

TOWN OF SOUTHBURY--Sustainable CT Fall 2024 OFFICIAL Certification Results Summary				
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Each action that was submitted has been marked either “Approved” or “Must Revise.”</li><li>•For actions marked “Approved,” there may still be an opportunity to earn further points in a a future certification cycle. Please review your comments. If you would like to edit particular “Approved” actions, e-mail <a href="mailto:info@sustainablect.org">info@sustainablect.org</a> to have them unlocked.</li><li>•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.</li><li>•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.</li></ul>				
Action	Status	Approved Points	Success Story?	Reviewer Comment to Municipality
1.1	Approved	30		Good job, Southbury! You have received 30 points for your equity toolkits on the energy campaign, compost pilot, and composting outreach.
1.2	Approved	10		Thank you for attending Sustainable CT's equity trainings!
2.1	Approved	15		Thank you for your submission, Southbury. Your Inventory and inventory map were were awarded the full 15 points for action 2.1.1. Great work!
2.3	Approved	20		Thank you for your submission, Southbury! Your business directory/inventory is great, I love that businesses are notified to participate and submit their own information. You have earned 10 points for action 2.3.1a. Your buy local campaign is also well done, you have earned 10 points for action 2.3.2.
2.4	Approved	15		Thanks for your submission, Southbury!
3.1	Approved	15		Congratulations, Southbury! You have earned 15 of the 30 requested points for action 3.1. Under action 3.1.1a you have earned 5 points for the towns extensive and ongoing outreach to residents on the importance of watershed protection and restoration. The towns website is extremely informative and a valuable resource, along with the innovative and engaging events among youth in the town. For action 3.1.1c you have earned 5 points for your continued outreach encouraging the completion of the river smart watershed pledge. And congratulations on updating the river smart website! Southbury has been awarded 5 points for the completion of 3.1.2. You are so close to earning credit under action 3.1.1b! To earn credit, provide information on how the signs have been updated or maintained within the last 3 years to earn 15 points. This signage program is a great addition to your community, and I look forward to awarding credit for them in the future!
3.2	Approved	10		Congratulations on the work you are doing in the Pomperaug River Watershed! The support of amendments to the plan and acknowledging the benefits of upstream projects is great to see. You have been awarded 10 points for action 3.2.1. You are so close to earning credit under action 3.2.3, please just submit the required worksheet to earn credit. To earn credit under action 3.2.2, please complete sub action 3.2.2b which involves describing how you reviewed existing zoning and subdivision regulations for alignment with watershed goals. To earn credit, you will need to submit a summary of the regulation review, including a description of how the regulations do/do not align with the watershed goals.
3.3	Approved	30	Yes	Congratulations on your work in the Pomperaug River Watershed! You have been awarded the full 30 points under action 3.3.1. Rain Gardens and Riparian buffers a great ways to protect waterways while educating the community on the importance or protecting our resources. The Town,Â’s effort not just to install projects but also to maintain them is commendable; while clean up programs are great way to engage residents.
3.4	Approved	25		3.4.3: Southbury's POCD is thorough and thoughtful in describing the town's plans for open space, and fulfills the requirement to "prioritize acquisitions, enhance your local ecosystem, connect open space parcels, offer recreational benefits, and ensure long-term viability of your open space (including management policies)". Nice work! 10 Points awarded to the town. 3.4.4(a): It is clear from the submitted documentation that the town is actively expanding open space, nice work. 15 points awarded.
3.8	Approved	25		Congratulations to Southbury for earning 25 points for implementing low impact development in collaboration with the Pomperaug River Watershed Association. 5 points were awarded for distributing excellent educational materials under action 3.8.1a, 5 points were awarded for holding an LID educational event under action 3.8.1b and 15 points were awarded for implementing a demonstration project under action 3.8.3a. You are so close to earning 10 additional points under action 3.8.3b, we just need to see evidence that this maintenance plan was formally adopted. This maintenance plan is really a great resource, and I look forwarding to awarding credit for it in future submissions. Keep up the good work!

