

TOWN OF DURHAM--Sustainable CT Spring 2024 OFFICIAL Certification Results Summary

Action	Status	Approved Points	Success Story?	Reviewer Comment to Municipality
1.1	Approved	10		Thank you for your commitment to advancing equity in Durham. Well done!
1.2	Approved	10		Thank you for your submission. We are happy to award Durham 10 points for participating in Sustainable CT's equity trainings.
2.1	Approved	15		Great work, Durham! You have earned the full 15 points requested for completing a brownfield inventory and map for action 2.1.1. Keep up the good work!
2.5	Must Revise	0		Nice work, Durham. The Youth Employment Program seems like a great opportunity for skills development and the placements with Indian Springs Golf Course, a Master Woodland Manager and Outdoor Educator, and Coginchaug Outdoor Enrichment Center offer unique opportunities for students interested in sustainability-related sectors. To earn credit for 2.5.2, please resubmit with additional detail regarding how the program includes measures that directly support racial employment equity and prioritize or set aspirational goals for the inclusion of marginalized and disadvantaged groups, including low-income individuals and those facing high barriers to employment, such as at-risk youth and the formerly incarcerated. Additionally, the submission would be strengthened with an evaluation of the program's impacts on its participants. We look forward to your revised submission!
3.1	Must Revise	0		Durham, you are VERY close to earning the 5 points requested for your Water Quality Monitoring Program facilitated in conjunction with the Jane Brawerman and the Conservation District. There are clearly volunteers and monitoring sites tied to your community. In order to approve the 5 points we ask that you submit documentation to illustrate your working relationship with the District - example do you pay annual dues to the District?
3.4	Approved	10		Thank you for your submission Durham! 3.4.1: Thank you for submitting an open space inventory for Durham using the provided data template. Using this
3.12	Must Revise	0		Nice work, Durham! You are very close to earning 15 points under Action 3.12.2. To earn credit for this action, please submit at least one example of associated outreach and promotion materials. In your submission it is mentioned that community outreach is done through Facebook, Sustainable Durham, the Coginchaug Outdoor Enrichment Center, Envirothon, and ECO. If you could submit a flyer or post of some sort that is used to do this outreach and promote the native shrubs, you will be able to earn the 15 points.
4.1	Approved	5		Thanks for your submission, Durham! You have earned 5 points under 4.1.2 for updating your CTVisit page as of March 2024. Your page could benefit from connections to Town maintained social media accounts, if available. Keep up the good work!
4.2	Must Revise	0		Thank you for your submission, Durham! You are so close to earning 10 points under action 4.2.1! Since this action requires proof that there is currently a poet laureate in the town, we must see some supporting documentation that shows the position was approved by the town. If there are meeting minutes that showed the position was approved, please submit them and this action will be approved for 10 points!
5.3	Approved	20		Durham did a nice job in adopting a Right to Farm ordinance to support local agriculture. You have earned 20 points under 5.3.1.
5.4	Approved	25		The Town of Durham is awarded 25 points for updated information regarding how its 2016 Community Resilience Building Workshop and associated assessments of climate vulnerability are actively being used to address resiliency (5.4.1a - 10 pts, 5.4.1b - 5 pts, 5.4.2 - 10 pts). Kudos to the town and associated committees for positioning the New Community Center as a resilience hub, initiating water access projects, budgeting for tree care, and adding storm preparedness information to its website!
5.5	Approved	10		Action 5.5.1 (10/10 points) Congratulations, you have successfully completed the action by providing an inventory of more than 10 historic properties. No changes were noted since that last submission was made in 2021.

6.1	Approved	25	Yes	Congratulations Durham! You have been awarded 25 of the 30 points requested; 5 points under 6.1.1 were awarded, for future submissions please include at least one piece of documentation related to the meetings or workshops, such as a promotional flier, an agenda, minutes, presentations, or photographs. You have also earned 20 points for your submission of a complete streets policy under 6.1.3. Just as a note, the link in your worksheet is broken, but the policy document uploaded with your submission did work. We were unable to award the 5 points under 6.1.2 as the trainings submitted were not completed in the past 3 years. Any training attended after 01/01/2021 is eligible for credit under action 6.1.2 We are excited to see Durham's continued commitment to Complete Streets and look forward to future submissions.
7.1	Approved	5		Congratulations to the Town of Durham for completing the benchmarking of their school and town buildings. The Town is approved for 5 of 5 points requested for 7.1.1.
8.1	Approved	20		Congratulations, Durham, you have received the requested 20 points for the completion of subaction 8.1.1. Keep up the good work with your sustainability events!
8.3	Must Revise	0		While the ZBA is applauded for the land use training it attained, the required Worksheet 1 was not submitted. We look forward to seeing a future submission that includes Worksheet 1 to earn credit for this action!
8.6	Must Revise	0		Thank you for your submission! Unfortunately the submitted project is not eligible for points under action 8.6. As stated in the action description, events, outreach campaigns, and plans are not eligible for points; projects submitted under action 8.6 must be "implementation project" type activities. If there was an implementation angle of this collaboration, we encourage you to reach out to info@sustainablect.org to discuss and to submit it in future applications!
9.4	Approved	30	Yes	Congratulations on a successful and on-going composting effort in Durham. You have been awarded 30 points under 9.4.2: 15 points for your residential backyard composting program and 15 points for composting at the Durham Fair. To collect over 4 tons of organic waste in 5 days is no small feat! Great to see that DMIAAB has a compost-bin sale so residents can continue to compost at home. Keep up the great work!!
10.4	Must Revise	0		Thanks for your submission, Durham! You are very close to earning points under this action. It is not clear from the documentation provided how the municipality supports this community garden. The submission requirements include: "If the space is not located on municipal property, provide evidence of in-kind and/or financial support from the municipality to the initiative's administrators." If you can provide this information, we look forward to awarding you 15 points.
10.7	Approved	10		Well done, Durham, on your open space accessibility assessment. You have been awarded 10 points under action 10.7.1
11.1	Approved	10	Yes	Thanks for your submission, Durham! 11.1.2: 10 points were awarded. 11.1.3: No points were earned for this sub action. This sub action was revised in 2023; municipalities can no longer earn points for adopting an affordable housing plan. Strategies from the plan must be implemented to earn points. It appears that much of your documentation is outdated. We recommend that in future applications, to aid in review, that you please remove any documentation that is no longer relevant.
12.3	Approved	10		Thank you for your submission. The proactive efforts of the Sustainability Team to collect and analyze homelessness data from 211.org are commendable. Durham has earned 10 points for the completion of 12.3.1. Keep up the good work!

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