



Sustainable Connecticut Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Connecticut Certification Report of Washington, a Sustainable Connecticut bronze certified applicant.

Washington was certified on November 01, 2021 with 295 points. Listed below is information regarding Washington's Sustainable Connecticut efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Washington was approved for in 2021 appears below. Please enjoy this opportunity to view and learn from the information and materials provided.

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1. Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts

1.1 Optimize for Equity – REQUIRED

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.1 Optimize for Equity (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [1.1 OPTIMIZE FOR EQUITY NARRATIVE](#)

WORD: [PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON TOWN GOVERNMENT SURVEY.DOCX](#)

PDF: [HOUSING FORUM JUNE3 LINKS.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [SURVEY.PNG](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 PPT_COMMUNITY_FORUM_JUNE3_WASHINGTON.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 PPT_PUBLIC_FORUM_MARCH2_WASHINGTON.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK TEAM.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 WASHINGTON 2020 HOUSING DATA PROFILE.PDF](#)

WORD: [11.12 WORKSHEET 2. ANALYZE DATA](#)

Documentation Details: The narrative describes the actions we took to try to reach more of our community through the development of our Affordable Housing Plan. The next three documents are the last survey we did in person as well as the fliers for the forums we held and the flier for the original on-line survey. After those documents can be found all of the documents submitted in 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan.

Partners: Office of Economic and Community Development worked with the Housing Commission and the Sustainable Equity team.

1.2 Participate in Equity Training

10 Points

Approved Information: 1.2.1 Participate in Equity Training- We had three people from town attend the equity training. Jay Hubelbank, Town Selectmen, Carole Matteo, member of Planning Commission, Michelle Gorra, Economic and Community Development Coordinator for the Town of Washington. We attended the Spring workshop April 27, May 18 and June 22.

Partners: none

2. Thriving Local Economies

2.2 Implement Sustainable Purchasing

20 Points

Approved Information: 2.2.2: Adopt a Sustainable Purchasing Policy (20 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [PURCHASING POLICIES - EMAIL001.PDF](#)

WORD: [2.2.2 WORKSHEET.DOCX](#)

WORD: [WASHINGTON - PURCHASING.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: Attached is the required worksheet

Partners: none

2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Products and Services

25 Points

Approved Information: 2.3.1: Target sector inventory and promotion of local retail options (15 points) 2.3.2: Buy local campaign (10 points),

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2.3.1 LOCAL BUSINESS INVENTORY AND MAP.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN FLYER.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.3.1, 2.3.2, EXPLORE WASHINGTON WEBSITE, SHOPPING AND EATING](#)

PDF: [3.2.1 INVENTORY OF LOCAL BUSINESSES.PDF](#)

PDF: [EDC_MINS_11-10-20_FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.3.2- BUY LOCAL 2020 CAMPAIGN.PDF](#)

PDF: [2.3.2 BUY LOCAL WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 2.3.2- EDC minutes of 11-10-20, New Business b., outlines the shop local/ shop Washington campaign for the 2020 holidays.

Partners: 2.3.1- Washington Economic Development Committee & Washington Business Association 2.3.2- Washington Economic Development Committee & Washington Business Association

2.6 Participate in and Promote the C-PACE Program

10 Points

Approved Information: 2.6 - C-Pace: 5 points - Attached is a copy of the contract the town signed with Connecticut Green Bank 2.6.3 Participate in a C-Pace project - 5 point - Attached is a document from the tax collector detailing Washington Montessori's participation in the project

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [C-PACE CONTRACT](#)

PDF: [C-PACE - MONTESSORI.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [CPACE - TOWN WEBSITE.PNG](#)

Documentation Details: Attached a screen shot of the town's website which provides a link to the C-Pace program.

Partners: None

3. Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources

3.4 Develop an Open Space Plan

10 Points

Approved Information: 3.4.4a - Legally protect municipal open space - 5 points - The attached map and spreadsheet document the town owned land with legal protection. 3.4.4 c - Improve Open Space parcels - 5 points - Steep rock Preserve, a non-profit located in Washington that works in conjunction with the town to preserve open space, has documented 4 areas that they have improved in the last year. See the attached document and before and after pictures

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [2021 PROTECTED LANDS POCD.PDF](#)

WORD: [3.4.4C - STEEP ROCK OPEN SPACE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.DOCX](#)

PDF: [06-29-2021 - PROTECTED LAND ATTRIBUTES.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 3.4.4.a We have attached a one page map detailing all protected land in town, which includes town owned land. We have also attached a spreadsheet detailing the town owned protected land. 3.4.4.c The word document details the work Steep Rock has been doing to protect their open space along with the before and after pictures for four projects.

