



Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Chester, a Sustainable CT silver certified applicant.

Chester was certified on September 29, 2023 with 515 points. Listed below is information regarding Chester's Sustainable CT efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Chester was approved for in 2023 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

Notes: Submission content was created by Chester, and Sustainable CT makes no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the submission, beyond that an individual reviewer approved at least some elements of the action for certification. Further, standards for actions below may have changed, and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Finally, approved actions here may include some documents and descriptions in support of action elements that were not approved, in addition to elements that were approved. In preparing your own application, please rely only on the action write-ups for the current certification year to guide your submission. Please contact info@sustainablect.org with specific questions.

1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED for All Certification Levels

40 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 Optimize for Equity (40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [EQUITY TOOLKIT SUBMISSION #1 - COVID-19 COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY & VACCINE ASSISTANCE PROJECT](#)

PDF: [CHESTER SURVEY](#)

PDF: [CHESTER SURVEY RESULTS](#)

WORD: [REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SPIRITUALITY, WELLNESS TEAM AUGUST 2020](#)

PDF: [DRAFT POSTCARD](#)

PDF: [PARTNER COORDINATION AND TRAINING](#)

PDF: [TOWNWIDE EMAIL 1-26-2021 VACCINE PROJECT](#)

PDF: [TOWNWIDE EMAIL VACCINES](#)

PDF: [TOWN HALLS COMMUNICATIONS WITH DEMOGRAPHIC FOCUS ON RECOVERY](#)

PDF: [#2 CHESTER EQUITY TOOLKIT: 1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY - 6.5.4 CHESTER 2019-2029 POCD INCLUDES BIKE-PED INFRASTRUCTURE VISION, GOALS, OBJECTS, IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY](#)

WORD: [1.1 TOOLKIT #2 AND ACTION 6.5.4 CHESTER BIKE-PED PATH PAPER SURVEY RESULTS 7-7-22 - EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS](#)

PDF: [1.1 TOOLKIT #2 AND ACTION 6.5.4 ON-LINE CHESTER TOWN-WIDE BIKE-PED PATH SURVEY PDF 6-27-22 ORIGINAL - EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS](#)

WORD: [#3 CHESTER OPTIMIZE EQUITY TOOLKIT - 4.2.10A SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

PDF: [1.1 #2 AND ACTION 6.5.4 CHESTER ROAD SAFETY AUDIT REPORT - FINAL- RECEIVED ON 3-21-23. INCLUDES SELECTED STATE ROAD ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY FHI CONSULTANTS IN COORDINATION WITH THE CT DOT..](#)

WORD: [1.1 OPTIMIZE EQUITY TOOLKIT #2 - 6.5.4 WORKSHEET 2- CREATE A BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN PLAN](#)

PDF: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT #3 - 4.2.10 FALL 2022 CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY \(1\) FOR PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC](#)

PDF: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT #3 CHESTER TOWNWIDE EMAIL 2_3_2023 4.2.10A PROMOTION OF LIBRARY LOTUS FLOWER WORKSHOP ON 3-4-2023](#)

PDF: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT #4 CHESTER EARTH MONTH EVENTS APRIL 2023 - TOWN-WIDE RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS 04-11-2023 \(2\).PDF](#)

WORD: [#2 CHESTER OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY TOOLKIT- 6.5.4 CREATE AND FORMALLY ADOPT A BICYCLE AND: OR PEDESTRIAN PLAN.DOCX](#)

WORD: [1.1 EQUITY TOOLKIT #4- 8.1 HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY EVENT- APRIL 2023 EARTH DAY EVENT.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 2021 & 2023: #1 Equity Toolkit: Chester Equity Toolkit on Action 13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action. Covid-19 Community Needs Survey & Vaccine assistance project. Chester Equity Toolkit has summary information. The remaining downloads are supporting documents and

examples of work product. 2023: #2 Equity Toolkit: Refer to the attached #2 Equity Toolkit using Action 6.5.4, the attached 6.5.6 Worksheet 3, the Townwide Bike/Ped Path Survey results (PDF on-line results report and paper results reports), the Townwide Bike-Ped Path Flier and the finalized Chester Road Safety Audit conducted on 11/3/22 with final report received on 3/21/23. #3 Equity Toolkit: Action 4.2.10.a Refer to the attached Fall 2022 Chester Public Library Survey, the 2/3/2023 Chester Townwide Email promoting the 3/4/23 Lotus Flower Workshop and the #3 Optimize for Equity Toolkit for 4.2.10a. #4 Equity Toolkit: this toolkit refers to action 8.1, Hold a sustainability event. Refer to the write up, and the attached Townwide Earth Month survey results.

Partners: 2021 & 2023: #1 Equity Toolkit: Long Term Recovery Team – Social Services, Spirituality and Wellness Subcommittee (now called Chester Community Partnership), Chester Residents, Masonicare at Chester Village, RiverCOG, ReOPEN Chester Committee, Middlesex Community Foundation, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, United Congregational Church – Chester, Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD), Essex Health Director, CT Department of Public Health, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Elected Officials, Regional School District 4 Superintendent, Nutmeg Pharmacy, Higganum, Chester Merchants, Chester Town Clerk and Registrar, Chester Human Services Director, Cherry Hill Senior Apartments Manager/Owner #2 Equity Toolkit: As listed in the #2 Equity Toolkit under Groups and Stakeholders. #3 Equity Toolkit: As listed in the #3 Equity Toolkit under Groups and Stakeholders. #4 Equity Toolkit: As listed in the #4 Equity Toolkit under Groups and Stakeholders

Additional Information: In order to make room for the 2023 attachments, needed to eliminate the following 2021 documents: "Access to Covid Vaccines" handout, "Chester Works to Meet Increased Social Services Needs" BY ELIZABETH REINHART/ZIP06.COM · 02/03/2021 08:40 A.M. EST, "Chester, Deep River, and Essex Form Local COVID-19 Recovery Committees" BY ELIZABETH REINHART/ZIP06.COM · 05/19/2020 02:24 P.M. EST, "VAMS Account Guide 2021," Telephone Script for Covid-19 Vaccine 65+ community in Chester, CT," "Chester Covid-19 Volunteer Training- February 9, 2021 Coaching Tips."

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.1 Participate in Sustainable Procurement Training (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [CHESTER 2.2.1.DOCX](#)

Partners: 2.2.1, none

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

30 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1a Develop and distribute an inventory of local business options, inventory and map (10 points) 2.3.1b Incorporate special designations (10 points) 2.3.2 Develop, implement and maintain an ongoing 'buy local' campaign (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [2.3.1A CHESTER MERCHANTS' RACK CARD BACK MAP.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [VISITCHESTERCT.COM WEBSITE LIST OF RETAIL BUSINESSES 2.3.1](#)

PDF: [FIRST FRIDAYS IN CHESTER CT 2.3.2](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 WORKSHEET- BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN VERSION 2023](#)

WORD: [WORKSHEET TO DESCRIBE "BUY LOCAL" CAMPAIGN EFFORTS](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.2 MARCH 3RD 2023 "IT'S MARCH FIRST FRIDAY IN CHESTER" EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENT/ BLAST](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 CHESTER RACK CARD V9 - MARCH 2023](#)

WORD: [2.3.1 2023 VISIT CHESTER WEBSITE PRINT SCREENS HOME PAGE](#)

PDF: [2023 2.3.2: PDF TOWNWIDE EMAIL 8_20_2021 MUNICIPAL EMAIL PROMOTING SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET PLUS](#)

