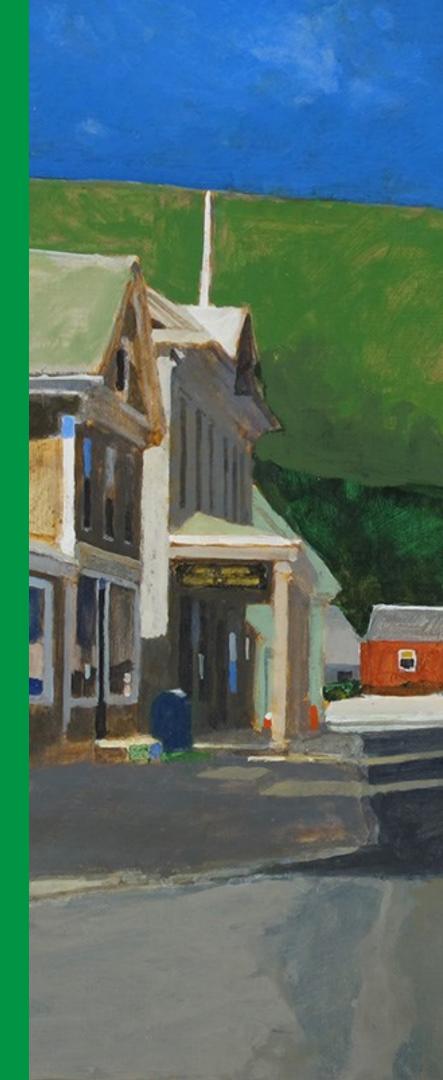
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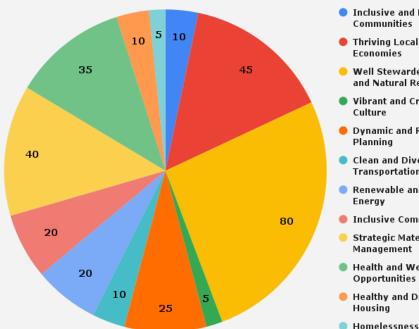




Preston achieved Bronze certification with 305 points in the fall of 2024.

Preston, a charming eastern Connecticut town, offers a peaceful blend of rural beauty and historical significance. Its rolling hills, scenic woodlands, and crystal -clear lakes provide ample outdoor recreation like hiking. fishing, and boating. The town's well-preserved 18th-century buildings, bucolic stone walls, designated Scenic Road and several National Register of Historic Places and barns reflect its rich history. The vibrant community has thriving seasonal and year-round agritourism businesses, such as campgrounds, vineyards and farm-to-table markets. For a tranquil escape and a look into New England's past, Preston offers a serene retreat.

BRONZE 2024: POINTS EARNED BY CATEGORY



Watershed education in Preston: a community-based monitoring program

Preston highlighted the community based monitoring program that occurs at Amos Lake, where Citizens from the Amos Lake Association participate in the regular monitoring of the transparency of the waters monthly from May to October every year. In 2022, the monitoring program took it a step further by having a local resident begin to enter the collected data into the CT DEEP's CT Lake Watch Program which is federally, regionally and nationally utilized.

Inclusive and Equitable

- Thriving Local Fronomies
- Well Stewarded Land and Natural Resources
- Vibrant and Creative Culture
- 😑 Dynamic and Resilient Planning
- Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems
- Renewable and Efficient Energy
- Inclusive Communication
- Strategic Materials Management
- Health and Wellness Opportunities
- Healthy and Diverse Housina
- Prevention

Preserving sustainable agriculture:

a Preston success story

Preston's commitment to preserving agriculture is evident in its Right to Farm Ordinance. This ordinance encourages sustainable agricultural practices, and promotes agriculturebased economic opportunities. In 2023, Preston further supported local farmers by collaborating with neighboring towns to host an Agricultural Forum. This event connected farmers with resources, funding, and information to help them thrive.



305

Total Certification Points Earned

Total Action Success Stories

Total Sustainability

Actions Completed





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