Partners: Steep Rock Association is a Washington based land trust that owns approximately 30% of the land in Washington. The town and the association work closely together by sharing staff for town and the association activities, as well as promoting activities through the town's various social media accounts.

3.10 Facilitate Invasive Species Education and Management

5 Points

Approved Information: 3.10.2a: Engage in invasive species management - 5 points - The town identified and removed winged euonymus (burning bush) an invasive species that had been planted in front of town hall. Removal took place in June of 2021. Before and after pictures are attached.

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [3.10.3B SRA INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [INVASIVES - TOWN HALL.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [INVASIVES TOWN HALL - REMOVED.JPG](#)

Documentation Details: 3.10.2a: Two pictures have been submitted. One shows Washington Town Hall with a group of bushes planted in the front. The second picture shows the town hall without these bushes, which were removed in June, 2021. 3.10.3a: <https://www.washingtonct.org/sustainability-committee/webforms/sustainable-resources>: This link provides information about invasive species as well as the link to the workshop cosponsored by the Washington Environmental Council and the Sustainability Committee.

Partners: Washington Environmental Council is a local non-profit organization based in Washington CT. The organization was founded in 1971 and continues to be the leading organization in town focused on a wide range of environmental issues. Information about the group can be found at: <https://www.wec-ct.org/about-1>. WEC and the Town of Washington work together throughout the year to sponsor programs for residents

3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways

40 Points

Approved Information: 3.12.1 Pollinator education - 5 points - The Washington Environmental Council, in conjunction with the Town of Washington and the Steep Rock Association presented a webinar for town residents on April 28, 2021. You can watch the presentation at this link on YouTube: https://youtu.be/9nv2Lvt_aTk 3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens - 15 points - Steep Rock Association, a non-profit organization based in the town of Washington, has been developing pollinator gardens within its preserves. Attached are pictures of the various gardens. 3.12.3- Pollinator Pathways Resolution - 20 points - Attached is the resolution the Board of Selectmen approved at their June 10, 2021 meeting. Also attached is a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - WASHINGTON CT BRONSON FIELDS POLLINATOR MEADOW 2 OF 2 - 5 PTS.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.2 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - WASHINGTON CT BRONSON FIELDS POLLINATOR MEADOW 1 OF 2 - 5PTS.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - WASHINGTON CT - EARTH DAY POLLINATOR EDUCATION.PROMOTION - 5 PTS.JPG](#)

WORD: [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS - WASHINGTON CT SOURCING,+EVENTS,+OTHER+RESOURCES 5PTS.DOCX](#)

IMAGE: [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATORS - EARTH DAY POLLINATOR EDUCATIONAL EVENT.JPG](#)

WORD: [3.12.1 ENHANCE POLLINATOR PATHWAYS WASHINGTON CT POLLINATOR INITIATIVE OVERVIEW. 5PTS.DOCX](#)

WORD: [3.12.3 POLLINATOR PATHWAY RESOLUTION.DOCX](#)

