

What is Sustainable CT?

It is a **voluntary certification program** to recognize thriving and resilient municipalities in their efforts to become more sustainable. It encourages coordinated **local municipal efforts** between entities including lawmakers, commissions, community groups, and businesses.

- The organization is independently funded
- To be certified, communities are required to choose from a broad menu of voluntary actions, implement them, and document the actions to earn points.

89 communities are participating which represents half of Connecticut.

47 communities are now certified as **Silver** including Fairfield, Greenwich, and Stamford; or **Bronze** including Darien, Ridgefield, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

The goal is to promote economic well-being and equity among all citizens through the creation of sustainable municipal plans that:

- Consider the health and well-being of current and future residents
- Respect the finite capacity of the natural environment
- Director Stoddard: “Our role is supporting, accelerating, and recognizing sustainable actions. The local level is a powerful place to create change. Sustainable CT supports our towns in becoming thriving, inclusive communities where people want to live, work, and play.”
 - Sustainable CT offers resources to assist in implementing sustainability actions for the benefit of all residents (education, experts, grants).

What are the opportunities for Darien?

- Highlight Darien’s strength as a forward thinking, sustainable community, to attract and retain businesses and residents.
- Develop a common framework for municipal entities including town government, the Board of Education, community groups, businesses, and citizens to work towards a more sustainable future.
- Collaborate with experts and municipalities on best practices.
- Identify grant programs such as the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund: up to \$25,000.
 - Help from “IOBY”, non-profit crowdfunding platform to run match campaigns.

Our Application

- Submitted in August documenting 18 actions for a potential 275 points
 - Out of a possible 56 actions and 1905 points
- Notified in November that 15 actions were approved worth 210 points
- **Bronze Certification was achieved**
- Recognition Ceremony at the Annual CCM Convention on December 3rd

SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABLE CT ACTIONS APPROVED FOR 2019 CERTIFICATION AS COMPLETED BY THE COMMUNITY OF DARIEN	
	Thriving Local Economies
1	Participated in C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) Property Owners: 6 & 22 Thorndal Circle, 110 Boston Post Rd, and Mini of Fairfield County
	Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources
2	Watershed Education: Unified Water Study, Bill Cavers of Commission on Coastal Waters Education on Water Conservation: Nisha Nalawade, DHS Student (ACS, Aquarion)
	Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems
3	Map Tourism and Cultural Assets: http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-darien Support Arts and Creative Culture: Senior Center and Library funding and programming
	Dynamic and Resilient Planning
4	Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning: P&Z Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices: Cherry Lawn community gardens
	Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices
5	Promote Effective Parking Management: Nelson Nygaard Study & Strategy Devel. (BOS)
	Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations
6	Install Efficient Street Lighting: DPW, BOS
	Strategic and Inclusive Public Services
7	Hold a Sustainability Event: Farmer's Market, Sea Level Rise Panel Discussion (DLT, STS) Recycle Additional Materials: Electronics, Textiles, Paint, Mattresses, Smoke Detectors (ACS) Implement a Food Scraps Recovery Program: (ACS)
	Healthy, Efficient, and Diverse Housing
8	Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment: (Jeremy Ginsberg)
	Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts
9	Optimize for Equity: Farmer's Market Rides and Coupons (Human Services), Access to Recycling Center & Swap Shop (Human Services and DPW)
	Innovation Action
10	Single Use Bag Education: BYO Darien Pollinator Pathway: Nature Center, Garden Club, Gardener's Center, Library, Parks & Recreation, DCA, DLT, and UConn Master Gardeners.

Point Opportunities Missed

There are lessons to be learned from actions where we did not acquire points. Sometimes it was paperwork, sometimes too much time had passed, sometimes necessary steps have not been taken.

Benchmark and Track Energy Use: In 2016 ACS went through a comprehensive effort working with Eversource to benchmark the town's energy use. ACS continues to update this data. There were glitches in the Energy Star Portfolio Manager as well as some current data missing that prevented the proper documentation to acquire points.

Develop a Municipal Energy Plan: The benchmarking noted above culminated in the creation of a draft plan. However, the plan was never finalized and formally adopted through a municipal process.

Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings: The Town of Darien and Board of Education have several buildings (7+/-) that perform at a level that would otherwise qualify for Energy Star certification, however, the certification process requires independent verification that costs money and certification needs to be updated annually. Therefore, neither the town or BOE seek these certifications.

Increase use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings: To acquire points in this category the town would need to offset at least 10% of its total electricity use with Class 1 renewables. Some towns achieve this by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits. Darien hoped to achieve this threshold by adding six solar rooftop installations on town buildings. However, the systems that were installed were not operational in time to document their production (at least a full year prior to the year of application), and three system installations on the BOE side were cancelled for legitimate reasons.

Reduce Municipal Solid Waste: Our citizens should be proud of the fact that we collectively reduced the quantity of Municipal Solid Waste disposed of at the Recycling and Refuse Center by 20% between 2015 and 2018. Per capita data was missing from our application and we did not acquire points. This is complicated by the fact that much of the town's waste is collected by private haulers and is not processed at the Recycling and Refuse Center making a complete picture harder to track and document.

Grow Affordable Housing: In 2013, 2.62% of the towns housing stock met the state's definition of affordability. In 2018, 3.56% did. This increase is notable and laudable. However, most of this increase happened more than five year ago when 'The Heights' opened between 2013 and 2014 and was not available for consideration under the Sustainable CT application. We should continue to track our percentage as 'The Royle' opens and inclusionary units are added in the large development projects planned in town.

Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies: The Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee did a phenomenal job of creating an inventory of sidewalk, crosswalks, pedestrian ramps, and other infrastructure including suggested improvements. However, the audit was

more than three years old and was not eligible for points. Additionally, the audit never evolved into an adopted plan through a municipal process that would be eligible for more points and last for ten years.

Takeaways

- This is the beginning, not the end of the process.
- The actions we submitted for certification all have a positive impact on our community, whether that is economic well-being, reducing costs, improving health and equity, or respecting the finite nature of natural resources.
- Darien has the opportunity, that many towns don't, to lead in these areas.
- Opportunity to improve communication across many diverse municipal and community groups that are working on sustainable actions.
 - a. In-person sharing, social media, improvements to town website
- Future planning --- program, policy or budget --- should incorporate new ideas on sustainability.

Recommendations

Put Sustainability on the Agenda

The effort to become more sustainable needs to grow beyond a passionate group of volunteers. How do we make the push towards sustainability more ... sustainable? For the program to be effective and develop its own momentum, sustainability needs to be on the agenda. How can we borrow from the framework that Sustainable CT presents and advance actions that will benefit the Town of Darien? We found that direct conversations inspired creative thinking. Perhaps it is as simple as putting sustainability on the agenda for regular discussion. We recommend asking each department to present and describe how they can support, accelerate, and recognize sustainable actions.

Improve Access to Information

We recommend dedicating a portion of the town website to store and disseminate information related to sustainable actions. If you know what you are looking for, and it has been uploaded, you can find information on the town website. However, not all information is uploaded, and sometimes digging through various department pages to find information is not intuitive. We can start by organizing the information that we used in our successful application to Sustainable CT. Although all of it is available on Sustainable CT, it is not intuitive to a Darien resident to look there for information about their town.

Provide Effective Communications

There were at least 26 different entities involved in the successful actions completed for certification. These ranged from municipal departments, boards, committees, and commissions, community non-profits, property owners, businesses, citizens, and students. There are dozens more similar entities doing related work that could support sustainable

actions. As may be expected, goals, activities, and information between these specialized groups can be compartmentalized. In other words, we don't know what each other are doing. Using the website noted above and crowdsource, cloud-based technology, improve the collaboration between entities involved in sustainability.

Implement Sustainable Purchasing

Attached hereto is a draft of a policy for the BOS to consider. The goal of the policy is to seek out and consider sustainable products and services in all the town's purchasing activities, and to acquire such products and services whenever practical and justifiable. This is one way of putting sustainability on the agenda.

Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment

Major automakers are investing tens of billions of dollars in all-electric vehicle development. All-electric vehicles are clearly going to represent a significant portion of the vehicles on the road in the not-so-distant future. It seems logical the town consider a pilot program that identifies the most appropriate cars in the town fleet to transition to electric. Purchasing one or two vehicles initially will allow us to determine how best to use them, the infrastructure necessary to support them, and compare the per-mile life cycle costs of operating them as maintenance costs and fueling costs are both theoretically lower. Hosting at least one electric vehicle charging station on a municipal property is another way to take a first step toward this inevitable future.

Continue Deployment of Rooftop Solar PV Systems

Set a goal to generate 10% of town electricity needs with solar power and develop a plan to accomplish same. There is capacity for a second project at town hall, and significant potential on school rooftops as roof membranes are replaced. In addition to the production of clean energy, doubling our generation capacity could save the town hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of the system lifecycles.

Involve the Board of Education in Sustainability Goals

The BOE represents two-thirds of the town budget, is the operator of our largest facilities, and prepares our children for the future they will inherit. All the recommendations noted above either apply to or require participation by the Board of Education.

Avail Ourselves of Available Matching Grant Funds

Sustainable CT has a matching grant program for projects that: are located in a Sustainable CT registered town; align with the mission of creating equitable, sustainable communities; be specific and concrete, with a timeline of no more than 10 months; be publicly accessible and have a clear public benefit; receiving at least 5 donations from an associated crowdfunding campaign; and have a budget of \$50,000 or less.

Take Action. Make an Impact. Get Recognized!

Action	Points
1. THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMIES	
1.1 Support Redevelopment of Brownfield Sites	5-90
1.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing	10-30
1.3 Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options	5-30
1.4 Provide Resources and Supports to Local Businesses	5-20
1.5 Promote Sustainable Workforce Development	5-25
1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program	5-15
2. WELL-STEWARDED LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES	
2.1 Provide Watershed Education	5-20
2.2 Create a Watershed Management Plan	10-30
2.3 Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration	15-45
2.4 Develop an Open Space Plan	5-40
2.5 Create a Natural Resource and Wildlife Inventory	10-15
2.6 Manage for Drought and Municipal Water Use	5-15
2.7 Provide Education on Water Conservation	5
2.8 Implement Low Impact Development	5-50
2.9 Manage Woodlands and Forests	10
2.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management	5-20
2.11 Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Program	5-25
3. VIBRANT & CREATIVE CULTURAL ECOSYSTEMS	
3.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets	5-15
3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture	10-25
3.3 Develop a Creative Placemaking Plan	10-15
3.4 Provide an Arts and Culture Program for Youth	15-20
4. DYNAMIC & RESILIENT PLANNING	
4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning	5-90
4.2 Adapt Permitting Process to Promote Sustainable Development	5-20
4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices	5-25
4.4 Assess Climate Vulnerability	5-25
4.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources	5-45
4.6 Streamline Solar Permitting for Small Solar Installations	10-20
5. CLEAN & DIVERSE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS	
5.1 Implement Complete Streets	5-110
5.2 Promote Effective Parking Management	10-45
5.3 Encourage Smart Commuting	10
5.4 Support Zero Emission Vehicle Deployment	5-20
5.5 Promote Public Transit and Other Mobility Strategies	5-55

