# BRISTOL ~2024~

Taking Action

Making an Impact

Celebrating Success



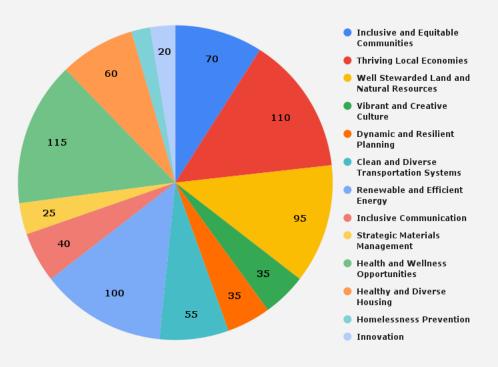




Bristol achieved Gold certification with 775 points, and Climate Leader with 205 points, in the fall of 2024.

Bristol, Connecticut, is a charming city, known for its blend of suburban living and rich history. It's home to ESPN's headquarters, making it a significant hub for sports broadcasting. Bristol is also famous for Lake Compounce, the oldest continuously operating amusement park in the U.S., offering family-friendly attractions. The city has a deep industrial heritage, once thriving in clock manufacturing. With numerous parks, schools, and a strong sense of community, Bristol provides a balanced lifestyle, blending small-town warmth with modern amenities, including shopping and dining options. It also hosts the annual Mum Festival, a local favorite.

#### **GOLD 2024: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY**



# **Bristol Complete Streets practices improve safety**

Bristol is committed to adopting complete streets practices, which offer environmental, health, economic, community, and equity benefits. In 2023, the city conducted a traffic-calming Complete Streets demonstration on West Street/CT Route 69, reducing average speeds from 38 mph to 29 mph. In 2022, bike lanes were added to Veterans Memorial Boulevard to enhance connectivity with local bike infrastructure, improve traffic calming, and ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

### Woodlands and equity: a Bristol success story

Bristol is committed to managing its woodlands with equity and environmental justice goals in mind. A project on Memorial Boulevard replaced tennis courts with shrubs, trees, and educational signage. This will reduce non-point source pollutants like fertilizer and road salt in the Pequabuck River. The planted vegetation will also help improve water quality by absorbing and breaking down contaminants through phytoremediation.





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\$14,952

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9

Total Action
Success Stories

40

Total Sustainability
Actions Completed

775

Total Certification
Points Earned



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