PDF: [3.12.3.SELECTMENS_MTG_6-10-21 POLLINATOR PATHWAYS RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Educational workshop documents, the "OVERVIEW" Document includes links to the PPT, recording of the zoom, images of pollinator gardens, resources where to purchase native plants, MORE BELOW: WASHINGTON CT POLLINATOR DOCUMENT Guide to uploads - 3.12.1 Host Pollinator Educational Workshop - Supporting Documents are outlined along with materials used, photos, attendance and pollinator link on Washington Environmental Council Website. Submit: A description of outreach conducted, including copies of any educational materials used, methods of engagement, photos of events, groups in attendance, and/or a link to the dedicated space for pollinator education on your municipality's website. (5 pts) Washington Environmental Council hosted Educational Event via zoom with pollinator habitat experts John Markelon and Steep Rock's Rory Larson to provide education to residences and local business in an effort to bring awareness to the necessity to improve pollinator habitats. o 3.12.1 Enhance Pollinator Pthwys - Washington CT - Earth Day Pollinator Education.promotion - 5 pts.jpg Image 2 of 2 pollinator garden Additional Resources: • <https://steeproccassoc.org/july-2020-e-news/> • <https://steeproccassoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/HV-Website-Trail-Map-1.pdf> o 3.12.1 Enhance Pollinator Pthwys - Washington CT Sourcing,+Events,+Other+Resources 5pts.docx o 3.12.1 Enhance Pollinators - Earth Day Pollinator Educational Event.jpg - o 3.12.1 Enhance Pollinator Pthwys Washington CT Pollinator Initiative OVERVIEW. 5pts.doc. -Word doc OVERVIEW DOC of Pollinator Pathways Initiative - - 3.12.2 Creation of Pollinator Gardens - Steep Rock, Judea Community Garden and Town Hall (with photos) Submit: A photo of each pollinator garden, along with associated outreach and promotion materials. If the garden is not located on municipal property, provide evidence of in-kind and/or financial support from the municipality to the initiative's administrators. (15 PTS) Pts o 3.12.2 - Enhance Pollinator Pthwys - Washington CT Bronson Fields Pollinator Meadow 2 (PICTURE # 2 of 2) o 3.12.2 Enhance Pollinator Pthwys - Washington CT Bronson Fields Pollinator Meadow 2 (PICTURE # 1 of 2) - 3.12.3 Pass a Pollinator Friendly Community Resolution - Submit: A copy of the resolution and minutes or the agenda from the meeting where it was approved by your municipal governing body. o 3.12.3 Pollinator pathway resolution.docx - town resolution Signed resolution o 3.12.3.Selectmens_mtg_6-10-21 Pollinator pathways resolution.pdf Selectmans meeting minutes

Partners: Steep Rock Association is a Washington based land trust that currently owns and manages approximately 30% of the land in Washington. The Town and Steep Rock work together on a regular basis

and includes providing staff and volunteers for projects, and publicity for projects. The town provides space on our website, explorewashingtonct.org for Steep Rock and includes information about Steep Rock programs on all our social networks.

Additional Information: n/a

3.13 Promote Dark Skies

15 Points

Approved Information: 3.13.3 - Promote Dark Skies - 15 points - The town has passed zoning regulations that support dark skies

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [DARK SKIES001.PDF](#)

PDF: [DARK SKIES REGULATIONS - 3 PAGES](#)

PDF: [DARK SKIES003.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: The attached 3 documents constitute the zoning regulations in place for all residential building in town.

Partners: none

4. Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems

4.1 Map Tourism and Cultural Assets

15 Points

Approved Information: 4.1.1 Create a Tourism & Cultural Asset Map (10 points) 4.1.2 Update your Profile on CTVisit.com (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [INVOICE/MAINTENANCE PLAN](#)

PDF: [4.1.1B WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.1TOWN BUDGET.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.1.1A IDENTIFY TOURISM AND CULTURAL ASSETS.PDF](#)

PDF: [WASHINGTON CULTURAL ASSET MAP](#)

Documentation Details: 4.1.1a- Identify tourism and cultural assets. Our interactive web-site has a complete listing 4.1.1b- worksheet giving contact and location information for the cultural assets 4.1.1c- hyperlink to our web-based resource www.explorewashingtonct.com 4.1.1d- We have contracted with an agency to continually update our site. A copy of an invoice is uploaded below. This is budgeted for every year. 4.1.2 hyperlink to our CTVisit site, <https://www.ctvisit.com/listings/town-washington>

Partners: 4.1 - Economic Development Committee, the office Economic & Community Development & the Washington Business Association

4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

20 Points

Approved Information: 4.2.1 Establish a Poet Laureate (10 points, with two other action items) 4.2.2 Include Arts and Culture in publicly available municipal marketing 4.2.3 Commit Funding for the Arts 4.2.5 Establish an Arts Council (5 Points) 4.2.10a Support Arts and Cultural Activities offered at the Library (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [BOS MINUTES STABLISHING A POET LAUREATE](#)

PDF: [4.2- WASH--PC--6X9--6.25.21--MAILING--PROOF#1 \(002\).PDF](#)

PDF: [WAC MINUTES 4-12-21.PDF](#)

PDF: [ANNUAL REPORT- 2019-20.DOCX.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.3 FUNDING FOR THE ARTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [4.2.10A- SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE, LIBRARY.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: 4.2.1- Poet Laureate established in 2014, report of current Poet Laureate for 2019-20 on pg. 46 of Annual Report 4.2.2- pdf of a postcard that was mailed to every household supporting Arts & Culture Summer 2021. 4.2.2- <https://explorewashingtonct.com/say-yes-to-arts-culture-this-summer-in-washington/>- link to on-line article from monthly e-news promoting arts this summer. 4.2.3 Funding for the arts includes pictures and links to both the budget and the arts program receiving the funding 4.2.5- The minutes of the First Arts Council are attached with the approved mission statement at the end of the minutes. 4.2.10a Library events can be found on page 8 of the town Newsletter. Sample and link provided

Partners: NA

5. Dynamic and Resilient Planning

5.1 Integrate Sustainability into Plan of Conservation and Development

20 Points

Approved Information: 5.1.B Worksheet 2 (20 Points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [5.1 WORKSHEET 1](#)

WORD: [5.1 WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [WASHINGTON_2014POCD](#)

Documentation Details: For both worksheets, all page numbers are listed clearly next to the item they address.