Action	Points
6. EFFICIENT PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS	
6.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use	5-10
6.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings	10-100
6.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings	5-140
6.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings	10-50
6.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan	10-20
6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets	10
6.7 Install Efficient Street Lights	5-20
6.8 Implement a Community Energy Campaign	10
7. STRATEGIC & INCLUSIVE PUBLIC SERVICES	
7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event	5-25
7.2 Provide Effective Community Communications	15
7.3 Train Municipal Commissions	5
7.4 Encourage Healthy and Sustainable Food Networks	10-35
7.5 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste	5-55
7.6 Implement Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) Program	5-35
7.7 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics	10-40
7.8 Develop a Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Campaign	5-15
7.9 Conduct Health Impact Assessments	5-25
7.10 Improve Air Quality in Public Spaces	10-45
8. HEALTHY, EFFICIENT & DIVERSE HOUSING	
8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment	10-35
8.2 Grow Sustainable and Affordable Housing Options	10-50
8.3 Benchmark Energy and Water Use for Multifamily Housing	5-15
9. INCLUSIVE & EQUITABLE COMMUNITY IMPACTS	
9.1 Optimize for Equity	10-50
10. INNOVATION ACTION	
10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action	5-20



Bronze Certification

Complete **1 Equity Toolkit** in action 9.1.
Complete at least **1 action** in each of the categories (1-9).
Successfully complete actions totaling **200 or more points**.



Silver Certification

Complete **3 Equity Toolkits** in action 9.1.
Complete at least **1 action** in each of the categories (1-9).
Successfully complete actions totaling **400 or more points**.

The Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability would like to encourage the Board of Selectmen to consider adopting, by municipal resolution or ordinance, a SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING POLICY. Given that our town genuinely wants to do what it can to protect the environment, having a formal policy and related procedures will help assure that the town is taking yet another action toward becoming a more sustainable town. In the process, by the way, we will also be advancing our next application for a higher-level certification from Sustainable CT.

The policy might look like the following:

“It is the policy of the town of Darien to seek out and consider sustainable products and services in all its purchasing activities, and to acquire such products and services whenever practical and justifiable. Examples of sustainability considerations would include, inter alia,

1. Recycled content products,
2. Less harmful and non-toxic materials and processes,
3. Energy and water-efficient products and processes,
4. Natural resource and landscaping preservation services,
5. Renewable products,
6. Disposal and pollution reduction services, and
7. Sustainable building construction materials

Important procedures to help implement this policy should include:

- a) Distribute this policy to all relevant departments, and published it to the municipal website.
- b) Incorporate into the budget process a requirement for each department to certify that it had considered sustainable products and services, and either chosen them, as reflected in the budget application numbers, or determined that to do so would be impractical or could not otherwise be justified. In the later case, a short explanation would be required.
- c) Develop and maintain an up-to-date vendor list to use for requests for quotations, small purchases where no quotes are required, requests for proposals, and other purchasing opportunities. This list should incorporate special designations, which may include those for locally-owned businesses, sustainable, or eco-friendly businesses, minority and women-owned businesses, and alternative corporate structures, such as B Corps and cooperatively owned businesses. Darien might choose to collaborate with representatives from other communities to develop a regional vendor list.

Sustainable CT Community Match Fund

Sustainable CT
Local Actions. Statewide Impact.

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Have an idea to make your community more sustainable, equitable, and vibrant?

Need some cash to bring your idea to life?

Through the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund, you can access dollar-for-dollar matching funds for projects that make your community a better place to live!

The Community Match Fund supports projects across the sustainability spectrum with a strong public benefit in areas including:

- Renewable and efficient energy
- Arts and culture
- Land and natural resource conservation
- Equity & inclusion
- Public transportation
- Healthy and sustainable food systems
- Composting & waste reduction
- And more!

How it works

Funding is available on a rolling basis to all Sustainable CT-registered communities statewide. No deadlines, no long application, and no lengthy review period. To be eligible, projects must:



Be located in a Sustainable CT registered town



Be publicly accessible and have a clear public benefit



Align with Sustainable CT's mission of creating equitable, sustainable communities



Receive at least 5 donations to your Community Match Fund crowdfunding campaign



Be specific and concrete, with a timeline of no more than 10 months



Have a budget of \$50,000 or less

MORE DETAILS [»](#)

Ready to get started? Here's how.

- ① Contact Sustainable CT to discuss your project. You can reach Abe Hilding-Salorio, Community Outreach Manager, at 860-465-0256 or hildingsalorioa@easternct.edu
- ② Send Abe an email with a brief project description which includes an overview of the project, the timeline for starting it up, and a basic budget.
- ③ We'll review your proposal to make sure it's eligible for the Community Match Fund. You should hear back from us within 5 business days.
- ④ Once we've ok'd your project, you can start working with Dominique from ioby to set up your ioby page and create a fundraising strategy!
- ⑤ Start raising matching funds! ioby will help you every step of the way through this process to help you reach your fundraising goal.

ioby.org/sustainableCT

Looking for more info? Visit ioby.org/sustainableCT to learn more and get started online!

About the Fund

Sustainable CT is a statewide municipal certification program that inspires and supports communities to become more vibrant, connected, healthy, and resilient.

The Community Match Fund is a fast, flexible, low-barrier funding resource that makes it possible for everyone in a community to play a vital role in effecting the change that Sustainable CT promotes.

ioby is a national, nonprofit crowdfunding platform, dedicated to helping local leaders make positive change "in our backyards." With ioby, you can collect tax-deductible donations, find new donors and volunteers, and access one-on-one fundraising coaching.

Our Supporters

We are grateful to these organizations for their contributions to the Community Match Fund match pool.