PDF: [2023 2.3.2: PDF MUNICIPAL TOWNWIDE EMAIL 12_2_2022 SAMPLE EMAIL FOR FIRST FRIDAY & HOLIDAY EVENTS](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.1A & B CHESTER VILLAGE MAP ON VISITCHESTERCT - LINK TO THE MAP \(1\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.1A & B VILLAGE MAP LIST- PAGE 1 STROLL THE VILLAGE PRINT SCREEN- SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [2.3.1A & B VILLAGE MAP - PAGE 2 STROLL THE VILLAGE PRINT SCREEN - SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.1a Refer to 2023 VisitChesterCT Website Print Screens Home Page. The website includes links to the lists of restaurants, brewery, shops, etc. When clicking on each business, the searcher is linked to that business' specific website. Revisions are maintained by Mandy Carroll and other Chester merchants. Attached is a map as well. Two of the attached files show an inventory and map of the local retail options in Chester. Every store has a stack where staff hand them out to visitors and customers as a guide to fully explore all of the options in town, as well as to advertise and promote special events including First Fridays (on the first Friday of every month from 5:00-8:00pm) and the Sunday Farmers Market (season from mid-June to mid-October). 2.3.1a and b. The Chester village map is on VisitChesterCT. To view the rack card map on the website, select Plan Your Visit from the header then select Village Map from the drop-down menu. 2.3.1b Refer to the attached print screens to view the list of businesses and their related special designations marked by their respective, explained symbols. 2.3.2 Worksheet re: the Buy Local Campaign was reviewed, revised and completed by 3/19/23 by Chester Group of Merchants Facilitator Mandy Carroll, Cindy Lignar, Sustainability Team & Economic Development Commission and Chester's recently appointed Tourism Liaison Bekah Wright. 2.3.2 It's March First Friday in Chester email blast/ announcement is emailed monthly by Mandy Carroll. 2.3.2 Refer to the revised Rack Card V9- March 2023. New businesses are included along with a business numbered map. 2.3.2 Refer to Municipal Townwide Emails 8/20/21 & 12/22/22 as examples of weekly emails that promote the downtown Sunday Farmers' Market plus and Dec. 2022 downtown First Friday and Holiday events. Demonstrates municipal promotion and support for local businesses and town events. Another attached file is a screen shot of the website (VisitChesterCT.com) page where all of the retail business options are listed and described. There is also a page for restaurants and other town attractions.

Partners: Chester Merchants Chester Merchants Facilitator Chester Sustainability Team Chester Economic Development Commission The Chester Merchants Group is a group with representatives from each of the retail businesses that gathers once a month on the last Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am. The group is supported by the Board of Selectmen, Economic Development Commission and Sustainability Team, as well as the recently appointed Chester Tourism Liaison. The merchants group created the Rack Card with the list and map of all the businesses to guide visitors. Their goal is to make their businesses as accessible and successful as possible. The merchants meet monthly, along with invited First Selectman and Economic Development & Sustainability Team reps to support each other in various ways including the creation of events to attract new visitors and returning customers. Rack Cards are available at all businesses where they are provided to customers. The Rack Card is also posted on the downtown kiosk outside of the Little House Brewery.

2.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses

15 Points

Approved Information: 2.4.1: Host one or more business roundtables (5 points) 2.4.4: Identify or create, and then disseminate a toolkit for business resiliency (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [2.4.1 MONTHLY MERCHANTS MEETING](#)

PDF: [2.4.4 REOPEN CHESTER - TOOLKIT FOR RESILIENCY](#)

PDF: [2.4.1 WORKSHEET CHESTER MONTHLY BUSINESS ROUNDTABLES](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.1 PROMO. FLYER - JUNE IN CHESTER - EMAIL BLAST FROM THE MERCHANTS OF CHESTER](#)

IMAGE: [2.4.1 PROMO. FLYER - MAY IN CHESTER - EMAIL BLAST FROM THE MERCHANTS OF CHESTER](#)

PDF: [2.4.4 TOOLKIT FOR RESILIENCY.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Business roundtables are held once a month (the first Wednesday morning of every month at 8:30am) hosted by the Chester Merchants Group, where the merchants gather to support each other in dialogue and topics that include but are not limited to the needs and opportunities to build and expand business development in the community. In addition to the merchants, the First Selectwoman, a representative from the local Economic Development Committee, as well as other relevant participants attend.

Partners: The ReOpen Chester Group (ROCG) was formed and led by Susan Wright (Chairwoman of the Economic Development Committee) and Suzie Woodward (Chester Business Owner), as a town wide, volunteer effort with support from Chester's First Selectwoman's Office. All decisions and directives about safely reopening our downtown businesses are made by our town leadership, directed by Selectwoman Lauren Gister, and our public safety and emergency management teams. Other volunteers included The Chester Imagineers - the Imagineers committee of various skilled thinkers and doers will bounce ideas, create, and collaborate to redefine how we experience life in Chester. The fluidity of ideas is our model for reimagining our new normal. Creating is perpetual, not linear. The Chester Imagineers: Carol LeWitt, Chair, Michael Cressman, Scientist, Rebecca Joslow MacGregor, Artist/Designer, Priscilla Martel, Food Impresario, Ed Meehan, Former First Selectman and experienced Town Planner, Michelle Paulson, Communications, John Schroeder, Architect/Developer, and Erica Udoff, Designer.

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.1 Provide Watershed Education

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.1a. Sponsor or host a watershed education program (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1.1B_STORMDRAIN MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF LABELED STORMDRAINS.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [3.1.1B_CATCH BASIN SIGNAGE.JPG](#)

PDF: [3.1.1.A_ARTICLE IN TOWN NEWSLETTER FOR EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR STORM DRAIN STENCILING PROGRAM](#)

IMAGE: [3.1.1A_POSTCARDS MAILED TO RESIDENTS IN 2019 AND 2020](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A_HYDRILLA TALK_CAES_BUGBEE_6-24-2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A DAM PROGRAM BROCHURE_10-11-2022_V2-PROOF.PDF](#)

PDF: [3.1.1A DAM FACTS.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.1.1A DESCRIPTIONS.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 3.1.1a Materials disseminated at the dams and hydrilla watershed education events are attached, as well as a description of the event and relevant links 3.1.1 b Map source can be viewed at <http://arcg.is/1Puzfu>. One can pan and zoom different areas of the online map to see more detail. Also included is a picture of the signage being painted. The map shows all catch basins throughout the entire town; Stenciling was and is being specially targeted for those catchbasins which a) are in areas where improper disposal would be most likely, and b) in areas frequented by pedestrians. (Chester is a "walking" town.

Partners: Chester Conservation Commission. Chester Land Trust. Chester Historical Society Postcards were designed by a member of the Cedar Lake Watershed Commission. The Town of Chester provided funding for roadway paint. Juliana Barrett from the DEEP helped design the program on riparian buffers.

3.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.3.1: Complete a watershed protection and restoration priority project (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.3.1 CHESTER.DOCX](#)

PDF: [CEDARLAKEWATERSHEDCOMMISSION-BENTHICBARRIERPERMIT-.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The documents attached above are a description of the project and the application to Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency for deployment of benthic barriers in coordination with the Cedar Lake Watershed Commission. On page 6 of this document are specific details of the projects and maps.

Partners: Cedar Lake Watershed Commission Chester Board of Selectmen Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.4c: Improve Open Space Parcels (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.4.4C CHESTER.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.4.4C 7-7-23 TOWNWIDE EMAIL - CEMETERY EVENT AUG. 1ST 2023.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [CHESTERCEMETERYASSOC_STONERESTORATIONWKSHP_080123.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [CEDARLAKECEMRESTORATIONEVENT1 \(3\).JPG](#)

IMAGE: [CEDARLAKECEMRESTORATIONEVENT1 \(1\).JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.4c: A description of the restoration event and link to it's announcement on the Cemetery Association and the promotion of it in the townwide email are attached above. Pictures of the event are also attached.

Partners: Chester Cemetery Association Chester Board of Selectmen

3.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.5.1: Develop a natural resource and wildlife (NRW) inventory (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.5.1. CHESTER NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE INVENTORY DESCRIPTION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.5.1. CHESTER NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY \(1\).PDF](#)

EXCEL: [CHESTER EBIRD DATA_LCWAHLE.XLSX](#)

Partners: None

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.3 Educate Residents on Invasive Species (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3.1.1B REFER TO THE 2 ZIP06 ARTICLES: "GRANT TO BENEFIT CLT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT" AND "CHESTER LAND TRUST FIGHTS JAPANESE KNOTWEED"](#)

PDF: [2023 3.10.3A PDF CHESTER TOWN WEBSITE - INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION RESOURCES](#)

PDF: [3.1.1B CARINI POSTER 27 FEB 2023 \(1\)- CARINI PRESERVE JAPANESE KNOTWEED MITIGATION PROJECT](#)

PDF: [3.1.1B CHESTER EVENTS CLT KNOTWEED 13 MARCH 2023](#)

Documentation Details: 3.10.3.a On the Chesterct.org town website PDF attachment, under Conservation Commission/ Native & Invasive Plants are listed resident education resources that include fact sheets on locally occurring invasive plants. The fact sheets include general information, identification and control methods. Links to on-line resources include the "CT Invasive Plant List" and "Invasive Plants in Your Back Yard," as well as a link to the report "Tree Mortality in Eastern CT." 3.10.3.b The Grant receipt article was published on Jan. 29th and Feb 14th 2023. The Fights Japanese Knotweed article was published Nov. 3rd and 10th 2022. The "Japanese Knotweed Mapping and Management in Chester" presentation was provided by UCONN-trained plant specialist/ professional invasive plant management specialist Christian Allyn to the public/ Chester residents on Dec. 6th, 2022 at the CLT annual meeting. See also the attached Carini poster "Carini Preserve Japanese Knotweed Mitigation Project" placed on the back of the Carini Preserve kiosk and in the CLT newsletter for resident/ public education. See also the attached Chester Events article "Chester Events CLT Knotweed 13 March 2023" from CLT VP Jenny Kitsen.

