1.1.
- Implement at least **1 action** of your choice **in categories 1-11**.
- Successfully complete actions totaling **400 or more points**.

## 6. CLEAN AND DIVERSE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND CHOICES

6.1	Implement Complete Streets	5-80 pts
6.2	Promote Effective Parking Management	10-45 pts
6.3	Encourage Smart Commuting	10-15 pts
6.4	Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment	5-35 pts
6.5	Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies	5-55 pts
6.6	Manage Municipal Fleets	10 pts

## 7. RENEWABLE AND EFFICIENT ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

7.1	Benchmark and Track Energy Use	5-10 pts
7.2	Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings	10-100 pts
7.3	Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings	5-140 pts
7.4	Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings	10-50 pts
7.5	Develop a Municipal Energy Plan	10-20 pts
7.6	Install Efficient Exterior Lighting	5-40 pts
7.7	Implement a Community Energy Campaign	10 pts
7.8	Benchmark Energy and Water Use for Multifamily Housing	5-15 pts

## 8. INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

8.1	Hold a Sustainability Event	5-15 pts
8.2	Provide Effective Community Communications	15 pts
8.3	Train Municipal Representatives	5-15 pts
8.4	Support Community Match Fund Project and Civic Engagement	5-30 pts
8.5	Collaborate with Other Municipalities	10-60 pts

## 9. STRATEGIC MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

9.1	Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste	5-55 pts
9.2	Implement Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) Program	5-30 pts
9.3	Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics	10-40 pts
9.4	Develop Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Campaigns	5-15 pts

## 10. OPTIMAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES

10.1	Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks	10-35 pts
10.2	Conduct Health Impact Assessments	5-25 pts
10.3	Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces	10-45 pts
10.4	Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces	15 pts

## 11. HEALTHY, EFFICIENT AND DIVERSE HOUSING

11.1	Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan	10-55 pts
11.2	Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options	10-60 pts
11.3	Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options	20-60 pts

## 12. EFFECTIVE, COMPASSIONATE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

12.1	Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness	5-15 pts
12.2	Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness	5-30 pts
12.3	Collect and Share Homelessness Data	5 pts
12.4	Coordinate Municipal Services to Address Homelessness	5 pts
12.5	Provide or Mobilize Resources to Address Homelessness	5-20 pts
12.6	Improve Outcomes for People Experiencing Homelessness	TBD

## 13. INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES

13.1	Implement Your Own Sustainability Action	5-40 pts
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### NEW CATEGORY!

**12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention** will be required for certification beginning 2022.

It is currently eligible for points.