LOCAL BUYING GUIDE:

TOOLS AND ADVICE TO
CONNECT RESTAURANTS,
FARMERS, PRODUCERS,
AND MERCHANTS





Sustainable CT Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable CT Certification Report of Darien, a Sustainable CT bronze certified applicant.

Darien was certified on October 28, 2019 with 210 points. Listed below is information regarding Darien'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 Darien was approved for in 2019 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

Notes: Submission content was created by Darien, 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. Thriving Local Economies

1.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.6.1 Pass a municipal resolution to opt-in to C-PACE (February 24, 2014). 5 Points 1.6.1 Sign a legal agreement with C-PACE (February 28, 2014) 1.6.3 Earn credit for C-PACE projects approved by the Green Bank for commercial buildings (5 projects closed from 11/20/2017 through 11/7/2018). 5 Points

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.6.3 C-PACE PROJECTS IN DARIEN CT PROVIDED BY GREEN BANK](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2014.PDF](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 C-PACE AGREEMENT SIGNED](#)

PDF: [1.6.1 SCREENSHOT OF DARIEN BUILDING DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE WITH C-PACE LINK.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 1.6.1 RTM Meeting Minutes from February 24th, 2014 indicates the legislative body of Darien passed a resolution authorizing participation in C-PACE. 1.6.1 C-PACE Agreement Signed on February 28th, 2014 is a copy of the agreement signed by the First Selectman. 1.6.3 C-PACE Projects in Darien provided by Green Bank indicates five C-PACE projects approved by the Green Bank completed between 11/20/2017 and 11/7/2018. 1.6.1 Screenshot of Darien Building Department webpage with C-PACE link taken on July 22, 2019.

Partners: Representative Town Meeting Board of Selectman Green Bank Private Building Owners

2. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

2.1 Provide Watershed Education

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.1.2: Citizen Science (5 points); ongoing since spring 2017

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.1.2 \(A\): UNIFIED WATER STUDY - CT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT/SAVE THE SOUND](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 \(B\): MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF DARIEN'S BOARD OF SELECTMEN, 2/27/17](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 \(C\): "NEW TOWN WATER QUALITY SAMPLING PROGRAM TO BEGIN," DARIEN TIMES, 6/12/18](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.2 \(D\) PHOTO: A SECTION OF DARIEN'S BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE - SCOTT'S/ZIEGLER'S COVE \(IN WINTER\)](#)

IMAGE: [2.1.2 \(E\): PHOTO: GARY BANKS MONITORING WATER QUALITY](#)

PDF: [2.1.2 \(F\): ARTICLE FROM "DARIEN NEIGHBORS" MAGAZINE, JULY 2019](#)

WORD: [2.1.2 \(G\): PROGRAM DESCRIPTION](#)

Documentation Details: 2.1.2 (A): An overview of the Unified Water Study from CFE/Save the Sound's website. Note the Town of Darien listed as a participant on p.5, monitoring the following water bodies: Darien Harbor, Cove Harbor, Scott's Cove. 2.1.2 (B): "Presentation by William Cavers, Coastal Commission," p. 1 is an overview of the Unified Water Study; the Board unanimously approved the Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters to organize and manage Darien's participation in the Save the Sound Unified Water Study. 2.1.2 (C): A local paper reports on the Unified Water Study that Darien first participated in a year earlier. The program was expanded to include monitoring of an additional harbor (Cove Harbor). 2.1.2 (D): the program was again expanded in 2019 to include monitoring of additional water bodies - Scott/Zieger's Coves 2.1.2 (E): Gary Banks is among the 8 resident volunteers who meet every other Saturday at 6 am, May through October, to measure water conditions at 12 predetermined sites in Darien's harbors.

Partners: Darien's participation in the Unified Water Study was initiated by and is conducted by the Chairman of the Darien Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters, and was approved by the Darien Board of Selectmen in February 2017. Water sampling is conducted by town volunteers and results are shared with the Darien Department of Health. Several partners play a critical role in this project and include: 1) CFE/Save the Sound oversees the Unified Water Study in which approximately two dozen other municipalities in New York and Connecticut participate; it also owns the monitoring equipment used; 2) The Darien Boat Club provides the motor boat used by volunteers to monitor water quality; 3) The Darien Nature Center provides space where monitoring instruments can be calibrated and stored

2.7 Provide Education on Water Conservation

5 Points

Approved Information: 2.7.1: Sponsor a water conservation education workshop (5 points), workshop 8/15/19 2.7.2: Identify and disseminate water conservation educational materials (0 additional points), created 7/19

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [2.7.1 \(A\): DESCRIPTION OF WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM HELD ON THURSDAY, 8/15/19](#)

PDF: [2.7.1 \(B\): INVITATION TO WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM - WIDELY CIRCULATED \(TOWN WEBSITE, VARIOUS EMAIL LISTS AND NEWSLETTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWS ARTICLES\)](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.1 \(C\): ONE SAMPLE OF HOW INVITATION WAS CIRCULATED \(VIA FACEBOOK PAGE MANAGED BY DARIEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY\)](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.1 \(D\): IMAGE FROM WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM, 8/15/19](#)

WORD: [2.7.2 \(A\): OVERVIEW OF OUTREACH ON WATER CONSERVATION](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.2 \(B\): LINK TO AQUARION ON TOWN OF DARIEN WEBSITE](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.2 \(C\): IMAGE OF WATER USE SURVEY WITH EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.2 \(D\): OVERVIEW OF HOW SURVEY WAS DISTRIBUTED \(POWERPOINT SLIDE FROM WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM\)](#)