Partners: 3.10.3.a. Chester Conservation Commission 3.10.3.b Chester Land Trust, Chester Conservation Commission, UCONN plant and invasive species specialist Christian Allyn and other partners for funding as listed.

Additional Information: In 2020, the Conservation Commission established a Native and Invasive Plants Subcommittee staffed by commission members and volunteers from the community. The subcommittee has completed fact sheets about invasive plants commonly found in Chester along with information about how to control them. As the fact sheets are prepared, articles about the specific invasive plants are published in the quarterly Chester Events magazine mailed to all Chester households.

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

20 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1: Provide education to residents and local businesses to improve pollinator habitat (5 points) 3.12.2: Create native pollinator gardens, upgrade existing gardens to be pollinator friendly (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.12.1 POLLINATOR GARDEN HANDOUT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN PLANTED IN CHESTER MAY 2020](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 TOWN OF CHESTER POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO1](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 TOWN OF CHESTER POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO2](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN AT END OF SEASON \(OCTOBER 2020\)](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 TOWN OF CHESTER POLLINATOR GARDEN PHOTO3](#)

PDF: [3.12 POLLINATOR GARDEN PRINT SCREENS 2020 - 2023- WATER ST. POLLINATOR GARDEN PROMOTIONS FOR UPCOMING EARTH DAY EVENT ON 4/22/2023, 2020 IMAGE OF THE POLLINATOR GARDEN AND A POLLINATOR SEEDS PACKET EVENT IN 2021](#)

IMAGE: [2023 3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN LOCATION ON WATER ST. LOCATED AT THE WATER ST. MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND SITS NEXT TO THE 9 TT BUS STOP](#)

IMAGE: [2023 3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN SIGN - THIS PROPERTY IS ON THE POLLINATOR PATHWAY](#)

IMAGE: [2023 3.12.2 POLLINATOR GARDEN SIGN - WELCOME TO CHESTER'S WATER STREET POLLINATOR GARDEN- EDUCATION SIGNAGE](#)

PDF: [3.12 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DEC 1, 2022- POLLINATOR GARDEN PLANNING IN SECTION 5.E.](#)

Documentation Details: 2023: 3.12.1 & 3.12.2 Refer to the attached planned Pollinator Garden Print Screens 2020-2023, which includes promotions for the 2023 April Earth Day Events, including "A Pollinator Afternoon" at Chester's Pollinator Garden location on Water St. Signage posted at the Pollinator Garden includes public education information and states pesticide-free. Also refer to the 12/1/2022 Conservation Commission section 5.e meeting minutes demonstrating continued Pollinator Garden planning. 2021: 3.12 Although there is no documentation for the distribution of handouts, copies were given to Camp Hazen YMCA (which is planning a pollinator garden at their facility) and to the Chester Girl Scouts.

Partners: 2023: Chester Pollinator Garden lead Felise Cressman, Chester Conservation Commission, Chester Rotary 2021: 3.12 University of Connecticut Extension Center, Haddam CT has supplied excellent advice and services. 3.12. Camp Hazen YMCA in Chester is interested in incorporating this into their program and is planning to install a pollinator garden on-site. (see "additional information" below.)

Additional Information: 2023: New signage at the Pollinator Garden location and the Garden is now listed as a Pollinator Pathway garden. <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/> 2021: 3.12. As a result of the distributed information and the demonstration garden on Water Street, Camp Hazen YMCA applied for, and was given a grant by the Rockfall Foundation (Middlefield CT) to construct a pollinator garden near the camp office this fall.

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Inventory Tourism and Cultural Assets

15 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1 Create a Tourism and Cultural Asset Map (10 points) 4.1.2 Update Your Profile on CTVisit (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2023 4.1.1A & 4.1.1B WORKSHEET -CREATE A TOURISM AND CULTURAL ASSET MAP](#)

WORD: [2023 4.1.1E CREATE A MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR UPDATING THE DYNAMIC TOURISM...WEB RESOURCE](#)

PDF: [2023 4.1.1C LIST OF CHESTER CT EVENTS & DESTINATIONS](#)

WORD: [2023 4.1.1D CHESTERCT.ORG WEBSITE- LINKS & ORGANIZATIONS & PRINT SCREEN TO DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES, NATURAL RESOURCES, ATTRACTIONS AND MORE](#)

WORD: [4.1.1C 2023 CHASING SQUIRRELS - WEBSITE PRINT SCREENS](#)

WORD: [4.1.2 CTVISIT.COM - LINK TO CHESTER UPDATES AS OF 3/27/23](#)

PDF: [CHESTER TOWNWIDE EMAIL 2/3/2023 4.1.1D PROMOTION OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESS EVENTS AND MORE](#)

PDF: [4.1.2 EMAIL - CHANGES TO CHESTER PAGE ON CTVISIT.COM COMPLETED ON 3/27/23](#)

Documentation Details: 2023: 4.1.1a & 4.1.1b - Refer to 4.1.1b 2023 Worksheet. Many events and destinations were added by Chester Merchants Group Facilitator Mandy Carroll, Cindy Lignar, Sustainability Team & EDC and Chester Tourism Liaison Bekah Wright during the month of March 2023. 4.1.1c Refer to 2023 List of Chester CT Events & Destinations. Cindy Lignar, Sustainability Team & EDC and Bekah Wright, Tourism Liaison, will be utilizing this list to further review and edit the chesterct.org website for continued quality and visually inviting events & destinations and more. Goal is to create a specific Tourism location on the newly revised municipal website. Chester continues the Chasing Squirrels historical walking tours. 4.1.1d Attachment includes the chesterct.org print screen with links to the Visit Chester CT website, Chester events, destinations, natural resources, etc. Also see the Chester 2/3/23 weekly Townwide Email once again demonstrating promotion of downtown businesses, including the Feb. 2023 First Friday with a link to the Visit Chester CT website. Bekah W. will maintain the town website Tourism information. 4.1.1e Attachment explains the maintenance plan for the Visit Chester CT website, merchants Facebook and Instagram sites. 4.1.2 CTVisit Profile was last updated on 3/27/23. See the attached "Changes to Chester Page on CTVisit.com." 4.1.2 ctvisit.com - Link to Chester Updates as of 3/27/23.

Partners: 2023: 4.1 Main Partners: Chester Merchants Group Facilitator, Chester Tourism Liaison, Chester Historical Society, Chester Land Trust, First Selectman.

