

DURHAM ~2024~

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Celebrating Success

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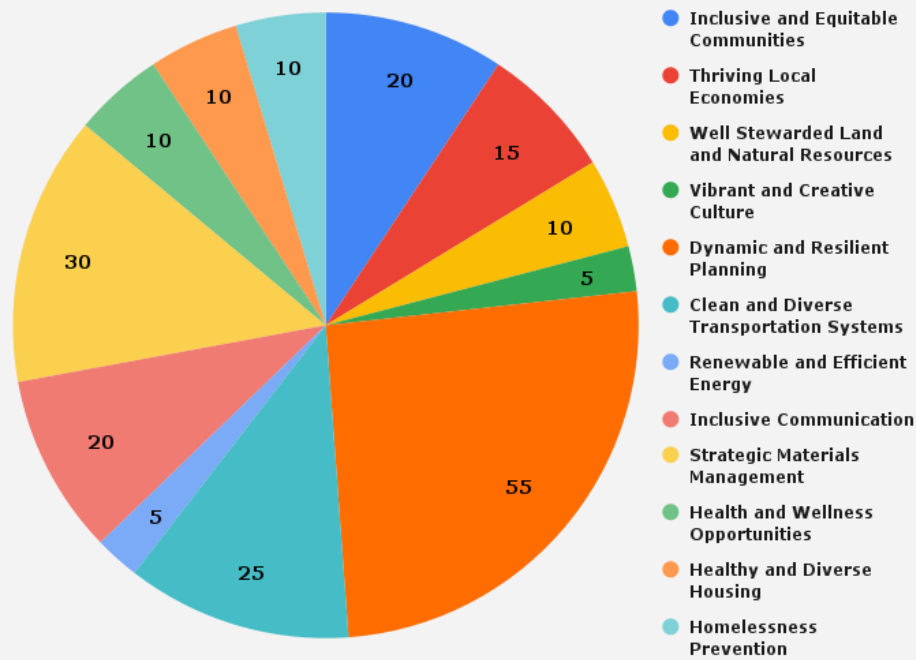


BRONZE CERTIFICATION

Durham achieved Bronze certification with 215 points in the spring of 2024.

Durham, Connecticut, is a picturesque New England town known for strong community spirit. With its historic buildings, scenic landscapes, and farmland, Durham maintains a peaceful, small-town atmosphere. The town's agricultural roots are celebrated through events like the Durham Fair, one of the largest agricultural fairs in the state. Residents enjoy access to nature, with parks, trails, and open spaces providing opportunities for outdoor recreation. Durham's close-knit community is engaged in local activities, from school events to town projects, fostering a welcoming environment. The town blends its rich history with a commitment to sustainability and modern living.

BRONZE 2024: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY



Durham takes the lead in composting

Durham has actively promoted residential composting, running a backyard composter program with Middlefield for five years, and subsidized by the Durham Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board. In 2023, Sustainable Durham, local volunteers, the Durham Fair Association, and Coginchaug High's ECO club collected compostable waste from 98 vendors at the Durham Fair. Over five days, 4.41 tons of waste, including fats and oils, were collected and sent to Quantum Biopower for biodigestion.

Recreation Committee engagement: a Durham success story

The Durham Recreation Committee, the Recreation Director, the Board of Selectmen, Senior Board, RSD13, and Sustainable Durham collaborated to gather resident feedback on the playgrounds at Allyn Brook Park and the Community Center. Through this engagement, the Recreation Committee worked to make the playgrounds more inclusive and accessible, ensuring they better serve the community's needs.



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Total Action Success Stories

15

Total Sustainability Actions Completed

215

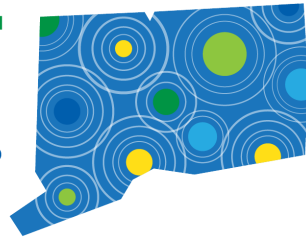
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ABOUT Sustainable CT

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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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