PDF: [2.7.2 \(E\): "YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT WATER CONSERVATION," BY NISHA NALAWADE, PUBLISHED BY THE DARIEN TIMES, 8/6/19](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.2 \(F\): POSTCARD WITH LINKS TO WATER CONSERVATION WEBSITES, DISTRIBUTED AT WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM ON 8/15/19 AND AVAILABLE AT DARIEN TOWN HALL](#)

IMAGE: [2.7.2 \(G\): FACEBOOK POST ON WATER CONSERVATION \(SAME POSTED ON TWITTER\)](#)

Partners: The Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability partnered with several organizations in the planning, advertising and implementation of the Water Conservation Program held on Thursday, August 15, 2019: 1) Aquarion Water Company - speaker; 2) Darien Nature Center - co-sponsor; helped to publicize water use survey and event; 3) Darien Pollinator Pathway - speakers, circulation of water use survey and publicized event; also provided some native plants for attendees to take home; 4) UConn Conservation Training Partnerships (CTP) program - a Darien High School student working through this program provided research and assistance to the Committee, conducted a water use survey and discussed results at the event, and provided postcards to attendees with links to various water conservation websites 5) Several other organizations in Darien were asked to - and agreed to - help publicize the water use survey and event, including the Darien Land Trust, Darien Mens' Association, and the Garden Club of Darien

Additional Information: The entire Water Use survey can be found by copying and pasting this link into a browser: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDIU3SpMgQwi8l1CK7mmCuvW9jtdvfHlq7anGKAJq3uw4nfA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0AcpN5Gcl7Oa4fbxFUuNxM5W7OY3xGXabofXOeunQTeOsKoqc36cyuhTs>

3. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

3.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.1.2 Update Your Profile on CTVisit (5 points), Updated August 7, 2019.

Partners: Our committee worked with Jean Hebert of CTVisit website to update and implement the addition of hyperlinks to town social media portals. We also worked with Linda O'Leary from the Town of Darien to include a hyperlink to the CTVisit website.

Additional Information: Hyperlink to Darien CTVISIT Page: <http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-darien> Hyperlink to CTVisit on Town Website: <http://www.darienct.gov/about-darien-ct> Hyperlink to Darien social media platforms: <http://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-darien> We established a hyperlink to the Town of Darien Website to the CTVisit website and included social media outlets and link in the CTVisit platform.

3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.2.2: Include arts and culture in publicly available municipal marketing, updated 8/29/19
3.2.3: Commit dedicated funding to the arts, updated 8/29/19 3.2.10 Option 1: Support arts and cultural activities offered at the local libraries, updated 8/29/19 (10 points total)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [3.2.3 MATHER SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PT 2 ARTS PROGRAMS](#)

WORD: [3.2.2 MUNICIPAL MARKETING WRITE-UP, SENIOR CENTER AND LIBRARY](#)

WORD: [3.2.10 LIBRARY SUPPORT OF ARTS AND CULTURE WRITE-UP](#)

IMAGE: [3.2.3 MATHER SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PT 1](#)

WORD: [3.2.3 MUNICIPAL FUNDING FOR ARTS WRITE-UP](#)

Documentation Details: 3.2.3: Document "3.2.3 Municipal Funding for the Arts Write-Up" is an explanation of how the town funds arts and culture through their funding of the Senior Center. Documents "3.2.3 Mather Senior Center Monthly Newsletter pt 1" and "3.2.3 Mather Senior Center Monthly Newsletter pt 2 Art Programs" are examples of the art and culture programs offered by the Senior Center.

Partners: The town works with the Mathers Senior Center for funding and art and culture programs for Darien residents over the age of 55. The town works with the Darien Library in providing art and culture opportunities to all its residents. See attached documents for more detail.

4. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

4.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning

25 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1 Hazard Mitigation Goals (5 Points for required plus optional goals 7 and 8), POCD dated 2016, Worksheet A completed July 2019. 4.1.2 Sustainability Concepts in POCD (20 points for concepts 8, 9, 10), POCD dated 2016, Worksheet B completed July 2019.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.1.1 AND 4.1.2 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2016.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.1 - WORKSHEET A - HAZARD MITIGATION GOALS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.2 - WORKSHEET B - INTEGRATE SUSTAINABILITY INTO POCD.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.1 - Worksheet A - Hazard Mitigation Goals 1, 2, 6, and 8 incorporated into the Plan of Conservation and Development 4.1.2 - Worksheet B - Integrate Sustainability Concepts 8, 9, & 10 incorporated in the Plan of Conservation and Development

Partners: Planning & Zoning Commission Town Planner

4.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

10 Points

Approved Information: 4.3.6: Develop and promote community garden spaces for residents on municipal land (10 points); ongoing since 1970's.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [4.3.6: CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS](#)

IMAGE: [4.3.6: CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS - LINK FROM TOWN WEBSITE](#)

PDF: [4.3.6: DARIEN PARKS & RECREATION SPRING/SUMMER 2019 BROCHURE](#)

IMAGE: [4.3.6: CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS IS DISCUSSED ON CHERRY LAWN WEB PAGE](#)

IMAGE: [4.3.6: IMAGE OF CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS - LONG VIEW](#)

IMAGE: [4.3.6: IMAGE OF CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS - CLOSEUP OF PLOTS](#)

IMAGE: [4.3.6: IMAGE OF CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS - ONE GARDENER](#)

IMAGE: [4.3.6: CHERRY LAWN COMMUNITY GARDENS - SCHEMATIC SHOWING LOCATION OF PLOTS](#)

PDF: [4.3.6: 2014 CT POST ARTICLE: "COMMUNITY GARDENS 'AN OASIS' IN DARIEN"](#)

Documentation Details: The Cherry Lawn Community Gardens web page is found via a link on the town website: www.Darienct.gov (click on Departments & Services, then Parks & Recreation) - see image. The Darien Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer 2019 Brochure includes a notice on Cherry Lawn Community Gardens, p.6.

