BARKHAMSTED ~2024~

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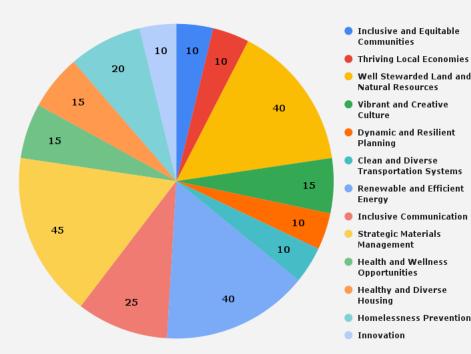




Barkhamsted achieved Bronze certification in the spring of 2024 with 265 points.

Barkhamsted, Connecticut is a small rural town known for its scenic landscapes and outdoor recreational opportunities. With a population of approximately 3,700, it offers a quiet, close-knit community atmosphere. The Barkhamsted Reservoir, a vital water source for the region, provides a stunning backdrop for activities like hiking, fishing, and kayaking. Peoples State Forest, rich in wildlife and hiking trails, is a popular destination for nature lovers. The town's historic landmarks, including the iconic Saville Dam, add to its charm, making Barkhamsted a peaceful retreat with classic New England character.

BRONZE 2024: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY



The Barkhamsted Community Garden

Barkhamsted was loaned land by the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church in the center of their town to create a community garden, an inclusive space that provides opportunities to engage in local farming and gardening. The gardens were constructed by volunteers from the Economic Development Commission, Conservation Commission, Friends of American Legion, and Peoples State Forest and other residents. As part of their ongoing collaboration with the Church, the gardeners share surplus seeds and supply extra produce to the Church's Food Bank.

Taking on homelessness: a Barkhamsted success story Barkhamsted is committed to

increasing public awareness and supporting efforts to end homelessness. In 2023 Barkhamsted's Board of Selectmen passed a homelessness prevention resolution as a step towards trying to increase awareness on and prevent future homelessness in their town. The town also provides resources, such as flyers and direct points of contact in the town for those experiencing homelessness.



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Total Action Success Stories 20

Total Sustainability Actions Completed 265

Total Certification Points Earned



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