<b>3.10</b>	Approved	20	Yes	Thank you for your submission. It is great to see such well thought out paddle program and streamwalk events to combat water chestnut! You have received 15 points under 3.10.2 and 5 points under 3.10.3. Keep up the good work.
<b>3.12</b>	Approved	5		Well done, Southbury! You have been awarded 5 points under Action 3.12.1. In order to get points under 3.12.2, you would need to submit at least one example of associated outreach and promotion materials for the pollinator garden. We look forward to seeing this in a future submission. Great work!
<b>4.1</b>	Approved	10		Congratulations Southbury, you have been awarded 10 points for action 4.1.1a! To earn credit under action 4.1.1b, please provide evidence of promotion and dissemination of the resource in the last three years (via e-mail, an in-person convening, or other channels).
<b>4.2</b>	Approved	30	Yes	Congratulations Southbury, you have been awarded the 30 points requested. 10 points were awarded for action 4.2.1, 5 points for action 4.2.2, 5 points for action 4.2.5 and 10 points for action 4.2.9. The Maker's Spotlight is a great publication. I was excited to see the different artists from the area so locally engaged. Job well done!
<b>4.3</b>	Must Revise	0		Thank you for your submission, Southbury! The document provided gives a really great narrative on the placemaking plan for Southbury. In order to earn credit under this action you must also provide a copy of the placemaking plan itself, along with documentation that the plan was adopted by the municipality. We look forward to awarding credit for this action in the future!
<b>4.4</b>	Approved	20		Thank you for your submission, Southbury! You have earned 20 points for your 4.4.1 submission.
<b>5.1</b>	Approved	35		Congratulations, Southbury! You've been awarded 35 of the 40 requested points for Action 5.1.1b. Concept 7 was not awarded points, as historic preservation is a technique that is already included under Concept 4. Thank you for your submission!
<b>5.3</b>	Approved	25		Thanks for your submission, Southbury. 5.3.1: 20 points for allowing agricultural uses in certain zoning districts 5.3.4: 5 points for the farmer planning forum held September 2021 Keep up the good work!
<b>5.4</b>	Must Revise	0		Thank you for submitting to Action 5.4! We appreciate that the Town of Southbury has carefully considered climate threats and the resulting local vulnerabilities. Please resubmit including the referenced HMP document since this is being considered as your climate vulnerability assessment. Similarly, you will need to provide evidence that shows Southbury adopted the plan. We look forward to your next submission!
<b>5.5</b>	Approved	15	Yes	5.5.1 List of Historic Resources (10/10) Thank you for providing the Inventory of Historic Resources as provided in your town's Plan of Conservation and Development. This is an incredibly important planning document and it is great to see that the Town has identified so many historic resources for stewardship and care. 5.5.4 Achieve Certified Local Government Status (5/5) Thank you for providing proof that the Town of Southbury is a certified local government. You may be interested to know that the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office receives federal funding for this program and has grants available for certified local governments for preservation activities like enhancing administrative capabilities for local historic district commissions, strengthening local preservation programs, producing public education materials and activities, and a wide ranging of preservation planning initiatives. Congratulations, you have earned 15 points.
<b>6.4</b>	Approved	10		Great job identifying available state and federal funding streams to support EV charging buildout! Pursuing grant funding for the identified sites seems like a promising opportunity. You have received 10 points for 6.4.4.
<b>6.5</b>	Approved	5		Well done, Southbury, you have been awarded all 5 points that your requested. These points were awarded under 6.5.1 for informing your residents about transportation methods and alternatives. Great job!
<b>7.7</b>	Approved	30	Yes	Well done, Southbury. You have been awarded the 30 of the 30 points requested. Great job!