Partners: Cherry Lawn Community Gardens was established by the Darien Community Association Garden Club in the early 1970's, but is now self-administered by the Cherry Lawn Garden Committee (members listed in document above). It is located on municipal land - Cherry Lawn Park; it is co-sponsored by Darien's Department of Parks & Recreation, which helps with maintenance and conducts the annual mailing for renewals.

Additional Information: Cherry Lawn Community Gardens is a well-known, popular, program in Darien, CT with 60 garden plots of varying sizes. There is a 2-3 year waiting list as current gardeners have the option to renew each year, with approximately 25 on the current waitlist. When gardeners are away on vacation, a volunteer harvests their ripe surplus produce and donates it to various organizations, such as New Covenant House, a soup kitchen in nearby Stamford, CT, and the Darien Senior Center.

5. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

5.2 Promote Effective Parking Management

10 Points

Approved Information: 5.2.1 Screenshot of town website with posted Nelson Nygaard Parking Study 5.2.1 Existing Conditions Report November 10, 2015.pdf 5.2.1 Projected Conditions and Opportunities November 10, 2015. 5.2.1 Strategy Development November 10, 2015.pdf 5.2.1 Parking Authority Agenda October 15 2015 for Presentation of Parking 5.2.1 Parking Management Plan November 20 2015.pdf

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [5.2.1 SCREENSHOT OF TOWN WEBSITE WITH POSTED NELSON NYGAARD PARKING STUDY.JPG](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT NOVEMBER 10, 2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 PROJECTED CONDITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES NOVEMBER 10, 2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 EMAIL DISTRIBUTING STUDY JULY 22, 2019.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 10, 2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 PARKING AUTHORITY AGENDA OCTOBER 15 2015 FOR PRESENTATION OF PARKING STUDY.PDF](#)

PDF: [5.2.1 PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN NOVEMBER 20 2015.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: There are four parts to the Parking Needs Assessment completed for downtown Darien dated November 10, 2019: 1) "5.2.1 Existing Conditions Report" contains a complete parking inventory, the results of the parking survey and stakeholder input, and parking demand counts including turnover rate. 2) "5.2.1 Projected Conditions and Opportunities" contains the potential future demand. 3) "5.2.1 Strategy Development" evaluates and described varied parking strategies. 4) "5.2.1 Parking Management Plan" is a final summary of the report findings and recommendations. The documents above were forwarded to each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Director of Public Works, the Town Administrator, the Chief of Police, and the Town Planner as evidenced by "5.2.1 Email distributing study July 22, 2019". "5.2.1 Screenshot of town website" is the Parking Authority page with posted files from the "Nelson Nygaard Parking Study" proving the study is available to the public on the town website. "5.2.1 Parking Authority Agenda October 15, 2015 for Presentation of Parking Study" is evidence that a public meeting was scheduled to present the details of the study. See item 3.a) under new business.

Partners: Parking Authority Parking Advisory Committee Board of Selectmen

6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations

6.7 Install Efficient Street Lighting

15 Points

Approved Information: 6.7.1 Install Efficient Street Lights (15 points), completed 1/17/17

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.7.1 STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION SUMMARY](#)

PDF: [6.7.1 STREET LIGHT PURCHASE AGREEMENT](#)

Documentation Details: 6.7.1 Install Efficient Street Lights Page 1 Street Light Purchase Agreement dated September 15th, 2016 6.7.1 Street light Installation Summary work completed January 2017 page 1 Map of street lights Page 2 Schedule of LED fixtures Page 3 Final report by Tanko Streetlighting Page 4 LED conversion Overview Page 5,6,7,8,9. Conversion of 798 LED street lights

Partners: None

Additional Information: Darien purchased its street lights and converted 100 percent to Energy Efficient LEDs.

7. Strategic and Inclusive Public Services

7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 7.1 Hold a Sustainability Event (15 points), events from 4/8-8/7

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [7.1 HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY EVENT COMPLETED TEMPLATE](#)

IMAGE: [7.1 H DARIEN FARMER'S MARKET 7_24_19](#)

IMAGE: [7.1 K SEA LEVEL RISE HIGHLIGHTS BY DLT 4_5_19](#)

Documentation Details: Image 7.1 h Darien Farmer's Market 7_24_19 shows a post by the the Advisory Committee on Sustainability advertising the market and supporting the Darien Summer School Strings program. Image 7.1 k Sea Level Rise Highlights by DLT 4_5_19 shows a post by the Darien Land Trust about the event .

Partners: 7.1k Panel Discussion: Sea Level Rise was a collaborative event hosted by the Library, Darien Land Trust, and Save the Sound. As municipal support, the event was filmed and is available on Darien TV79 On Demand service for the public viewing using the link below; on April 4, 2019. vimeo.com/user36218936/videos

7.7 Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics

40 Points

Approved Information: 7.7.1: Recycle Additional Materials (40 points), updated 7/29/19

