



CHESTER

2023 SUSTAINABLE CT CERTIFICATION SUCCESS REPORT



Taking action.
Making an impact.
Celebrating success.

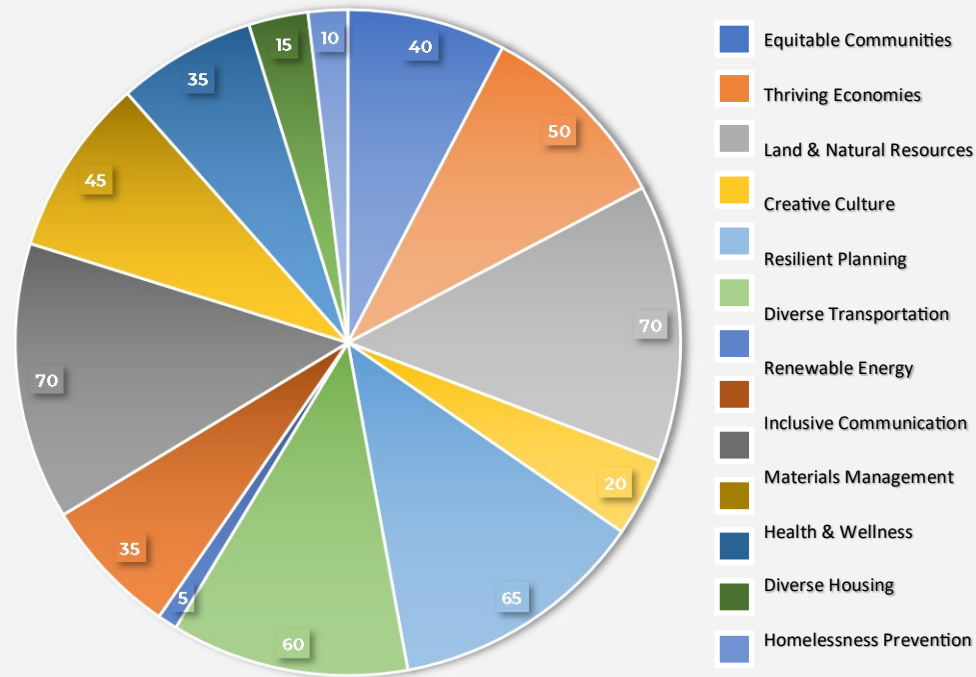


Chester achieved Silver Certification on September 27, 2023 with 515 points.

Chester registered with Sustainable CT in 2018. Since registering, the town has two certifications. In 2021, Chester achieved Bronze certification, and in 2023, the town achieved Silver certification with an impressive 515 points.

Nestled along the picturesque Connecticut River, Chester exudes timeless charm and warmth. This idyllic town captivates with its historic architecture, vibrant art scene, and welcoming community spirit. Chester seamlessly blends New England tradition with a modern, friendly atmosphere, making it a delightful destination for residents and visitors alike.

SILVER 2023: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY



Chester in the Community Match Fund: the Chester Fair's Path to Zero Waste

In 2022, the Chester Fair invested in new programs and methods to reduce the waste generated by the three-day event. Raising \$7,500 through the CMF, Chester set a goal to divert over 75% of the food scraps, utensils and paper goods from trash into collected waste; recycle 100% of corrugated boxes, paper and Fryolator oil; and, with a phased-in approach, all but eliminate single-use plastics on the fairgrounds. Chester set a reduced environmental impact standard for other country fairs not only in Connecticut, but throughout New England.

Composting and food waste diversion: a Chester Success Story

Beginning in January 2023, the Tri-Town Sustainability group (Chester, Essex and Deep River) decided to pursue a food scraps for composting, waste diversion program in all five Region 4 schools. The three municipalities committed funding, and the group completed fundraising in all three towns via the Community Match Fund, qualifying for Sustainable CT matching funds. The food waste diversion program was—and continues to be—a great success.



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\$73,807

Raised To-Date Thru the Community Match Fund

3

Action Success Stories

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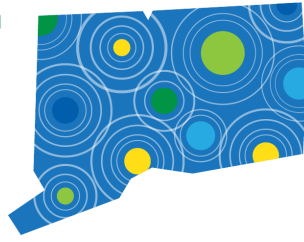
Sustainability Actions Completed

515

Certification Points Earned

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Local Actions. Statewide Impact.®



Sustainable CT is a free, voluntary certification program that supports and recognizes thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. An independently funded, grassroots effort, Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices. Municipalities choose Sustainable CT actions, implement them, and earn points toward certification.



Sustainable CT also provides opportunities for grant funding through its **Community Match Fund program** to help communities promote economic well-being and enhance equity, all while respecting the finite capacity of the natural environment. The program is designed to support all Connecticut municipalities, regardless of size, geography, or resources.



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