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# City of Cathedral City

## Sustainability Best Practices Activities



## About This Document

This document tracks and shares local agency best practice activities completed and counted as part of a city or county's participation in the climate change and sustainability recognition program, the Beacon Award. The Beacon Award is a statewide program recognizing cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.

The Beacon Award is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative. The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) provides support to cities and counties to help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. SEEC is an alliance between three statewide non-profit organizations and California's four Investor-Owned Utilities. It builds upon the unique resources, expertise and local agency relationships of each partner.





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Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	1 out of 10 categories		





## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city distributed energy-efficient light bulbs to residents for \$1 each at an event called "Buck a Bulb" <a href="http://www.westerncity.com/Western-City/July-2013/Cathedral-City-Takes-Action/">http://www.westerncity.com/Western-City/July-2013/Cathedral-City-Takes-Action/</a>	5-2014



## Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Cathedral City Watersmart Landscapes Grant Program was created to encourage and educate residents to be more responsible with water usage with their landscape <a href="http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=101">http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=101</a>	5-2014





## Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. There are guidelines and a 12-step document on how to make new building designs more efficient and environmentally friendly <a href="http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=4&amp;ved=0CDAQFjAD&amp;url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cathedralcity.gov%2FModules%2FShowDocument.aspx%3Fdocumentid%3D3344&amp;ei=VdXWU-3fBYTRiwLLnoDgDg&amp;usq=AFQjCNE80IZkWI1UM9vWj7RFIhRk1Pbg">http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=4&amp;ved=0CDAQFjAD&amp;url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cathedralcity.gov%2FModules%2FShowDocument.aspx%3Fdocumentid%3D3344&amp;ei=VdXWU-3fBYTRiwLLnoDgDg&amp;usq=AFQjCNE80IZkWI1UM9vWj7RFIhRk1Pbg</a>	2015

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Gold	1. Clean Energy CV Upgrade is a program for financing building upgrades that are energy and water efficient <a href="http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=598">http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=598</a>	2015



## Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Re-usable bag program was something the city did for a while where they provided residents free re-usable grocery bags in order to help community members be more responsible. These bags reduce the amount of wasteful plastic and paper bags normally given out by grocery stores <a href="http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=95">http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=95</a>	5-2014





## Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city received a grant and it decided to use part of the money to purchase a Vactor compressed natural gas (cng) truck which is used to clean sewer lines. This is an environmentally responsible purchase because vehicles that size generally are harmful to the environment if they are not cng <a href="http://www.government-fleet.com/channel/green-fleet/news/story/2013/03/cathedral-city-awarded-60k-to-fund-emission-reduction-projects.aspx">http://www.government-fleet.com/channel/green-fleet/news/story/2013/03/cathedral-city-awarded-60k-to-fund-emission-reduction-projects.aspx</a>	5-2014

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold	<p>1. The city has committed in their Energy Action Plan 2013 that they will continue to purchase vehicles that are energy efficient, plug in, hybrids, or natural gas running, even if they cost more money to purchase initially because they know that it will pay off in the long-run <a href="http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=596">http://www.cathedralcity.gov/index.aspx?page=596</a></p> <p>2. The city purchases 2 heavy duty natural gas vehicles and installed a CNG station with grant money totaling at \$225,000 <a href="http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org/projects/view/contract_ml07047">http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org/projects/view/contract_ml07047</a></p>	5-2014



## Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. With the help of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, the city upgraded the lighting and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at its Civic Center and Library. These changes have reduced energy consumption in city buildings <a href="http://www.westerncity.com/Western-City/July-2013/Cathedral-City-Takes-Action/">http://www.westerncity.com/Western-City/July-2013/Cathedral-City-Takes-Action/</a> .	5-2014





## Efficient Transportation Activity

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Silver	1. Cathedral City is now the new home of a Tesla showroom and service station. These "green" cars energy efficient and do not run on gasoline <a href="http://www.desertsun.com/story/money/business/2014/05/09/tesla-motors-cathedral-city-showroom-opening/8901355/">http://www.desertsun.com/story/money/business/2014/05/09/tesla-motors-cathedral-city-showroom-opening/8901355/</a>	5-2014

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Gold	1. Cathedral City has implemented its first EV charging station (2 of them) that residents are able to use. The city also plans to build more in the future, but the two new stations were partially paid for by a grant that the city received <a href="http://www.government-fleet.com/channel/green-fleet/news/story/2013/03/cathedral-city-awarded-60k-to-fund-emission-reduction-projects.aspx">http://www.government-fleet.com/channel/green-fleet/news/story/2013/03/cathedral-city-awarded-60k-to-fund-emission-reduction-projects.aspx</a>	5-2014



## Land Use and Community Design Activity

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Silver	1. The city is proposing to redevelop two vacant lots where an Imax theater was in order to put in a two-block festival corridor in the downtown area. The development would feature two amphitheaters with stages, an outdoor art gallery, multi-use trails, and water and energy conservation exhibits (this is still being planned/needs approval) <a href="http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/local/2014/07/14/cathedral-city-festival-corridor/12614881/">http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/local/2014/07/14/cathedral-city-festival-corridor/12614881/</a>	5-2014





## Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The North City area of Cathedral City is a large portion of land that is home to many different types of wildlife and vegetation. Over half the North City area is allocated to open space in support of the regional preservation effort <a href="http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=1&amp;ved=0CB0QFjAA&amp;url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cathedralcity.gov%2FModules%2FShowDocument.aspx%3Fdocumentid%3D3356&amp;ei=W_HXU-vPKoPTiwLCxYCABw&amp;usg=AFQjCNFAZF-AAJbsYytU0R8aUElabnGgPQ&amp;bvm=bv.71778758,d.cGE">http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=1&amp;ved=0CB0QFjAA&amp;url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cathedralcity.gov%2FModules%2FShowDocument.aspx%3Fdocumentid%3D3356&amp;ei=W_HXU-vPKoPTiwLCxYCABw&amp;usg=AFQjCNFAZF-AAJbsYytU0R8aUElabnGgPQ&amp;bvm=bv.71778758,d.cGE</a>	5-2014



## Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Cathedral City partnered with three private companies to create an energy efficiency program called Community Energy Partnership. Through this partnership the city was able to distribute hundreds of energy-efficient fans to residents, go door to door in order to educate community members, and focus on helping individuals living in low-income areas <a href="http://cathedralcity.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=5&amp;clip_id=1234&amp;meta_id=129911">http://cathedralcity.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=5&amp;clip_id=1234&amp;meta_id=129911</a>	5-2014

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Gold	1. The city has also partnered with the Energy Coalition in order to complete activities such as home building envelope tune-ups, halogen torchiere exchanges, and CFL giveaways <a href="http://cathedralcity.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=5&amp;clip_id=1234&amp;meta_id=129911">http://cathedralcity.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=5&amp;clip_id=1234&amp;meta_id=129911</a>	5-2014













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