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# City of Beverly Hills

## 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

| SPOTLIGHT AWARD   |   | SILVER LEVEL | GOLD LEVEL | PLATINUM LEVEL |
|---|---|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Areas of Accomplishment   |   |              |            |                |
|    | Agency GHG Reductions                   |              |            |                |
|    | Community GHG Reductions                |              |            |                |
|   | Agency Energy Savings                   |              | 2019 (14%) |                |
|  | Natural Gas Savings                     |              |            |                |
|  | Sustainability Best Practice Activities | 2019         |            |                |
|  | Beacon Award                            |              |            |                |

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. In 2017, the City of Beverly Hills passed a resolution to join the West Side Energy Partnership, a local government partnership that includes Southern California Edison, SoCalGas, the Energy Coalition, and five other cities in LA County. Through involvement in the partnership, the city has received enhanced utility incentives and rebates, gained assistance in determining and tracking energy efficiency projects, and received educational outreach support to educate residents on the topic of energy efficiency.

## Gold

2. In 2018, the city council approved the LED street light project, which will convert approximately 5,800 streetlights to LEDs. The project is projected to reduce energy consumption by 79% (4503 MWh) and save \$342,500 annually.

## Platinum





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Beverly Hills has a website dedicated to educating residents and local businesses on saving water. The site provides information regarding status of the drought and current water regulations, provides residential water tracking tools, offers tips on how to save water both indoor and outdoor, offers a list of available rebates, and provides the latest news on water-related topics.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Green Building Activities

## Silver

1. Through the West Side Partnership, the city will be completing an energy benchmarking project. All of the city's facility data will be uploaded into ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to gain insight into building energy consumption, identify projects and cost saving opportunities, and comply with AB 802.

## Gold

2. The City of Beverly Hills adopted a Green Building Ordinance in 2008 and updated it in 2011 to meet the new Cal Green Standards. Beverly Hills building projects must: be 15% more energy efficient than minimum state standards, have PV installed or be PV-ready, conserve 20% more water, be electric vehicle ready, and have reduced levels of volatile organic compounds chemicals in building material.

## Platinum





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Beverly Hills offers electronic waste collection at their farmers market that takes place on the first Sunday of every month. Residents are able to drop off their batteries anytime at the public library as well.

## Gold

## Platinum







# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

## Silver

1. Beverly Hills joined the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) of Southern California in 2017. The alliance is a coalition of cities that have come together to purchase green electricity in the wholesale power market, and sell it to their residents and businesses at competitive rates. The CPA purchases cleaner and more renewable electricity and offers it to customers at a cost that is lower than Southern California Edison rates.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Beverly Hills' carbon footprint was greatly reduced with the installation of a 446.88 kWh DC PV solar energy system on top of the Civic Center. The complex now powers 15% of the building's needs and avoids 995,062 lbs of CO2 annually.

## Gold

2. City facilities, including all street lights, are powered by 50% renewable energy purchased from the Clean Power Alliance.
3. The city provides electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in city-owned parking lots. Currently, there are 59 level 2 charging stations available in the 14 city parking facilities and Roxbury Park.

## Platinum





# Efficient Transportation Activities

## Silver

1. Beverly Hills initiated a bike share program on May 10th, 2016. The system has 50 smart bikes and several stations throughout the city. Riders can use the “social bicycles” smart phone app to find available bikes and docking stations throughout the city.

## Gold

2. The City of Beverly Hills provides senior and disabled transit service that makes transportation more efficient.

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# Land Use and Community Design Activities

## Silver

1. The City of Beverly Hills surpassed their affordable housing regional housing needs assessment goals.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

## Silver

1. In 2017, the City of Beverly Hills signed the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda. Among other climate forward actions, the city has committed to finding offset projects, working collectively to remove barriers, and exploring measures through the California cap and trade system.

## Gold

2. Beverly Hills recently completed the restoration of Beverly Gardens Park. The project was initiated in 2011 to complete the restoration of the 23-block park to become more water efficient and enhance pedestrian and outdoor activity.
3. The City of Beverly Hills opened its first dog park in 2016, at a converted city utility yard. The dog park is open daily from 6 am to 9 pm.

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# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

## Silver

1. In the City of Beverly Hills, gasoline-powered leaf blowers are prohibited in an effort to minimize air and noise pollution. This equipment is considered an environmental nuisance due to its unhealthy emissions, noise disruption, and stirring up of molds, allergens, and pollutants. City residents are expected to do their part to mitigate use of equipment on their property.

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