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

5 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.10a: Promote through municipal outlets, events offered at your local library (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.2.2. COLLOMORE MUSIC SERIES ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2021](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 SUNDAY FARMERS' MARKET -- MUSICIANS SCHEDULED](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 EXERPT FROM CHESTER TOWNWIDE EMAIL 6/18/2021 -- FARMERS' MKT PUBLICITY](#)

WORD: [4.2.6 LONG TERM RECOVERY TASKFORCE - ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE 2020](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL CONCERT JUNE 20,2021](#)

PDF: [4.2.6 ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - CELEBRATE CHESTER 2020](#)

PDF: [4.2.6 ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - CHESTER PRESTO MOVIES 2020](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 STARRY NIGHTS ART INSTALLATION - TOWN CONTRIBUTED \\$200, INTERACTIVE DISPLAY](#)

PDF: [4.2.10A TOWNWIDE EMAIL 5_19_2023 PDF CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY- PATRIOTIC MUSIC FOR CELLO.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10A TOWNWIDE EMAIL 4_7_2023 PDF CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY - NIGHT OF POETRY.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [4.2.10A CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERINGS 2023- ARTS & CULTURE.XLSX](#)

PDF: [4.2.2 TOWNWIDE EMAIL 7_7_2023 PDF SUPPORTING CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 TOWNWIDE EMAIL 5_19_2023 PDF CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY- PATRIOTIC MUSIC FOR CELLO \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 TOWNWIDE EMAIL 7_7_2023 PDF SUPPORTING CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES \(2\).PDF](#)

WORD: [4.2.3 CHESTER LEADERSHIP FUND WEBSITE.DOCX](#)

WORD: [CHESTER 4.2.3.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.2 The townwide email 7/7/2023 promotes 4 Chester Public Library events/ offerings "ASL Storytime with Ms. Katie", "The "Cosmic Watercolor Workshop", The treehouse players "story theatre workshop", "What to Do With a Blank Page: A Writing Workshop", and "A Message from the Chester Public Library" 4.2.2 Musicians entertain the crowds at the Sunday Farmers' markets in downtown Chester. This is an extremely popular weekly event. Musicians entertain and the art galleries are open. The town provides police coverage and town crews erect sawhorses to keep Main Street pedestrian-only. 4.2.3 Starry Nights Exhibit and Celebrate Chester - Town of Chester contributed \$200 and \$800 respectively for installation, supplies, and payment to band for live music downtown. 4.2.3 Chester Leadership Fund, attached are CLF related attachments: 1. Chester Leadership Fund website screenshot. 2. 7/7/23 Townwide email promoting the Movie Nights at the Meeting House and Summer Concert Series at Cedar Lake. 3. 5/19/23 Townwide email promoting the CLF fundraiser "Chairs for Charity" held on June 1st 2023. 4. Description of Chester Leadership Fund 4.2.6 Arts Culture and tourism Committee formed in 2020 as part of Long Term Recovery Committee. Activities included scheduled concerts, art and craft activities at town events, movies on the Town Green, etc. 4.2.10a Townwide emails promoting Chester Public Library provision of arts and culture programs, and a list of the library's 2023 program offerings.

Partners: 4.2 Chester Historical Society and Robbie Collamore Committee Support both visual and performing arts. 4.2. Chester supports The Community Music School ('Essex-based) by providing a venue for summer concerts at the Meetinghouse. Visit Chester CT: <https://www.visitchesterct.com/concerts> 4.2.10a The Town of Chester provides funding for Chester Public Library programs and services. The First Selectman's Office/ Town of Chester promotes Chester Public Library arts & cultural offerings and programs prior to each event/ offering in the townwide emails. Refer to the attached townwide email examples dated 4/7/23 and 5/19/23. The Friends of the Chester Public Library funds programs and services that are not paid for by the town. Friends – Chester Public Library (chesterctlibrary.com). ShopRaise has partnered with the Chester Public Library. Purchases via the ShopRaise app provides a percentage of funds to the Library. Community Foundation of Middlesex County provided a grant for Chromebooks in collaboration with the Friends of the Library. Shell & Bee provides on-going workshops for all ages. Tri-Town DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) provides a monthly Book Club for Deep River, Chester and Essex residents.

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

25 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.1b: Integrate sustainability concepts (25 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [5.1_CHESTER PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT](#)

WORD: [5.1.1B_WORKSHEET2](#)

Documentation Details: 5.1.1b Worksheet 2: Chester's POCD was built with an eye to integrating sustainability throughout the entire document; along with Goal 6 which deals directly with Sustainability and Resiliency. All projects of the town are important to complete with these concepts for a resilient municipal future.

Partners: 5.1. Chester Planning and Zoning Commission, 5.1. RiverCOG (Regional Council of Governments)

5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

40 Points

Approved Information: 5.5.1: Identify multiple priority historic assets within your community (10 points) 5.5.2: Assess viability and long-term health of historic assets (30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2023 5.5.2 WORKSHEET \(1\) ASSESS VIABILITY OF HISTORIC ASSETS](#)

PDF: [5.5.1 2023 ASSET #1 THE MEETING HOUSE - REVIEWED & REVISED BY C. LIGNAR AS INFORMED BY SELECTMAN ED MEEHAN AND FIRST SELECTMAN'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON 3/24/23](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 2023 - ASSET #2 - CHESTER MUSEUM AT THE MILL- CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 2023 - ASSET #3 - THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 2023 - ASSET #4 THE CHESTER HOSE COMPANY](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 2023 - ASSET #5 - THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

WORD: [5.5.1 2023 - ASSET #6 - THE NORMA TERRIS THEATER](#)

Documentation Details: 2023: 5.5.1, Refer to the attached Assets #1 - #6 documents. Reviewed and revised in March 2023. 5.5.2. Refer to the completed 5.5.2 Worksheet.

Partners: 2023: 5.5.1: Sources are specifically listed in each Asset document. These include individuals from the Chester Historical Society, the Chester Public Library Director, a Chester Hose Company Trustee, the Marketing Director of the Goodspeed Opera House, the United Church Parish Administrator and a Sustainability Team member who is a church member. 5.5.2: Bibliography sources are cited under the 3 Assets where requested. 2021: 5.5. The Town of Chester owns and maintains the Meeting house and the Chester Hose Company and worked closely with Sustainable Chester. 5.5. The Chester Energy Task Force was vital in tracking energy use, suggesting improvements, and researching contractors. 5.5 The Chester Conservation Commission made recommendations for plantings emphasizing native species and pollinator-friendly species. 5.5. The Chester Historical Society provided extensive background material for all the buildings. 5.5 The United Church of Chester also provided extensive background material on the building as well as energy information on the solar panels installed on the roof. 5.5 The Goodspeed Theater Foundation provided some background information on the Norma Terris Theater.

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

10 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.6: Implement, repair and maintain specific projects that expand safe, connected, active transportation networks across all neighborhoods (10 points).

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET #1 - WALKWAY BETWEEN MAIN ST. AND MAPLE ST. MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 WALKWAY BETWEEN MAIN ST & MAPLE MUNI PARKING LOT \(CORRESPONDING TO WORKSHEET #1\) \(1-1\).JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 WALKWAY BETWEEN MAIN ST & MAPLE MUNI PARKING LOT \(CORRESPONDING TO WORKSHEET #1\) \(2\).JPG](#)

WORD: [6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 WALKWAY TO MAPLE ST. PARKING LOT SIGN ON MAIN ST \(CORRESPONDING TO WORKSHEET #1\)...JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 WALKWAY BETWEEN MAIN ST & MAPLE MUNI PARKING LOT \(CORRESPONDING TO WORKSHEET #1\)\(4\) PLUS SIGN.JPG](#)

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET #2 - STRAITS RD. SEALING .DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET #3 - MAPLE ST. SEALING.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 MAPLE ST. ROAD SEAL \(CORRESPONDING TO WORKSHEET #3\) \(1\).JPG](#)

IMAGE: [6.1.6 MAPLE ST. ROAD SEAL \(CORRESPONDING TO WORKSHEET #3\) \(3\).JPG](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET #4 - TOWN HALL PARKING LOT 2023.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET #5 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WATER OVER ROAD SIGNS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET #6 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SIGN ON CASTLE VIEW RD. EXT.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET #7 - 2020 MAIN ST. VILLAGE CENTER RECONSTRUCTION.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET #8 - EAST LIBERTY ST. PAVING.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6 WORKSHEET #9 - DRAIN PERIMETER REPAIR AT LIBERTY ST AND GOOSE HILL INTERSECTION.DOCX](#)

WORD: [6.1.6_WORKSHEET #10 - LIBERTY ST. -DEEP HOLLOW RD PAVING.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 6.1.6 See attached worksheets and images on 10 projects

Partners: 6.1.2 (training) none 6.1.6: Town of Chester/ First Selectman's office #1-6 Chester Department of Public Works - For all #1-6 Winthrop Construction for the road projects (not Walkway) Project #1: Tilcon CT, Inc., Bobcat of CT, Inc., M & S Trucking LLC, Connected Systems, LLC, Essex Hardware Project #7: Main St. Project Committee, Chester Board of Selectmen, Chester Board of Finance, Jacobson & Associates, Kent & Frost, GNCB Consulting Engineers, CT DOT, RiverCOG, Chester Tree Warden, Chester Conservation Commission, CT Water Co., Chester Planning & Zoning Commission, Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency, Chester Fire Marshall, Eversource, Frontier, Comcast, Chester Historical Society, Chester Merchants, Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving, LLC. Projects #8 and #9: Chester Board of Selectmen, Chester Board of Finance, Department of Public Works Project #10: Chester Board of Selectmen, Chester Board of Finance, Department of Public Works, J.J. Dibble Construction, Inc.

