

## 2019 NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Grant:

### Objective:

- develop a Sustainability Chapter as a supplement to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update

### Goal:

- complete another high priority action of CSC certification (eligible for 3 to 21 CSC points)

### Benefit:

- **a sustainability chapter** addresses balancing the three "E's" (environment, economy **and social equity**) in the Town's vision and strategic plan for its future growth and development.
- the chapter *reinforces* CPU recommendations and identifies ways for all residents to benefit from Dover's future growth and development.



In the spring of 2023, the CAC oversaw a online community survey to help prioritize CPU climate changed-related recommendations in the following areas:

**Alternatives Modes of Transportation**

**Smart Growth Principles in Land Use Policies**

**Conserving Natural Areas**

**Promoting a Healthy and Safe Community (Community Resources)**

**Promoting Local Food Systems**

**Protect Water Supply and Quality**



2023 Town of Dover "Your Valued Input on a Sustainability Chapter to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update"

**Dear Town of Dover Resident,**

**We invite you to complete this survey to help the Town add a sustainability chapter (supplement) to our recently-adopted Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU).**

**The Town received a NYS DEC grant to prepare this resource that aligns Comprehensive Plan action items with the Town's efforts to achieve NYS Climate Smart Communities Silver-Level Certification.**

**Your input and assistance completing this survey is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Dover Town Clerk's Office at (845) 832-6111 Ext. 112 or by email at [townclerk@dovernys.us](mailto:townclerk@dovernys.us).**

1. Please read the definitions of **sustainability** listed below and select one definition you feel the Town of Dover should use to define the term in the Sustainability Chapter.

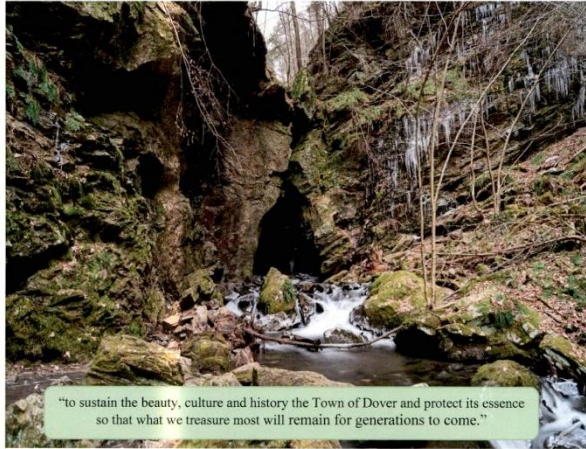
- meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- to sustain the beauty, culture and history of Dover and protect its essence so that what we treasure most will remain for generations to come
- to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in harmony to support present and future generations
- a systematic approach to economic responsibility and environmental stewardship to achieve efficient conservation of resources in local government operations



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Sustainability Chapter of the Town of Dover  
2022 Comprehensive Plan Update

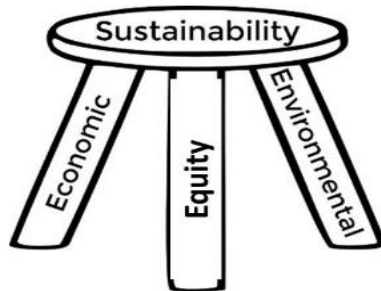


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Survey respondents selected the following definitions of sustainability and equity for use in the chapter:

**Sustainability:**

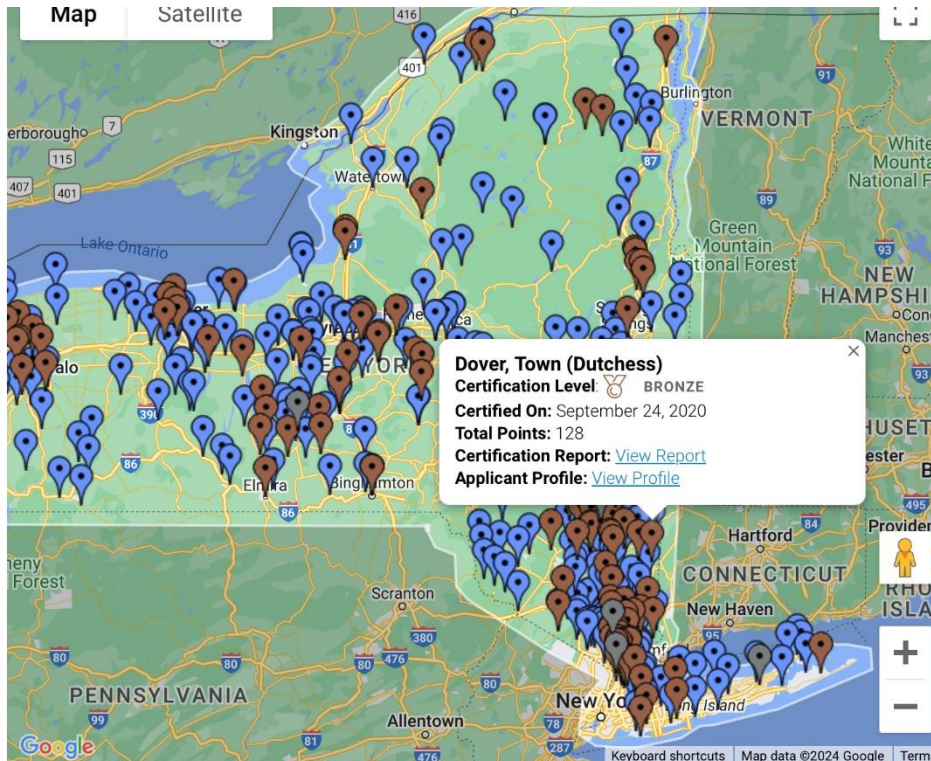
*"to sustain the beauty, culture and history of the Town of Dover and protect its essence so what we treasure most will remain for years to come."*

**Equity:**

*"the fair treatment, access opportunity and advancement of all people while striving to identify and eliminate barriers that prevent full participation of some."*

*(barriers such as income, age, race, ethnicity and disabilities have been found to disproportionately affect residents' capacities for climate change adaptation and resilience.*

# Next Steps



**March 2024**

**Circulate for lead agency for SEQR  
Post draft chapter to Town's website**

**April 2024**

**Public informational meeting to  
obtain feedback and answer questions**

**May 2024**

**Public Hearing at a Town Board meeting  
Resolution of SEQR Determination  
Adoption**

**June 2024**

**Submission to NYS DEC points award  
toward Silver-level CSC certification**