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.7 \(A\): COVER LETTER FROM DARREN OUSTAFINE \(TOWN OF DARIEN\) TO PAULA GUERRERA \(CT DEEP BUREAU OF MM & C - RECYCLING OFFICE\) SUMMARIZING ANNUAL MUNICIPAL RECYCLING REPORT FOR FY 2019 - DATED JULY 25, 2019](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(B\): ANNUAL MUNICIPAL RECYCLING REPORT \(FY 2019\) FILED BY THE TOWN OF DARIEN TO THE CT DEEP](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(C\): DARIEN RECYCLING & REFUSE CENTER SITE MAP](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(D\): LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FROM DARREN OUSTAFINE \(TOWN OF DARIEN\) TO BRYAN AYRES \(CITY CARTING & RECYCLING\) TO SET UP RECYCLING OF ELECTRONICS - DATED JANUARY 14, 2010](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(E\): PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING COLLECTION FOR ELECTRONICS AT THE DARIEN RECYCLING CENTER - FEBRUARY 9, 2011](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(F\): COVER LETTER FROM DARREN OUSTAFINE \(TOWN OF DARIEN\) TO ALISON KEANE, ESQ. \(PAINTCARE, INC.\) - DATED JULY 6, 2015 - WITH EXECUTED AGREEMENT TO BEGIN COLLECTION AND RECYCLING OF PAINT & PAINT PRODUCTS](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(G\): DESCRIPTION OF CURIE PACK PROGRAM TO RECYCLE SMOKE DETECTORS](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(H\): LETTER OF AGREEMENT FROM SCOTT LOGAN \(CURIE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES\) TO DARREN OUSTAFINE \(TOWN OF DARIEN\) TO BEGIN PROGRAM TO RECYCLE RESIDENTIAL SMOKE DETECTORS - DATED JANUARY 30, 2017](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(I\): LETTER FROM ROBERT ISNER \(CT DEEP\) TO JAYME STEVENSON \(FIRST SELECTMAN, TOWN OF DARIEN\) GRANTING APPROVAL TO COLLECT RESIDENTIAL SMOKE DETECTORS AT THE DARIEN RECYCLING CENTER - MARCH 8, 2017](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(J\): AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DARIEN AND USAGAIN TO COLLECT TEXTILES COMMENCING JANUARY 26, 2016](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(K\): 2019 DARIEN SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING GUIDELINES](#)

PDF: [7.7 \(L\): 2019 RECYCLING CENTER INFORMATION BROCHURE](#)

Documentation Details: 7.7 (A): Tonnages of the following 5 non-mandated materials are reported as having been collected and recycled through the Darien Recycling Center during the period July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019: 1) Electronics (65.54) - page 1; 2) Textiles (35.30) - page 1; 3) Paint (41.02) - page 2; 4) Mattresses (22.24) - page 2; 5) Smoke detectors (100 units) - page 2 7.7 (B): Actual Report filed with the CT DEEP; non-mandated materials collected and recycled are highlighted in red 7.7 (C): Site Map (updated February 2019) shows collection locations for Textiles, Electronics, Mattresses, Paint, and Smoke Detectors (see red stars and markings) 7.7 (K): This is the back of the Single Stream Recycling Guidelines and shows materials - in addition to those that can be recycled in the blue bin - that can be recycled at the Darien Recycling Center (red arrows indicate non-mandated items discussed here). This document was mailed to residents with their new stickers/permits (April/May/June 2019); copies are also available at the counter of the Department of Public Works Office, and it is also available online at [Darienct.gov](http://darienct.gov):

http://darienct.gov/filestorage/28565/28567/29165/29202/2019_Darien_Single_Stream_Recycling_Guidelines.pdf

7.7 (L): Another brochure mailed to residents with new stickers/permits (see red boxes); it is also available from the DPW Office and is posted on the town website at [Darienct.gov](http://darienct.gov):

http://darienct.gov/filestorage/28565/28567/29165/29202/2019_Recycling_Center_Informational_Brochure.pdf.

Partners: Through CT Product Stewardship programs, the Town of Darien has been able to increase its number of recycling programs at no cost to residents. These include electronics, mattresses and paint. In each case, the Town has provided a drop-off location for residents.

7.8 Develop a Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Campaign

10 Points

Approved Information: 7.8.2: Implement a food scraps recovery program (10 points), launched October 15, 2018

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [7.8.2 \(A\): PRESS RELEASE FROM DARIEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, "DARIEN TO LAUNCH RESIDENTIAL FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM," OCTOBER 3, 2018](#)

PDF: [7.8.2\(B\): FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM, DARIEN, CT - MAY 1, 2019](#)

PDF: [7.8.2 \(C\): DARIEN FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING GUIDE](#)

PDF: [7.8.2 \(D\): EXECUTED CONTRACT WITH CITY CARTING & RECYCLING - SEPTEMBER 10, 2018](#)

PDF: [7.8.2 \(E\): DARIEN RECYCLING & REFUSE CENTER SITE MAP - UPDATED FEBRUARY 2019](#)

IMAGE: [7.8.2 \(F\): DARIEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIRECTOR TOURS FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF](#)

PDF: [7.8.2 \(G\): "DARIEN FIRST IN AREA TO BEGIN RECYCLING FOOD SCRAPS IN EFFORT TO DIVERT REFUSE FROM LANDFILLS," LYSANDRO SIMMONS, DARIEN TIMES; AUGUST 24, 2018](#)

PDF: [7.8.2 \(H\): "FREE FOOD SCRAP COMPOST," CAROLYN BAYNE, DARIEN PATCH; JUNE 2019](#)

PDF: [7.8.2 \(I\): ANNUAL MUNICIPAL RECYCLING REPORT - FY '19; TOWN OF DARIEN](#)