6.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.4.2: Electric Vehicle Training (5 points) 6.4.4: Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [6.4.4 CHARACTERISTICS OF SITE SELECTED FOR EV CHARGING STATION](#)

WORD: [6.4.4. MINUTES OF ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING 9/9/2019](#)

WORD: [6.4.2 CHESTER.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 6.4.2: Electric Vehicle Training information attached in word document 6.4.4: The discussion of the best site was reported near the bottom of the first page of the Energy Team Minutes. The test has been underlined.

Partners: 6.4.2, Board of Selectman/ First Selectman, Chester Conservation Commission and Chester Sustainability Team 6.4.4 None

6.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.5.1 Educate residents about transportation options (5 points) 6.5.4: Create and formally adopt a bike and/or pedestrian plan (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.5.1 MINUTES OF TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 2021](#)

PDF: [6.5 ESTUARY TRANSIT \(9-TOWN TRANSIT\) WEB PAGE LINK](#)

PDF: [FREE TRANSIT RIDE TO COVID VACCINATION SITE 2021](#)

PDF: [9 TOWN TRANSIT FREE WEEKENDS - TOWN NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021](#)

PDF: [9 TOWN TRANSIT SURVEY ADVERTISEMENT](#)

WORD: [6.5.4 WORKSHEET - CHESTER.DOCX](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 CHESTER POCD-2019-2029.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 CHESTER_ROADSAFETYAUDIT_REPORT - FINAL RECEIVED ON 3-21-23.PDF](#)

PDF: [6.5.4 6-30-23 EMAIL WITH SR. TRANSPORTATION PLANNER RIVERCOG - CHESTER RSA RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW UP.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 6.5.1. The first page of the minutes of the transit committee contains the report of the marketing committee. The remaining documents include outreach and educational materials for 9-town transit. 6.5.4. Pages of the POCD and RSA are referenced in the worksheet, and the email shows efforts of continued actions and work to implement bike/pedestrian infrastructure

Partners: 6.5.1. 9-Town Transit Bus Route Service Providing public transit with general public Dial-A-Ride service throughout the twelve town region. CHESTER, CLINTON, DEEP RIVER, ESSEX, KILLINGWORTH, LYME, OLD LYME, OLD SAYBROOK, WESTBROOK. Also offering five deviated bus routes from Old Saybrook to Madison, Old Saybrook to Chester, Old Saybrook to New London, Old Saybrook to Middletown and the NEW Madison to Middletown route. Chester Town Representative is Chair of Estuary Transit District Board of Directors 6.5.4: Chester's Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) was adopted and effective beginning April 1st, 2019, including the municipal bike/ pedestrian plan. The POCD was completed by hired consultants Milone & MacBroom: Engineering Consulting & Landscape Architecture - MMI (miloneandmacbroom.com) in coordination with town leadership and Chester Boards & Commissions representatives. Chester's Board of Selectmen approved the Chester Sustainability Team's effort to apply for and obtain approval for Chester's Road Safety Audit (RSA), offered free to municipalities via the CT DOT. FHI Consultants and CT DOT representatives completed the RSA walk and report in collaboration with Sustainability Team, Economic Development and Board of Selectmen involvement. The Sustainability Team solicited input also from the public and other related town departments, ie, the DPW, Fire Dept., First Student, Inc. school bus company, police department. RiverCOG's Senior Transportation Planner is working with the Town of Chester on next steps.

6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets

20 Points

Approved Information: 6.6.1 Manage Municipal Fleets (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [MUNICIPAL FLEET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY](#)

PDF: [2021 CHESTER MUNICIPAL FLEET INVENTORY \(2\)](#)

PDF: [BOS 8-11-2021 FLEET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ADOPTION](#)

Documentation Details: 6.6.1. Although the policy for fleet improvement and maintenance has been understood to be town policy for many years, it was formally recognized at the Board of Selectmen's meeting the week of 8/09/2021.

Partners: 6.6.1 The Chester Sustainability Committee worked with the Board of Selectmen as well as the Public Works department to formalize the plan for continuing maintenance and for fleet energy improvement over time.

7. Renewable and Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations

7.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use

5 Points

Approved Information: 7.1.1 Track Energy Use in Municipal and Board of Education Buildings (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [UTILITIES 2020.XLSX](#)

EXCEL: [7.1.1 2023 UTILITIES SPREADSHEET- TRACK ENERGY USE IN MUNI AND BOE BUILDINGS](#)

PDF: [7.1.1 2023 RECEIPT FOR DATA REQUEST SUBMITTAL 4-3-2023](#)

Documentation Details: 2023: Updated Municipal Building Energy Use spreadsheet submission. Rick Holloway, Sustainability and Energy Team, reviews the fuel use reports monthly and quarterly. 2021: 7.1.1 The Excel utilities report is what we use locally to track energy usage in town facilities, and which we use to gather data for inclusion in the EPA Portfolio manager. Since we are a small town, EPA Portfolio manager, which seems to be geared towards large towns and cities, is awkward for our needs, but we continue to keep it up to date as we are a Clean Energy town.. Our first selectman finds the Excel spreadsheet much easier to use, and we are able to generate graphs and easily compare data. You may note that we have ceased entering electrical data because Eversource now uploads that data automatically. 7.1.1. Energy use related to treating our waste water is to be found in the EPA Portfolio manager report as "CTLC_Chester_PumpHouse_MainSt". Chester pumps its wastewater to Deep River, which manages the wastewater treatment plant.

Partners: 7.1 Eversource, EPA. Town of Chester finance office.

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Hold over 10 sustainability events (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.1 TOWNWIDE EMAIL EARTH DAY & WEEKEND EVENTS 4_21_2023 PDF.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [MRF RECYCLING TOUR GROUP 8-3-23 \(REFERS TO EVENT 14 ON TEMPLATE\) \(1\).JPG](#)

EXCEL: [8.1 TEMPLATE- CHESTER SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS MARCH 2021-AUGUST 2023.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: 8.1.1 Refer to the attached sustainability template that documents 14 Chester sustainability events. The 8.1 town wide earth day and weekend events email contains some of the outreach for some of the events that are listed on the spreadsheet.

Partners: 8.1. Chester Sustainability Team, Chester Land Trust, Chester Conservation Commission, Chester Historical Society, Masonicare at Chester Village.

8.6 Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions – REQUIRED for Gold Certification

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.6: Collaborate with Other Municipalities on Sustainability Actions (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.6 WORKSHEET 1 - TRITOWN SUSTAINABILITY R4 FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM.DOCX](#)

WORD: [8.6 REGION 4 SCHOOL SYSTEM FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM SUMMARY](#)

Documentation Details: Submitted: Completed worksheet and a summary of the timeline of this program, as specified in the action guidelines. All other information regarding this action is uploaded into 9.4.2.

Partners: Sustainable Essex Deep River Sustainability Committee Chester Sustainability Team Region 4 Superintendent of Schools Brian White Sustainable CT for matching funding All 5 Region 4 Schools as stated above in the summary Tri-town Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance Tri-town residents Blue Earth Compost

8.7 Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability

5 Points

Approved Information: 8.7: Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [8.7_WORKSHEET_1 CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY TREE PROJECT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [CHESTER ELEM SCHOOL SUST TREE PIC 2 - CES EARTH DAY SUMMARY ON TREE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [CHESTER ELEM SCHOOL SUST TREE PIC 1 - TREE NEXT TO SUSTAINABILITY TENT.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [CHESTER ELEM SCHOOL SUST TREE PIC 4 - TREE LOOKING TOWARD THE STREET.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 8.7: Attached are the worksheet and pictures of the Chester Elementary School completed, student-initiated sustainability tree project for April 2023 Earth Day. The students' sustainability ideas are written on the leaves of the tree. Since that date, Reboot Eco has displayed the Tree in their shop on Main St. for all to continue to see.

