

COLCHESTER ~2024~

Taking Action
Making an Impact
Celebrating Success

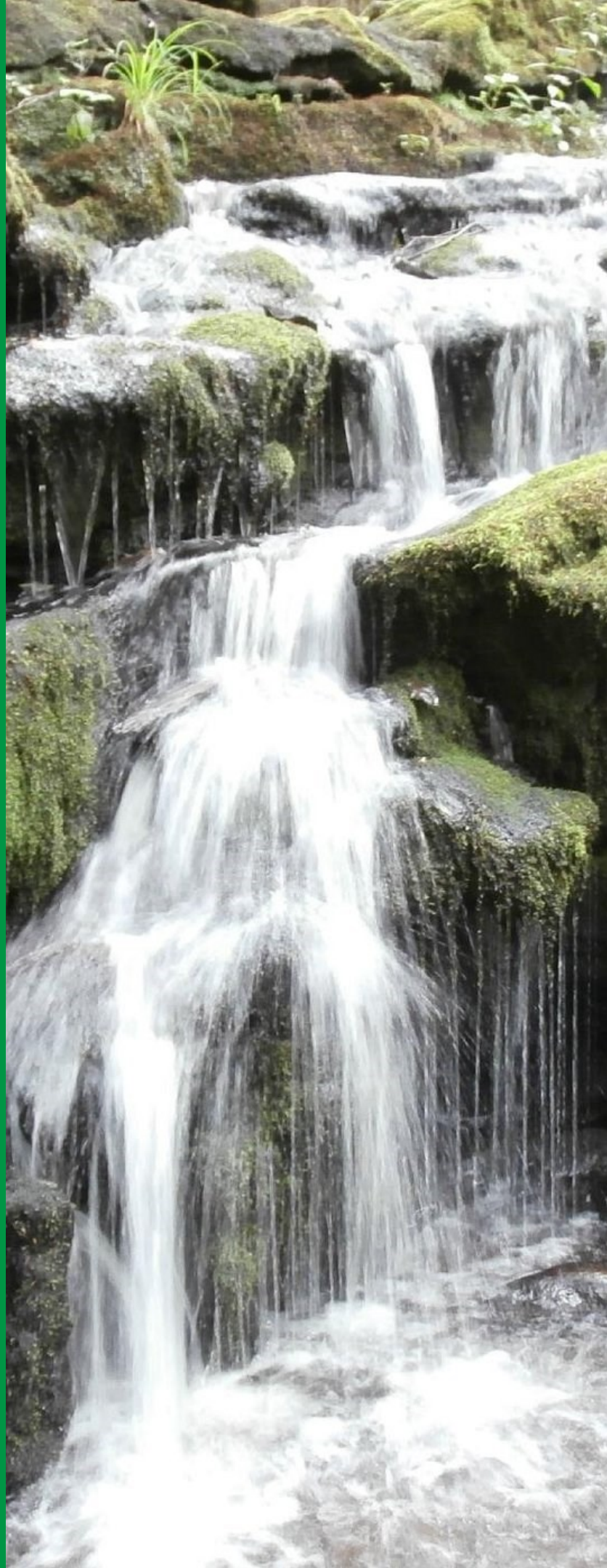
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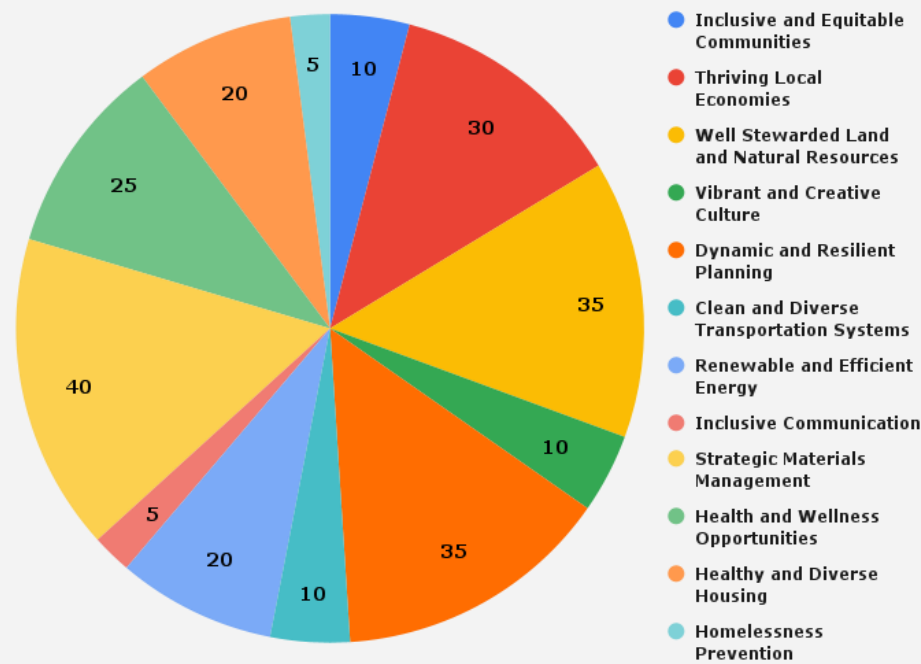


BRONZE CERTIFICATION

Colchester achieved Bronze certification with 245 points in the spring of 2024.

Colchester, Connecticut, is a charming town known for its scenic landscapes and vibrant community life. Founded in 1698, it blends rich history with modern amenities, offering a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors. Colchester features numerous parks, hiking trails, and recreational areas, including the Salmon River State Forest, ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. The town is also known for its historic town green, local shops, and annual events like the Colchester Farmers Market. With excellent schools, a strong sense of community, and convenient access to both Hartford and the Connecticut shoreline, Colchester offers a peaceful, family-friendly environment.

BRONZE 2024: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY



Colchester partners with UCONN TAB for brownfield reclamation

The Town of Colchester partnered with the UConn Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB) program to compile a comprehensive list of brownfield sites in town by utilizing various databases, resources, and on-site reconnaissance. In September of 2023, the Town of Colchester prepared and submitted an application for \$250K in cleanup funding for the former Norton Paper Mill and was awarded the grant in February of 2024.



CT Green Bank and C-PACE: a Colchester success story

In March 2021, Colchester partnered with the Connecticut Green Bank to join the C-PACE program, providing local businesses with affordable financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements. The town actively promotes this initiative through its website, encouraging participation. By supporting C-PACE, Colchester aims to boost energy efficiency, reduce environmental impact, and contribute to sustainability within the community.



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Total Action
Success Stories

20

Total Sustainability
Actions Completed

245

Total Certification
Points Earned



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Sustainable CT is a free, voluntary certification program that supports and recognizes thriving, resilient Connecticut municipalities. An independently funded, grassroots, municipal 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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