

# WINCHESTER

**2023 SUSTAINABLE CT** 

**CERTIFICATION SUCCESS REPORT** 



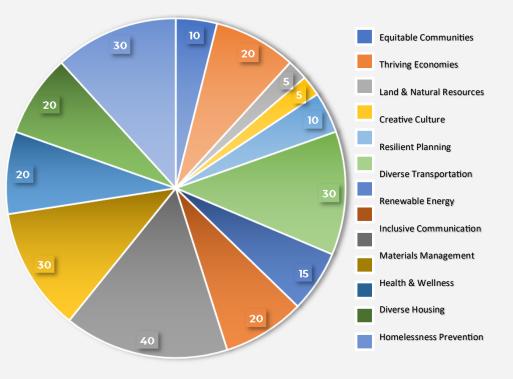


### Winchester was certified Bronze on June 2, 2023 with 255 points.

Winchester registered with Sustainable CT in July of 2021. This is the town's first certification.

Nestled in the beautiful Litchfield Hills, Winchester is a charming and historic community with a rich history and an exciting variety of amenities. Winchester enjoys beautiful scenery, excellent schools, and thriving business, restaurant, and arts community located in Winsted, its downtown area. Residents and visitors enjoy a wonderful quality of life with beautiful lakes, fishing boating, freshwater springs, and more.

#### **BRONZE 2023: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY**



## Communication:

#### a Winchester Success Story

The Town of Winchester has worked diligently to expand its communication capabilities and operations over the past two years; the town is more connected than ever with their residents, their elected and appointed officials, and with each other. The town has made a point of meeting residents where they are: whether it be on Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, or offline entirely, they have made an effort to ensure that information is shared in a manner that is accessible to all residents.

## Increasing public awareness and support for efforts to end homelessness is a Winchester priority

In January of 2023, Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH), a Winchester nonprofit, invited several local and state officials for a conversation at the town's newly opened overnight homeless shelter to draw attention to the growing need for shelter and affordable housing. Attending were U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., state Representatives Michelle Cook, D-Torrington, and Jay Case, R-Winsted, along with Winchester town officials and local supporters.



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Action
Success Stories

18

Sustainability
Actions Completed

255

Certification
Points Earned



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