Partners: Town of Chester allowed the Tourism Liaison, with support from the Sustainability Team, to close the downtown Main St. area on Earth Day for the village events. Troopers were stationed on each end of the blocked-off area to direct traffic. Superintendent of Region 4 Schools, Brian J. White approved circulation of the 2023 April Earth Month Events flier in the schools mentioned above. Chester Elementary School, along with the JW Middle School and VRHS circulated the survey flier by email and by posting it. Tourism Liaison coordinated many of the Earth Month and Day events and connected the Sustainability Team with the CES art teacher Lori Lenz. The connection resulted in the CES Sustainability Tree becoming part of the Sustainability Team's tent offerings/ displays.

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.3 Recycle Additional Materials

40 Points

Approved Information: 9.3.1 Recycling additional materials (candy and snack wrappers; pens, pencils, and markers; masks; and plastic film - 40 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [9.3 THIN PLASTICS, PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM RECYCLING SCREENSHOT \(1\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [9.3 CANDY AND SNACK WRAPPERS, PENS, PENCILS AND MARKERS AND DISPOSABLE MASKS RECYCLING AT REBOOT ECO SCREENSHOT \(1\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [9.3 CHESTER SUSTAINABILITY TEAM HOME PAGE WITH LINKS TO NON-MANDATE RECYCLING OPTIONS SCREENSHOT \(1\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [2023 9.3 REBOOT ECO RECYCLING BINS LOCATED IN THE STORE IN DOWNTOWN CHESTER - RECYCLE BINS FOR CANDY & SNACK WRAPPERS, COFFEE CAPSULES, DISPOSABLE MASKS AND PENS, PENCILS AND MARKERS](#)

PDF: [BOS AUGUST 9, 2023, MINUTES \(1\).PDF](#)

IMAGE: [2023 9.3 REBOOT ECO REFILLING STATION IMAGE- MULTIPLE REFILLING OPTIONS](#)

Documentation Details: Attached are: 1. The Sustainability Team Home page screenshot with links to non-mandated, additional recycling material options. 2. The Candy & Snack Wrappers, Pens, Pencils and Markers, and Disposable Masks recycling options link to resident information - screenshot. Boxes located at Reboot Eco at 11 Main St. in Chester. 3. Thin Plastics, Plastic Bags and Plastic film recycling link and summary for residents. Drop box images included and NexTrex public information regarding acceptable and unacceptable bin deposits. 4. 8/9/23 Board of Selectmen's (BOS) meeting minutes. The meeting is recorded. Summary: At the BOS meeting, Cindy Lignar described the recycling options for Chester residents for candy & snack wrappers, pens, pencils and markers and disposable masks recycling waste for deposits at Reboot Eco on Main St., as well as the plastic bags, thin plastics and plastic films at the Deep River Public Library, Adams Food Store in Deep River and the Deep River Town Hall. Images of bins and written materials were provided to the BOS. Cindy described to the BOS the companies used for their respective recycling materials - TerraCycle and NexTrex. The BOS acknowledged and support all recycling options presented and agree with the relationships between the Town of Chester, its residents and Reboot Eco and the Town of Deep River. 5. Reboot Eco Recycle and Refill image attachments demonstrate additional resident options for recycling, as well as a refilling station. Reboot Eco is conveniently located in downtown Chester for easy access. Reboot Eco website: <https://www.rebooteco.com/>.

Partners: 9.3.1. Town of Deep River Chester Board of Selectmen Reboot Eco Chester Sustainability Team NexTrex TerraCycle

Additional Information: Since Reboot Eco opened its doors in downtown Chester in approx. 2020, they have offered candy & snack wrappers, pens, pencils and markers and disposable masks recycling at their shop. They promote recycling and all things zero waste and work closely with the Chester Sustainability Team, Chester Merchants, Economic Development Commission and Tourism Liaison to promote, create and realize sustainability actions and events in town. The Town of Chester and its residents are honored to have this progressive recycle, reuse, zero waste shop as a resource, including offering recycling and refilling stations, right downtown on Main St. and accessible to all.

9.4 Reduce and Compost Organic Waste

30 Points

Approved Information: 9.4.2 Implement food waste diversion program (2 programs - 30 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [1-23-23 SUSTAINABLE TRI-TOWN MEETING MINUTES \(1\) \(1\).DOCX](#)

PDF: [R4 FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM PLANNING EMAILS 3-22-23 - TRI-TOWN SUSTAINABLE GROUP.PDF](#)

PDF: [5-1-23 EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS RE R4 FOOD SCRAPS FUNDRAISING & PLANNING.PDF](#)

PDF: [5-7-23 EMAIL R4 FUNDRAISER FOLLOW-UP PDF.PDF](#)

PDF: [ARPA PROPOSAL TO THE TOWN OF CHESTER, CT - PDF 4-25-23 \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 CHESTER FAIR ZERO WASTE INITIATIVE SUMMARY 07-2023 \(4\).DOCX](#)

PDF: [BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 4 26 23 - ARPA APPROVAL FOR R4 FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 2023 CHESTER FAIR ZERO WASTE AGREEMENT 1-11-23 \(1\).DOCX](#)

PDF: [R4 FUNDRAISER PROMOTED BY CHESTER - TOWNWIDE EMAIL 5 5 2023 PDF.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 2023 CHESTER FAIR ZERO WASTE PROGRAM GUIDELINES 12-1-22A \(1\) \(1\).DOC](#)

PDF: [R4 FOOD SCRAPS UPDATED POSTER - TOWNWIDE EMAIL 6 9 2023 PDF.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 TOWN OF CHESTER FB PAGE SCREENSHOT REQUESTING CHESTER FAIR ZERO WASTE VOLUNTEERS 2022 \(1\).DOCX](#)

PDF: [EMAIL 6-11-23 R4 FUNDRAISING GOALS MET \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [TOWN OF CHESTER FB PAGE SCREENSHOT PROMOTING 2022 CHESTER FAIR \(1\).DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 CHESTER FAIR 2022 IMAGE](#)

IMAGE: [9.4.2 CHESTER FAIR VOLUNTEER PICTURE](#)

PDF: [CHESTER FAIR UPDATED FLIER 4-12-22.PDF](#)

WORD: [9.4.2 REGION 4 SCHOOL SYSTEM FOOD SCRAPS PROGRAM SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [BLUEEARTHCOMPOSTEDUCATIONSIGNS.PDF](#)

PDF: [FINAL GREEN COMPOST SIGN \(1\).PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.4.2 Chester Fair Zero Waste Initiative/ Program Summary 07-2023. This summary explains the history, process, outcomes and website link, 2023 CF Zero Waste Vendor Agreement, 2023 CF Zero Waste Vendor Program Guidelines, Image- Education board at the Fair entrance for sorting stations, Chester Fair Zero Waste Flier for funding when funds were being raised, 2 Images of Volunteer at Sorting Stations, 2 Town of Chester 2022 FB screenshots promoting the Chester Fair and requesting Zero Waste Sorting Station Volunteers. Region 4 Food Scraps Program, refer to the attached documents: 1. 1-23-23 Sustainable Tri-Town Meeting Minutes - R4 Food Scraps Program planning initiated. 2. 3-22-23 Sust. Tri-Town Email - Planning for fundraising. 3. 5-1-23 Sust. Tri-Town Email - Tri-town group meeting on 4-29-23 and planning results shared. 4. 5-7-23 Sust. Tri-Town Email - Tri-Town update re: Sustainable CT match increased to 1.50: 1.00 plus fundraising efforts. 5. 4-25-23 Chester Sust. Team ARPA Proposal submitted to the Board of Selectmen on 4-26-23. 6. 4-26-23 Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes demonstrating 2500.00 ARPA funding approval. 7. 5-5-23 and 6-9-23 Townwide Emails (2) sharing the original and updated fundraising posters with Chester residents. 8. 6-11-23 Sust. Tri-Town Email - Notification to R4 Superintendent fundraising goals met and next steps. 9. Summary of program timeline 10. 2 Compost education materials that show what to compost and what not to compost

Partners: Chester Zero Waste Fair: Supported by private and local business donations with a matching fund grant from Sustainable CT, the funding became available to begin our program in 2022 with a goal of achieving zero waste by 2024. In-town donations were provided by the following Chester businesses: Astroseal, Chester Boat Basin, Eastcoast Precision Manuf., Greenwald Industries, Nathan L. Jacobson and Assoc., Roto Frank of America, The Wheatmarket and Whelen Engineering. Blue Earth Compost hired for hauling food scraps/ compostable waste. Region 4 Food Scraps: Sustainable Essex Deep River Sustainability Committee Chester Sustainability Team Region 4 Superintendent of Schools Brian White Sustainable CT for matching funding All 5 Region 4 Schools as stated above in the summary Tri-town Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance Tri-town residents Blue Earth Compost Each year the First Selectman's office/ Town of Chester supports the Chester Fair by promoting it in the townwide emails and on the Town of Chester Facebook page. See 2 attached FB page screenshots. Chester Sustainability Team and Conservation Commission members and other residents in town volunteered at Zero Waste sorting stations to direct the public to discard their waste into appropriate bins.