Partners: None

5.3 Develop Agriculture-Friendly Practices

5 Points

Approved Information: 5.3.4 Washington's Farmers Alliance Forum (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

IMAGE: [5.3.4 WASHINGTON FARMERS ALLIANCE FIRST FORUM JULY 2021.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [5.3.4 WASHINGTON FARMERS ALLIANCE FORUM LOGO FOR NEW ALLIANCE JULY 2021](#)

IMAGE: [5.3.4 WASHINGTON FARMERS ALLIANCE FORUM DISCUSSION INVITATION](#)

WORD: [5.3.4 WASHINGTON FARMERS ALLIANCE AGENDA AND OUTCOMES JULY 2021](#)

IMAGE: [5.3.4 WASHINGTON FARMERS ALLIANCE JULY 2021 FIRST MEETING PHOTO](#)

Documentation Details: Washington Farmers Alliance First Forum held in July 2021. - this was held at Walding Field Farm in open discussion format.

Partners: 5.3.4 Farmers Forum) The Economic Community and Development Coordinator helped organize the event along with a Washington Sustainability committee member. The Washington Environmental Council was there along with a representative from the Litchfield Farmers Alliance.

Additional Information: This forum was our first meeting that officially began our formation of the Washington Farmers Alliance. We will act as a sounding/advisory board for commissions and committees in town and try to help create supportive regulations that will help farmer diversify and thrive!

6. Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices

6.1 Implement Complete Streets

5 Points

Approved Information: 6.1.2 Participate in Complete Streets Training (5 pts)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [6.1.2 COMPLETE STREETS TRAINING.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Training webinar by Smart Growth America, presented by Heather Zaccaro, program manager with the National Complete Streets Coalition, Megan Wier from the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Daniel Alexander, co-executive director at the Hawaii Bicycle League.

Partners: None

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 Buildings - 5 points

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [CT REPORT-FULL-ANNUAL-BENCHMARK WASHINGTON.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: We have completed the Energy Star portfolio data to develop a benchmark for the town buildings.. Attached is the report

Partners: None

8. Inclusive Engagement, Communication and Education

8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.1.1 Support and hold a sustainability event (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [HOLD A SUSTAINABLE EVENT, EARTH DAY](#)

PDF: [8.1 FARMER'S MARKETS.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [8.1 EVENTS.XLSX](#)

Partners: 8.1.1 The Sustainability Committee partnered with the Conservation Commission, the Steep Rock Association, the Lake Waramaug Association, the Lake Waramaug Task Force, the Garden Club and the Washington Environmental Council to hold the event.

8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications

15 Points

Approved Information: 8.2.1 Provide effective community communications (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [8.2.1 A&B WEDC COMMUNICATION PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 WEDC_MINUTES_4-20-21.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 WASHINGTON_NEWSLETTER_SUMMER_2021_COLOR.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 WELCOME LETTER.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER JANUARY-FEBRUARY_2020.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 SELECTMAN'S WEEKLY EMAIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 TOW-SERVICESBROCH.PDF](#)

PDF: [EXPLORE WASHINGTON 03-16-21 METRICS PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1A EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [8.2.1 INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT OF WASHINGTON COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.XLSX.PDF](#)

Documentation Details: Attached please find the Communications strategy that is maintained by the Economic Development Committee, 8.2.1 Washington Economic Development Committee minutes for presentation and discussion of communications plan, as well as the Communications Strategy worksheet and inventory 8.2.1a. Samples of communications include: 1- a pdf of the Town Quarterly Newsletter that is mailed to all households, 2- a copy of the Welcome letter that is mailed to every new home owner, 3- a pdf of the bi-monthly Senior Center Newsletter that is mailed to seniors, 4- a sample of one of the Selectmen's weekly email blast and 5- the new Town Services Brochure.

