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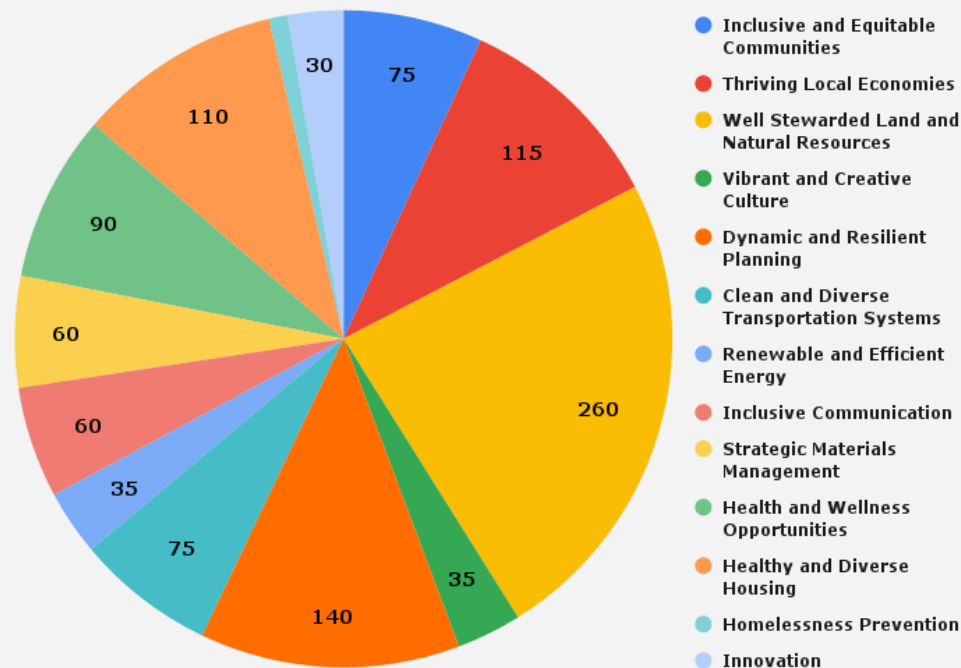




Old Saybrook achieved Gold certification with a record 1,095 points, and Climate Leader Designation with 150 points, in the spring of 2024.

Old Saybrook, Connecticut, is a picturesque coastal town known for its historic charm and scenic beauty along the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound. Founded in 1635, it's one of New England's oldest communities, rich with colonial-era architecture, quaint shops, and locally owned restaurants. Iconic landmarks like the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center and Saybrook Point draw visitors for arts, culture, and waterfront views. With a strong sense of community, excellent schools, and abundant outdoor recreation, including beaches, marinas, and nature trails, Old Saybrook offers a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

GOLD 2024: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY



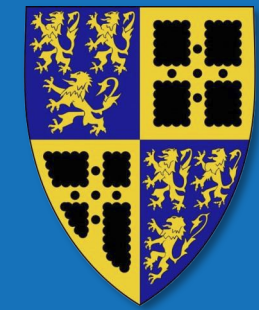
Old Saybrook climate leadership: the resiliency of freeboard elevation

Old Saybrook is one of only three Connecticut municipalities to pass a local ordinance increasing the freeboard requirement for coastal housing to two feet. Freeboard is the elevation of a building's lowest floor to a height above the minimum base flood elevation. In this case, increasing the freeboard requirement, property owners in Old Saybrook will have lower flood risks, and potentially lower insurance costs, in the future.



Brownfield reclamation: an Old Saybrook success story

Old Saybrook prioritizes brownfield revitalization through proactive efforts, including creating an inventory and map to identify redevelopment opportunities. The town engaged residents to select a high-priority brownfield site, leading to the transformation of Mariners Way. This site, now a parking lot with 82 spaces, supports community needs and encourages local development, advancing environmental goals and enhancing usable space.



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\$52,803

Raised through the
Community Match Fund

16

Total Action
Success Stories

46

Total Sustainability
Actions Completed

1,095

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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