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.2 Conduct Health Impact Assessments

5 Points

Approved Information: 10.2.1 Health Impact Assessment Training (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.2.1 CHESTER.DOCX](#)

Partners: None

10.3 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces

25 Points

Approved Information: 10.3.2 Implement or maintain a smoking and tobacco use reduction campaign (10 points); 10.3.3 Adopt one or more policies designed to reduce tobacco use in your municipality (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [10.3.2 SIGNAGE TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AT TOWN'S MAIN PUBLIC BEACH \(PELLETIER PARK\)](#)

IMAGE: [SIGNAGE IN CENTER OF TOWN ON WATER ST. BUILDING PIC #1](#)

IMAGE: [SIGNAGE IN CENTER OF TOWN ON WATER ST. BUILDING PIC #2](#)

IMAGE: [SIGNAGE IN CENTER OF TOWN ON WATER ST. BUILDING PIC #3](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 GEORGE CARINI PRESERVE NO SMOKING SIGN](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY- THE MILL FRONT ENTRANCE NO SMOKING SIGN](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY- THE MILL FRONT ENTRANCE NO SMOKING SIGN - UP CLOSE](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY- THE MILL- SIDE ENTRANCE NO SMOKING SIGN](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY- THE MILL- SIDE ENTRANCE NO SMOKING SIGN- UP CLOSE](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 CEDAR LAKE PUBLIC BEACH - PELLETIER PARK- 1 OF 2 NO SMOKING SIGNS](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY PRESERVE TRAIL NO SMOKING SIGN](#)

IMAGE: [10.3.2 NORTH QUARTER PARK NEW SIGNAGE INCLUDING NO SMOKING](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 9-20-2021 EMAIL TO CHESTER LAND TRUST \(CLT\), CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY \(CHS\), FIRST SELECTMAN, SUST. TEAM MEMBERS RE: NO SMOKING SIGNS & 10.3 INFO](#)

WORD: [10.3.3 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES- NO SMOKING RESOLUTION PASSED ON 3-22-23](#)

PDF: [10.3.2 10-23-21 EMAILS WITH CLT, CHS, FIRST SELECTMAN, SUST. TEAM MEMBERS RE: NO SMOKING SIGNS PLACEMENT / ORDERED AT CLT & CHS LOCATIONS](#)

PDF: [10.3.3 CHESTER SMOKING BAN RESOLUTION SIGNED 3-22-23](#)

Documentation Details: 2023: In addition to the 2021 No Smoking signs attached: 10.3.2 Refer to the two 2021 email communications attachments regarding placement of No Smoking signs on Chester Land Trust (CLT) and Chester Historical Society (CHS) properties. 10.3.2 2023 attachments include added No Smoking signs located as described in the attachment titles. 10.3.3 The Chester Board of Selectmen passed a No Smoking resolution on 3/22/23 as stated in the attached BOS meeting minutes. The resolution document was signed and certified by the First Selectwoman, Charlene Janecek, on 3/22/23. 2021: The town has two major public recreation spaces: Pelletier Park (the beach on Cedar Lake, on West Main Street), and North Quarter Park (located on Main Street near the downtown). There is also a smaller, neighborhood swimming beach on the west side of Cedar Lake. Smoking is not permitted in any of these locations. Although there have been signs or postings at the lake parks for years, the signs have been recently refurbished. The signage "This is a Non-Smoking Property" is located on the Water St. building complex in the center of Chester, encompassing all offices and restaurants and shops on both floors in that complex, and the accompanying large parking lot on the property.

Partners: 10.3.2 Town of Chester Parks and Recreation Department, Chester Historical Society (CHS) and the Chester Land Trust (CLT). In discussions with the CHS Chair and CLT Vice Chair to promote clean air in our spaces, at the Sustainability Team's encouragement, they added the attached signage. 10.3.3 Board of Selectmen

10.5 Support Equitable Food Access and Local Farmers

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.5.1: Host a farmers' market (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [10.5.1 6-16-23 TOWNWIDE EMAIL PROMOTING SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET PDF.PDF](#)

WORD: [10.5.1 CHESTER SUNDAY FARMER'S MARKET HISTORY.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 SCREENSHOT OF CHESTERS SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET WEBSITE LINK](#)

WORD: [10.5.1 LOCATION OF CHESTER FARMER'S MARKET](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 JUNE 2023 FARMERS MARKET PICTURE 1.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 JUNE 2023 FARMERS MARKET PICTURE 2](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 JUNE 2023 FARMERS MARKET PICTURE 3](#)

IMAGE: [10.5.1 JUNE 2023 FARMERS MARKET PICTURE 4](#)

Documentation Details: 10.5.1: attached is a townwide email promoting the market with the hours of the market, information on it, and qr codes to scan for more information. See the history document for more information about the market, the screenshot of the website with the schedule, attached photos from June 2023 of the market, and the attached location of the farmers market.

Partners: 10.5.1: The Town of Chester authorizes the closing of the village center on Main St. for each Sunday Farmers' Market, and the Resident Trooper's office provides a vehicle at each end of the Market to ensure traffic is diverted and public safety. The First Selectman's office/ Town of Chester promotes the Sunday Farmers' Market in townwide emails and on the Town of Chester's Facebook page. Refer to the attached townwide email and FB page screenshot. The Chester Merchants Group promotes the Sunday Farmers' Market on VisitChesterCT.com. Refer to the attached VisitChesterCT.com screenshot. Deep Hollow Farm in Chester participates weekly as a vendor and promotes the Market on their website at FARMERS MARKET | Deep Hollow Farm (deephollowfarmct.com).

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

30 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1 Create a housing committee (10 points) 11.1.2 Create, expand, maintain housing data profile, hold community conversation (15 points) 11.1.4 Distribute completed affordable housing plan (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [11.1.2_WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [11.1.2_HOUSINGDATAPROFILE](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 2022 CHESTER HOUSING DATA PROFILE - PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 CHESTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN - FINAL ADOPTED 5/25/22](#)

WORD: [11.1.3 CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING REG EXCERPT FROM TOWN WEBSITE - ADU REG ADOPTED AUG 2021](#)

WORD: [11.1.3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EDUCATION - RIVERCOG LINKS AND PRINT SCREENS TO REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL- CHESTER- PRESENTATIONS](#)

WORD: [11.1.3 CHESTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PUBLIC EDUCATON MAY 25 2022- FACEBOOK POSTS](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 RIVERCOG CHESTER AHP PRESENTATION 3-10-22](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 CHESTERAHP_PRESENTATION052522 \(1\)- PUBLIC INFO SESSION BOS MEETING](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 CPZ-AGENDA-MARCH-10-2022 INCLUDING AHP PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEM](#)

PDF: [11.1.3 CPZ MEETING MINUTES 3/10/2022 - AHP PRESENTATION AND ATTENDANCE](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 CHESTER HOUSING DATA PROFILES - CONNECTICUT, MIDDLESEX AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS_2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.4 TOWNWIDE COMMUNICATION TO MUNICIPAL STAFF \(1\).PDF](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.4 EMAIL CONFIRMATION THAT THE TOWNWIDE EMAIL IS SENT TO ALL MUNICIPAL STAFF.JPG](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 REGIONAL-HOUSING-COMMITTEE-BYLAW-SECTION.PDF](#)

WORD: [11.1.1 REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE.DOCX](#)