Documentation Details: 7.8.2 (A): Town-wide announcement of new residential food scrap recycling program 7.8.2(B): Report submitted to the Recycle CT Foundation for grant award; overview of residential food scrap program 6 months after implementation 7.8.2 (C): This guide explains how Darien's Food Scrap Recycling Program works. It is included in food scrap collection kits sold to residents, is available through the Department of Public Works office and is available online at darienct.gov. 7.8.2 (D): Darien's executed contract with City Carting outlining arrangement with a third-party vendor (Curbside Compost) to pick up and haul Darien's food scraps to a commercial composting facility 7.8.2 (E): Updated site map shows location of the food scrap drop-off (see red circle!) 7.8.2 (F): David Knauf, Darien Director of Health, has ensured that there is a balance between the goals of the Food Scrap Recycling Program and public health concerns. Most recent discussions with him were on July 18, 2019, when he toured the drop-off site. 7.8.2 (G): Article by local paper announcing program 7.8.2 (H): Articles were published in local news media announcing a compost giveaway program in conjunction with the Food Scrap Recycling Program; this same article was shared with the Darien Times and the Darienite 7.8.2 (I): Darien Department of Public Works filed this report with CT DEEP reporting 24.21 tons of food scraps collected in FY '19 (actual period 10/15/18 - 6/30/19), page 4 (see red box)

Partners: 1) The Town of Darien applied for an Innovation Grant from the Recycle CT Foundation and was awarded \$8,460 to launch the Food Scrap Recycling Program; 2) Although not a formal partnership, members of Scarsdale, NY's Sustainable Committee were invaluable in the design of our program. They shared many elements of their own extremely successful food scrap program, including templates for flyers, stickers and other educational and outreach materials. They also shared vendor information for these and other materials needed to launch the program. Our program would not be the success that it is without their advice and help.

Additional Information: The success of Darien's Food Scrap Recycling Program has spurred interest in neighboring communities; we have had inquiries from several and have had detailed discussions and tours with a few of them. Just as Scarsdale provided guidance to us, we are very happy to serve as a model for and advise other communities!

8. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

8.1 Design and Implement a Housing Needs Assessment

10 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1: (10 Points) Create you community's housing data profile. Analyze the data using Worksheet 2. Present the information at a regular meeting. August 19, 2019.

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.1.1. 2018 HOUSING DATA PROFILE](#)

PDF: [8.1.1. DARIEN WORKSHEET 2 2019-08-19](#)

PDF: [8.1.1 BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA 2019-08-19](#)

Documentation Details: The 2018 Housing Data Profile was created. Jeremy Ginsberg, Town Planner, analyzed this data using Worksheet 2 providing more in depth responses; and presented the findings to the Board of Selectman at a regular meeting on August 8, 2019 (agenda provided).

Partners: Town Planner

9. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

9.1 Optimize for Equity

20 Points

Approved Information: 9.1A: Application of the Equity Toolkit to 7.7: Recycle Additional Materials and Compost Organics 9.1B: Application of the Equity Toolkit to 7.1: Hold a Sustainability Event – the Darien Farmers' Market and senior residents. (10 points) completed 7/15/2019.

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [9.1B ATTACHMENT - DARIEN FARMERS MARKET - HUMAN SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT WITH AT HOME RIDE INCLUDED..DOCX](#)

PDF: [9.1B ACTION REVISED 9 19 APPLIED TO 7.1 ACTION APPLY THE COMPLETED SUSTAINABLE CT EQUITY TOOLKIT TO 7.1 HOLD A SUSTAINABILITY EVENT THE DARIEN FARMERS MARKET.PDF](#)

PDF: [9.1A ACTION APPLIED TO 7.7 RECYLCE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND COMPOST ORGANICS.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 9.1B attachment relates to Action 9.1B, page 2, result 3.

Partners: 9.1B: Darien Human Services Department, the Darien Senior Center and At Home In Darien coordinated with the Advisory Committee on Sustainability to offer transportation to the Darien Farmer's Market 9.1A: Darien Human Services Department and Public Works Department collaborated to approve the distribution of Refuse and Recycling Center permits at no cost to clients identified by the Human Services Director.

10. Innovation Action

10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

20 Points

Approved Information: 10.1A: Innovative Sustainability Action: Darien's Bring Your Own Bag Education Campaign to Reduce Single Use Bag Consumption (10 points), ongoing campaign 10.1B Innovative Sustainability Action: Creating and Delivering an Educational Program to lead to the formation and linkage of pesticide free zones to create a Pollinator Pathway (10 points), ongoing campaign

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.1A INNOVATIVE ACTION - DARIEN - EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TOWARD REDUCING USAGE OF SINGLE USE BAGS SUBMISSION VERSION.DOCX](#)

WORD: [10.1B INNOVATIVE ACTION - DARIEN - EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TOWARD CREATION OF A POLLINATOR PATHWAY SUBMISSION VERSION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [10.1.B SUPPORT DOCUMNET - DARIENNEIGHBORS.APRIL2019.ARTICLE.POLLINATORPATHWAY.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 10.1A: We believe that all necessary submission information is in the attached write-up. 10.1B: We believe that all necessary submission information is in the attached write-up.

Partners: 10.1A: BYO Darien was the town's lead partner, and they teamed up with Darien schools, Darien Nature Center, Darien Senior Center, Darien Environmental Group, Darien YMCA, the Garden Club of Darien, Person to Person, the Darien Land Trust, the Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability, the Surfrider Foundation and BYO CT. The town provided access to all necessary parts of the governance structure of the town, as well as to key members of its management team. 10.1B: Darien Pollinator Pathway's Steering committee is the lead organization for this action. Their members come from the Darien Nature Center, the Garden Club of Darien, the Gardener's Center & Florist and the Darien Library, The Town of Darien Parks & Recreation Department and Students from Darien High School have engaged with DPP, as have the UConn Master Gardeners, the Darien Community Association Greenhouse Group and the Darien Land Trust. In addition, Darien Pollinator Pathway has an informal partnership with the CT North American Organic Farmers Association. The town is providing access to all necessary parts of the governance structure of the town, as well as to key members of its management team.