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City of Citrus Heights

Sustainability Best Practices Activities



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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.

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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 Vintage Oaks Senior Apartment complex was given a tax credit which allowed for the construction of solar panel systems, solarization, installation of energy efficient water heaters, fluorescent lighting, ceiling fans, and other EnergyStar appliances http://www.citrusheights.net/home/index.asp?page=1419	5-2014



Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. In order to reach the city's goal of 20% water usage reduction by 2020, the city has implemented a few strategies to accomplish this. One way is that the city is partnering with local water districts to develop and promote free irrigation review programs http://chwd.org/free-irrigation-review/	5-2014





Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has an outreach program for businesses that incentivizes them to plant trees and install "green" roofs on company property http://www.citrusheights.net/docs/03g_green_infrastructure.pdf	2015



Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has agreed to at all costs cut paper waste from municipal functions. The city buildings and partners have been reducing the amount of paper used to do business in order to cut back on waste http://www.citrusheights.net/docs/03f_waste.pdf	5-2014



Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. By 2020 the city plans on retiring all of its city vehicles and replacing them with energy efficient or electronic vehicles. This is an on-going process http://www.citrusheights.net/docs/153748432011_ggrp_public_draft_022511_reduced.pdf	5-2014





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city created a community-wide Solar Power program to support the installation of solar panels in commercial and residential districts. This program makes it easier for people to afford solar panels http://www.citrusheights.net/docs/03d_energy.pdf	5-2014



Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has plans to build more EV charging stations in the city in order to promote the use of low-fuel vehicles. The city is also in the middle of an outreach program which shows the lower costs of owning and electric vehicle as well as create more lanes for carpooling/electric vehicles in and near the city http://www.citrusheights.net/docs/03c_transportation.pdf	5-2014



Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has evaluated the existing and planned neighborhood commercial areas and has increased the amount of walkways and biking areas. By providing more ways for individuals to walk or bike to where they need to go, the city is taking steps in order to reduce GHG emitted by vehicles http://www.citrusheights.net/docs/03b_land_use.pdf	5-2014





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city recently was awarded a grant that would allow the city to improve the Stock Ranch Nature Preserve by adding an education program to it as well as to help maintain the natural plant and wildlife habitat. Stock Ranch is a large open-space park with miles of walking trails and wildlife http://www.citrusheights.net/home/index.asp?page=1537	5-2014



Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city's website has information about green gardening and landscaping and also has a link for individuals to find green certified gardeners and landscapers so that their next gardening or landscaping project can be environmentally friendly http://www.citrusheights.net/home/index.asp?page=1420	5-2014

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city's website has plenty of information on different ways that residents can conserve water and produce less waste. One example is a piece about how to wash your car responsibly by conserving water and not allowing toxic water into storm drains http://www.citrusheights.net/home/index.asp?page=1420	5-2014





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