WORD: [11.1.2_WORKSHEET 1_HOUSING DATA PROFILE ANALYSIS.DOCX](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 CREATE A REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [REVISED 11.1.2_WORKSHEET 2 HOUSING ANALYSIS_7-31-23.DOCX](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 2023-RHC-MEETING-DATES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1.1 Attached is a description of the Regional Housing Committee that Chester is a part of, a list of their meeting dates, the Regional Housing Committee bylaws, and a section of RHP (regional housing plan) that describes this committee. 11.1.2 Refer to the 2022 Partnership for Strong Communities Chester Housing Data Profile, and revised 11.1.2 worksheet 2, worksheet 1 (for additional points), updated information was presented in town meetings attached. 11.1.3 Regarding resident and public education presentations, refer to the RiverCOG print screens that include regional and municipal town meeting presentations with links and PDF presentations. Refer to the RiverCOG 3/10/22 Chester AHP Presentation document and related 3-10-22 CPZ (Chester P&Z) agenda and CPZ meeting minutes. Also refer to the 5/25/22 Chester AHP Public Info education session doc held and related print screens of Facebook posts promoting the 5/25/22 presentation. RiverCOG Regional Housing Plan & Public Info presentations per the print screens: Presentation on 10/12/2021 on Youtube has 131 views. Presentation on 1/24/2022 on Youtube has 67 views. Presentation on 3/10/22 - Refer to Chester P & Z (CPZ) meeting minutes for list of names for attendance. Presentation on 6/27/2022 on Youtube has 58 views. Chester AHP/ public info presentation: Presentation on 5/25/2022 11.1.4. The Affordable Housing Plan was distributed multiple times through the townwide email communication chain, in which all town of Chester employees are included on. This ensures that the plan is distributed to all municipal employees and departments

Partners: 11.1.1, RiverCOG 11.1.2 & 11.1.3 RiverCOG, Partnership for Strong Communities, Board of Selectmen, Pat Bandzes- Chester Affordable Housing Liaison with RiverCOG, Town Residents

11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options

5 Points

Approved Information: 11.3.2 Educate residents on ADU regulations (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.3.3 CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING EXCERPT FROM P & Z SECTION ON CHESTERCT.ORG - ADU REG ADOPTED AUG 12, 2021](#)

PDF: [11.3.3 CHESTER P & Z 8/12/2021 MEETING MINUTES- ADOPTED & UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ADU REGS SECTION 58](#)

PDF: [11.3.2 CHESTER ADU FLYER FINAL.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [11.3.2 ADU FLYER AT THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [11.3.2 ADU FLYER AT THE CHESTER TOWN HALL.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 11.3.2 Refer to the ADU informational flyer, this flyer is posted at the main desk at the Chester Public Library for Chester resident education, and in the lobby area for Chester resident education. Additionally, this flyer will be attached to the P & Z Commission's page on the town website and sent out in the townwide email.

Partners: Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Chester Zoning Enforcement Officer Board of Selectman Chester Public Library Chester Sustainability Team

12. Effective, Compassionate Homelessness Prevention

12.1 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness

10 Points

Approved Information: 12.1.1a Designate a municipal employee to serve as the liaison for homeless services in your municipality (5 points) 12.1.1b: Have your designated municipal liaison for homelessness participate in trainings addressing homelessness (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [12.1.1A HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS LINK ADDED TO SOCIAL SERVICES ON CHESTERCT PDF \(1\).PDF](#)

WORD: [12.1.1A CHESTER.DOCX](#)

WORD: [12.1.1B CHESTER.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: 12.1.1a: Refer to the attached PDF for 12.1.1a details, including municipal designate for homeless services, partners, print screens and links. 12.1.1b: Refer to the attached information on the attended trainings

Partners: 12.1.1a :Chester Director of Social Services, Tri-Town Youth Services, United Church of Chester, Sustainability Team, Board of Selectmen 12.1.1b: Rosie Bininger, Human & Social Services Director First Selectwoman Charlene Janeczek Chester Sustainability Team

12.2 Increase Public Awareness and Support for Efforts to End Homelessness

5 Points

Approved Information: 12.2.2a-b: Develop and post information on your municipality's website for those experiencing homelessness (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [12.2.2 CHESTER SOCIAL SERVICES HOME PAGE LANGUAGE, LINKS, CONTACT INFO - SCREENSHOT \(1\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [12.2.2 CHESTER SOCIAL SERVICES HOME PAGE LANGUAGE, LINKS, CONTACT INFO - SCREENSHOT \(2\).PNG](#)

IMAGE: [12.2.2A LINKS TO TRITOWN YOUTH SERVICES, DCF AND VITAL SCREENSHOT .PNG](#)

IMAGE: [12.2.2A LINKS TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES - GILEAD AND R2 MHS SCREENSHOT .PNG](#)

IMAGE: [12.2.2A LINK TO 211 SCREENSHOT .PNG](#)

IMAGE: [12.2.2A R4 EDUCATION LIAISON FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH LINK SCREENSHOT .PNG](#)

WORD: [CHESTER 12.2.2 SUMMARY](#)

Documentation Details: 12.2.2: Refer to the attached 2 screenshots of Chester's Dept. of Social Services Home Page to review updated language and tabs to links, as well as contact information. Also refer to the attached 4 screenshots demonstrating links to: Mental health resources; youth services including Tritown Youth Services, DCF and VITAL for human trafficking and runaway support; Region 4 education liaison for homeless children & youth; and 211 link. Refer to the attached summary for 12.2.2b.

Partners: 12.2.2: Chester Board of Selectmen Chester Sustainability Team United Church of Chester Chester Town Residents

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

10 Points

Approved Information: 13.1.1 Collaborate within your community or take a regional approach to implementing a sustainability action not listed on the Sustainable CT action list. (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [EQUITY TOOLKIT AND SUMMARY OF PROJECT](#)

PDF: [JAN 26 TOWNWIDE COMMUNICATION](#)

PDF: [CONSTANT CONTACT VACCINE](#)

PDF: [TOWN HALL DEMOGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS](#)

PDF: [VAMS ACCOUNT GUIDE](#)

WORD: [SCRIPT FOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING](#)

PDF: [CHESTER POSTCARD DRAFT](#)

PDF: [PARTNER COORDINATION](#)

WORD: [BOS AND LONG TERM RECOVERY REPORT](#)

PDF: [CHESTER SURVEY RESULTS](#)

PDF: [VALLY COURIER ARTICLE 1](#)

PDF: [SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [CHESTER SURVEY](#)

WORD: [ACCESS TO COVID VACCINE](#)

PDF: [13.1 EMAILS RE TURTLE CROSSING SIGNS FOR STRAITS RD BRIDGE AREA PDF.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [13.1 TURTLE CROSSING SIGN 1.JPG](#)

WORD: [13.1 TURTLE CROSSING SIGNS ON STRAITS RD SUMMARY \(1\).DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [13.1 TURTLES SITTING ON THE LOG IN LITTLE JENNINGS POND.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [13.1 TURTLE CROSSING SIGN 2.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 2021 - 13.1 Chester Vaccine Project. Equity Toolkit contains comprehensive overview of project. 2023 - 13.1 Turtle Crossing Signs: Refer to: Email communications dated 4/29/23 and 5/1/23 between Cindy Lignar (Sustainability Team), the First Selectman, Dept. of Public Works Interim Foreman Cameron Evangelisti, and Richard Holloway (Sustainability Team), Lisa Wahle (Conservation Commission Chair & Sust. Team) and neighbor Caroline Miller. 2 turtle crossing signs secured to the Narrow Bridge caution signs' posts. A significant decline in turtle deaths on the road has been observed by frequent passersby.

Partners: 2021 - 13.1 Chester Vaccine Project. This was an "all hands on deck" project with many municipal and regional partners. - Long Term Recovery Team – Social Services, Spirituality and Wellness Subcommittee (now called Chester Community Partnership) - Residents - Masonicare at Chester Village - RiverCOG - ReOPEN Chester Committee - Middlesex Community Foundation - Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek - United Congregational Church – Chester - Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) - Essex Health Director - CT Department of Public Health - Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) - Elected Officials - Regional School District 4 Superintendent - Nutmeg Pharmacy, Higganum - Chester Merchants - Chester Town Clerk and Registrar - Chester Human Services Director - Cherry Hill Senior Apartments Manager/Owner 2023 - 13.1 Turtle Crossing Signs Residents on Pleasant St., Straits Rd. and Spring St. brought forward the issue of turtle fatalities. Chester First Selectwoman Charlene Janecek granted permission for the signs placements. Department of Public Works Interim Director Cameron Evangelisti and staff assisted in hanging the signs in their optimal positions. In consultation between the Sustainability Team and the Conservation Commission, the decision to hang the signs was decided and requested of the First Selectwoman. Approval was obtained. The Chester Sustainability Team engaged the partners with the outcome of posted turtle crossing signs at the turtle crossing section of Straits Rd in the dam area.