Partners: 8.2.1- The Town of Washington's Selectman's office, The Economic and Community Development Coordinator, The Economic Development Committee, The Washington Business Association, the Senior Center Director

9. Strategic Materials Management

9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste

5 Points

Approved Information: 9.1.1 Staff & Report Data (5 points)

Supporting Documentation:

EXCEL: [9.1 REVISED PER CAPITA CALCULATION OF WASTE.XLSX](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT WASTE CALCULATION](#)

EXCEL: [9.1.--REVISED MSW AND RECYCLING DATA.XLSX](#)

Documentation Details: The information is also posted on the town's website at the following link:
<https://www.washingtonct.org/trash-recycling/pages/history-of-municipal-solid-waste-and-recycling>

Partners: None

10. Optimal Health and Wellness Opportunities

10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces

15 Points

Approved Information: 10.4.1 Develop and promote inclusive spaces and programs that provide opportunities for residents to engage in local farming, gardening, or other forms of horticulture or plant cultivation. (15 points)

Supporting Documentation:

WORD: [10.4 DEVELOP AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES.DOCX](#)

Documentation Details: The attached document details the program

Partners: 10.4 (Developing Community Growing Spaces) The Town of Washington provides steady, consistent, and multiple forms of support to Judea Garden. SRA volunteers distribute food to residents in need from the steps of the Bryan Memorial Town Hall every Monday from 11:45-5:00 pm from July through October. Residents interested in signing up for distribution can contact SRA, social services, or the First Selectman's office to receive produce. The Senior Center regularly informs our older residents in need and the Assessor's office sends inserts about Judea Garden to residents eligible for state programs. Washington Community Fund and Washington Garden Club provide funding for two internships per summer. Region 12 schools (Washington Primary School and SHepaug Ag High School) start seeds, help plant and weed the garden, and conduct special projects. Boy Scouts local troop had an Eagle Scout build composting bins as part of his Eagle Scout initiative. Gunn Memorial Library and Five Senses Festival also host programs and readings at Judea Garden.

11. Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing

11.1 Design and Implement an Affordable Housing Plan

20 Points

Approved Information: 11.1.1-Create a Housing Committee (10 points) 11.1.2-Partnership for Strong Communities 2020 Housing Data Profile (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [11.1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK TEAM MEMBERSHIP](#)

PDF: [11.1.1 .HOUSING MEETING MINUTES](#)

IMAGE: [11.1.1 PUBLIC SURVEY FLIER](#)

PDF: [11.1.2- WASHINGTON 2020 HOUSING DATA PROFILE](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 PUBLIC FORUM DATA SLIDES MARCH 2021](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 FLIER FOR PUBLIC FORUM MARCH 2021](#)

WORD: [11.1.2 WORKSHEET 2](#)

PDF: [PPT_FEB9_MEETING_SLIDES.PDF](#)

PDF: [11.1.2 COMMUNITY FORUM SLIDES JUNE 2021](#)

Documentation Details: 11.1.1 We created an Affordable Housing Task Team to work with our Housing Commission on an Affordable Housing Plan. We meet monthly by zoom and all meetings are open to the public. The meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the town web-site. We conducted 2 housing surveys. One for the entire town to which we got 277 responses. (8% of total pop) and a survey of workers to which we got 96 responses. 11.1.1- The Power Point from our Feb 8th housing meeting outlines some of our Communication Strategy. Pg. 6 shows where we discussed how were were going to advertise our forums to increase public participation.

Partners: 11.1.1 & 11.1.2. The Affordable Housing Plan is being conducted by the Housing Commission with help from the Town Economic and Community Development coordinator and with the consultation from the Northwest Hill Council of Governments.

13. Innovative Strategies and Practices

13.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action

10 Points

Approved Information: 13.1: Implemented "Gift it Forward," a program that created an online portal to centralize the purchase of gift certificates from local businesses, which could be retained or gift to essential workers and local nonprofits (10 points)

Supporting Documentation:

PDF: [3 PEAKS 3 WEEKS EVENT.PDF](#)

WORD: [3 PEAKS MEDIA RELEASE FINAL 5.5.2021.DOCX](#)

PDF: [13.1 GIFT IT FORWARD DESCRIPTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1 GIFT IT FORWARD - COVID 19 PRESENTATION \(2\).PDF](#)

PDF: [13.1.1 GIFT IT FORWARD HANDOUT.PDF](#)

Partners: 3 Peaks: The town collaborated with Steep Rock Association, a non profit organization which is dedicated to preserving open space in Washington CT Gift it Forward, Economic Development Committee & the Washington Business Association.