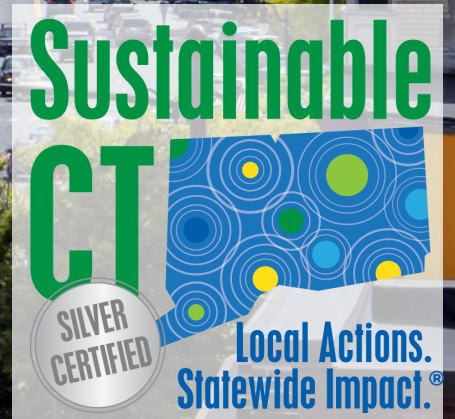




# MIDDLETOWN

## 2023 SUSTAINABLE CT CERTIFICATION SUCCESS REPORT



Taking action.  
**Making an impact.**  
Celebrating success.



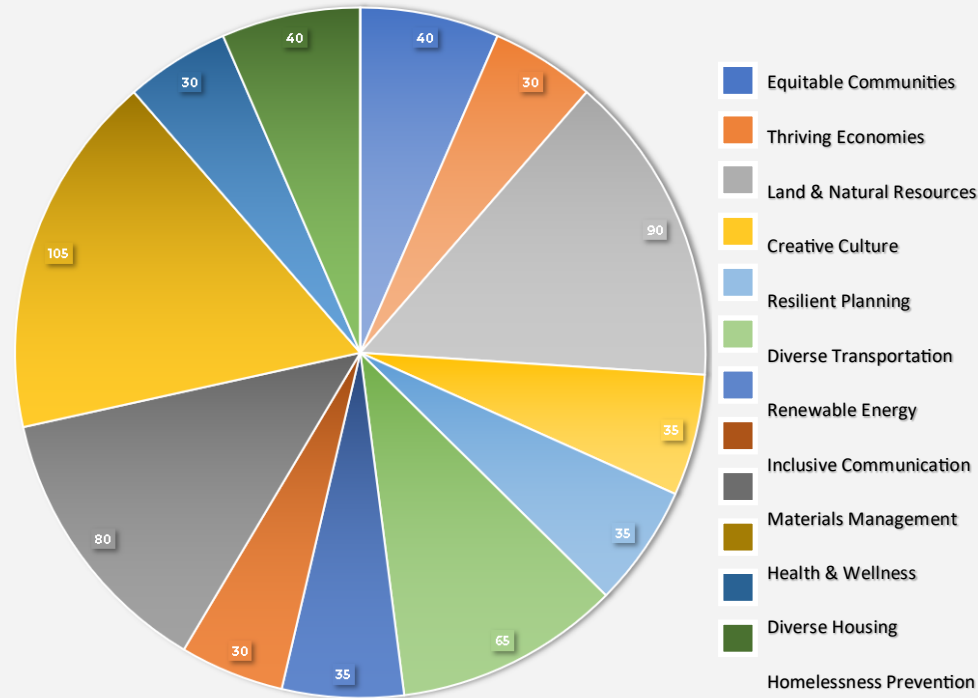


**Middletown achieved Silver Certification on September 27, 2023 with 615 points.**

Middletown was Sustainable CT's first registered community, joining in 2017. Since registering, the city has held three certifications: Bronze and Silver in 2019; and Middletown achieved Silver certification again in 2023 with an impressive 615 points.

The City of Middletown is a charming New England town that seamlessly blends historic charm with modern amenities. Nestled along the scenic Connecticut River, it offers a picturesque downtown filled with cozy cafes, boutique shops, and cultural attractions. The city boasts a strong sense of community, with beautiful parks, excellent schools, and a vibrant arts scene.

**SILVER 2023: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY**



**Middletown in the Community Match Fund: Public School Students Ditch Plastics**

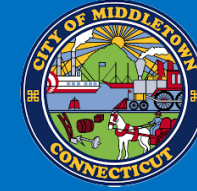
The City of Middletown has worked diligently to reduce waste through increased recycling. One of the most impactful efforts to date has been the city's initiative to swap out disposable utensils for reusables in the public schools.

The city began a first phase to replace many of the daily single-use items used in cafeteria dining. Total transition will result in removing over 3 million pieces of single-use disposables entering our waste stream, the equivalent of 15.5 TONS of trash annually!



**Pollinator Pathways: a Middletown Success Story**

For the last two years, Middletown has employed a part-time City Gardener who has been adding pollinator-friendly native plants to existing plantings and designing and developing new pollinator-friendly plantings. The City Gardener took advantage of the donation of thousands of native plants that Casertano Growers made in 2022 to the Middletown Garden Club. A substantial number of Middletown property owners have pledged to be Pollinator-Pathway-compliant.



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**\$113,739**

Raised To-Date Thru the  
Community Match Fund

**15**

Action  
Success Stories

**35**

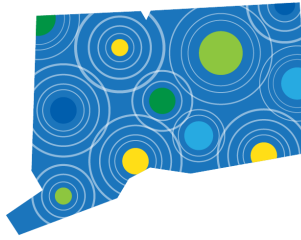
Sustainability  
Actions Completed

**615**

Certification  
Points Earned

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**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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