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# City of Pacific Grove

Sustainability Best Practice Activities



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California communities are leading the fight against climate change. From small projects to large-scale programs, cities and counties are making great strides to create healthy, sustainable and economically prosperous communities. Participants in ILG's Beacon Program serve as leaders in this effort, making measureable contributions to reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and sharing their sustainability best practices.

This document represents a collection of activities your agency has completed in 10 areas of sustainability. While local governments have a wide range of choices available to address climate change, these activities represent the unique opportunities and values in your community. These voluntary actions are essential to achieving California's goals to save energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and create more sustainable communities.

## SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			2020 (30%)
	Community GHG Reductions			2018 (23%)
	Agency Energy Savings			2019 (20%)
	Natural Gas Savings	2019 (9%)		
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2018		
	Beacon Vanguard Award	2020		

Cities and counties throughout the Golden State should be proud of the accomplishments made through the hard work, innovation and collective community action. The Institute for Local Government applauds your achievements and thanks you for your continued participation in the Beacon Program.

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# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities

## Silver

1. AMBAG Energy Watch has conducted energy assessments of all city facilities within Pacific Grove.

## Gold

2. The City of Pacific Grove has been working with AMBAG Energy Watch in order to access technical assistance and financial incentives, including facility audits, rebates and on-bill financing.
3. Through a partnership with AMBAG Energy Watch, all city facilities have been benchmarked using the Portfolio Manager tool.

## Platinum





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Pacific Grove provides detailed information to the community regarding water conservation on its website. This information includes water conservation tips, information on how to obtain free water conservation devices (such as low flow showerheads), and information on rebates for the installation of water efficient equipment.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Green Building Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Pacific Grove is part of the Hero Program, a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, which allows community members to access loan funding to implement green building retrofits.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Pacific Grove provides detailed recycling and organic recycling information to the community, which is available on the website.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

## Silver

1. As per the city of Pacific Grove's Municipal Code (11.99.030), all city facilities must use biodegradable, compostable or recyclable food service ware. Furthermore: "city contractors and special events promoters utilizing disposable food service ware shall use biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable products while performing under a city contract or permit".

## Gold

## Platinum





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

## Silver

1. In 2017, City of Pacific Grove joined the Monterey Bay Community Power, a CCA program which will enable community members to use carbon neutral electricity.

## Gold

## Platinum







# Efficient Transportation Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Pacific Grove is part of AMBAG, the federally designated MPO for the Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The City of Pacific Grove uses the transportation model provided by AMBAG, which includes different modes of transportation (bicycling, private vehicles, public transit).

## Gold

## Platinum





# Land Use and Community Design Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Pacific Grove is partnering with AMBAG to work on a Sustainable Communities Strategy, as part of SB 375.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

## Silver

1. The city adopted an urban greening plan in 2016. Elements of this plan include information on sustainable landscaping practices as well as conducting an inventory of publicly owned trees.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Pacific Grove has partnered with AMBAG Energy Watch to provide the community with webinars, seminars and trainings on a wide variety of sustainability topics, the most recent a webinar covering passive house design and certification.

## Gold

2. The City of Pacific Grove has partnered with AMBAG Energy Watch to provide the community with information and project assistance, to pursue energy efficiency opportunities.

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