<b>7.9</b>	Approved	20		Congratulations Southbury! You have been awarded 20 of the 25 points requested for action 7.9. 20 points were awarded for subaction 7.9.1 - Pass a municipal resolution to opt-in to the C-PACE program. Unfortunately points could not yet be awarded for 7.9.2 - Encourage local building owners to access C-PACE financing. There does not appear to be any materials submitted for this subaction. We encourage you to contact the Connecticut Green Bank to partner with them on conducting C-PACE outreach in town!
<b>8.1</b>	Approved	20		Congratulations, Southbury, you've been approved for the requested 20 points. Keep up the great work!
<b>8.2</b>	Approved	15		Thank you for your submission. Southbury has been awarded the requested 15 points for the completion of action 8.2. Keep up the great work!
<b>8.6</b>	Must Revise	0		Thanks for your submission! This sounds like great work. Unfortunately, this initiative is not eligible for points under action 8.6. As the action text states, "Events and outreach campaigns; inventories, plans, and assessments; and policy changes are not eligible for points." Implementation of projects in the shared Watershed Based Plan may be eligible once completed! Please let Sustainable CT staff know if you have any questions and keep up the good

9.4	Approved	20	Yes	Congratulations for earning 20 points for action 9.4.1 and 9.4.2 for all of your outreach and education on food waste reduction and your efforts to collect food scraps at the transfer station. The feedback loop for the presentation on food waste prevention is really clever and helps address the questions and concerns of your residents specifically. The partnerships in this effort are really impressive and key to the impact the town is making. I wish we could give you even more points for the amount of outreach you've done on food waste reduction!
10.4	Approved	15		Congratulations Southbury, you have been awarded the 15 points requested for action 10.4.1. It is great to see the collaboration between the municipality and local volunteers to keep this community garden up and running. Keep up the good work!
10.5	Approved	15	Yes	Thank you for your submission, Southbury! And thank you for such a neat and concise submission, you have been awarded 15 points for subaction 10.5.1. Additionally, according to the CT Dept. of Ag Authorized Redemption Locations page, the Southbury Farmer's Market accepts SFMNP vouchers. If this program is promoted through municipal communications channels (such as a town website, social media page, or newsletter) this could earn an additional 15 points under subaction 10.5.2. We look forward to awarding additional points in future submissions. Keep up the great work!
11.1	Approved	20		Thanks for your submission, Southbury!  11.1.1: You have received 5 points (the maximum for this sub-action in 2024) for your affordable housing committee.  11.1.3: You have received 10 points for incorporating your Affordable Housing Plan into your POCD and 5 points for expanding knowledge of ADU regulations and opportunities! The other strategies listed in your worksheet appear to be great work, but the documentation for them was not uploaded. We anticipate being able to award you additional points if the documentation is provided.  Keep up the good work!
12.2	Approved	5	Yes	Great work Southbury on educating your residents on the issue of homelessness! You have earned 5 points for action 12.2.2. Thank you for ensuring a comprehensive list of resources pertaining the issue of homelessness is available to residents. In addition, the Sustainable CT article and social media posts are clear, informative, and speak to residents about the need of housing insecurity in their community. Other websites that you may want to include in the future to spotlight the broader homeless services system in CT are: the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has a great overview of the homeless services system - <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/programs-and-services/statewide-services/housing-homeless-services#:~:text=If%20you%20are%20outside%20of%20Connecticut%20or%20have,a%20contact%20specialist%20trained%20to%20assess%20housing%20needs">https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/programs-and-services/statewide-services/housing-homeless-services#:~:text=If%20you%20are%20outside%20of%20Connecticut%20or%20have,a%20contact%20specialist%20trained%20to%20assess%20housing%20needs</a> OR the CT Department of Housing - <a href="https://www.211ct.org/topic_pages/housing">https://www.211ct.org/topic_pages/housing</a> .
13.1	Approved	10		Thank you for your submission. Congratulations Southbury, you have been awarded the 10 requested points for your road-stream crossing assessment under 13.1.1. Keep up the great work!

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