



# Sustainability News

Climate Change - Land Use & Environment - Healthy Neighborhoods

## About ILG

[The Institute for Local Government](#) promotes good government at the local level with practical, impartial, and easy-to-use resources for California communities.



ILG is the nonprofit research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities & the California State Association of Counties.

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## We Want to Hear From You!

What is your agency doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and promote sustainability?

Share your story to be highlighted on our website! [Fill out this online web form](#) or send an email to [sustainability@ca-ilg.org](mailto:sustainability@ca-ilg.org) and we'll follow up with you.

## About This Newsletter

Our goal is to highlight and share information about the innovative and exciting sustainability activities of California cities and counties. We invite you to share feedback about Sustainability

Greetings!

Welcome to the third issue of the Institute for Local Government's Sustainability News!

Nearly 700 of you generously took time out of your busy schedule to answer our Sustainable Communities Questionnaire. Thank you! We are pleased to share a [summary of the results with you here](#).

Your participation and feedback is helping shape the design of the [Sustainable Communities Learning Network](#). As local and regional leaders and practitioners working across ten sustainability topic areas, the network will offer you timely, succinct and relevant resources to assist you in your efforts. We hope you will actively participate in opportunities to share knowledge with your peers.

Based on your feedback in the questionnaire, we are offering a three-part webinar series on Financing Sustainability. The first webinar, "Accessing State Funding, Resources, and Tools" will take place on October 18, 2011 at 10:00 am. [Learn more and sign up here](#).

Thanks again for your interest in healthy and sustainable communities.

Best Regards,

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## Efficient Transportation

Featured Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practice Area

### Why It's Important

Transportation is the largest generator of greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing the number and length of vehicle trips and engine idling reduces those emissions. Efficient transportation systems also enhance neighborhoods, promote economic development, improve public health, conserve fuel and reduce travel costs and expensive road repairs.

### Where to Learn More

- [ILG's Efficient Transportation Best Practices](#)
- [Efficient Transportation Examples](#)
- [Key Resources for Efficient Transportation](#)

### Featured Efficient Transportation Resource: Model Design Manual for Livable Streets

A new resource will soon be available for local agencies that are seeking to achieve balanced street design that accommodates cars while ensuring that pedestrians, cyclists and transit users can travel safely and comfortably. The Model Design Manual for Livable Streets incorporates features that public works staff, planners, and other local officials can use to make streets lively, beautiful, economically vibrant as well as environmentally sustainable. The manual can be downloaded beginning October 6 at <http://www.modelstreetdesignmanual.com/>.

News, Comments and suggestions can be directed to [sustainability@ca-ilg.org](mailto:sustainability@ca-ilg.org).

## Upcoming Events

**October 12, 2011**

3:00-4:30 p.m. (EST)

[Webinar: Cool Roofs, Lighting, and Green Business Programs](#)  
ICLEI

**October 18, 2011**

10:00-11:15 a.m.

[Webinar: Accessing State Funding, Resources and Tools](#)  
Institute for Local Government

**October 27, 2011**

2:00-3:30 p.m.

[Webinar: Benchmarking](#)  
Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

**October 27, 2011**

2:00-3:30 p.m.

[Webinar: An In-Depth Look at New York City's Greener, Greater Buildings Plan](#)  
ICLEI

**December 1, 2011**

Time TBD

[Webinar: Reach Codes](#)  
Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

**December 6, 2011**

10:00-11:15 a.m.

[Webinar: Financing Energy at the Local Level](#)  
Institute for Local Government

## Ongoing

Multiple Locations Statewide  
[Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Climate Action Plan Free Training Series](#)

Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

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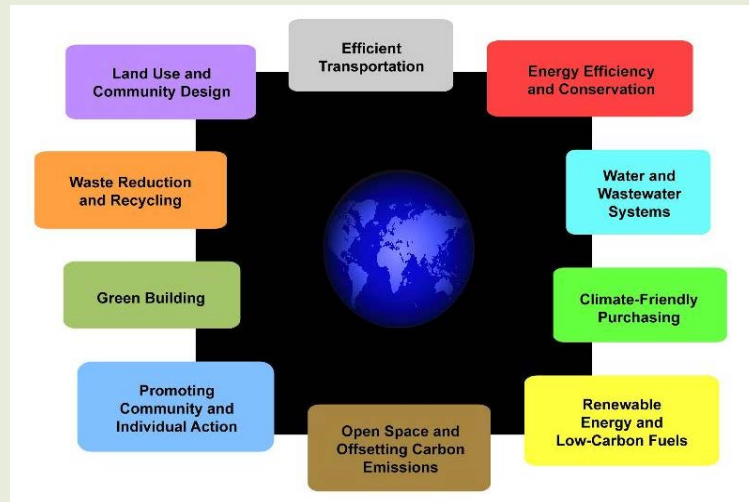
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The free manual, developed by the LA County Department of Public Health [RENEW LA County Initiative](#), is available in PDF, Microsoft Word and Indesign formats, allowing cities and counties to customize the document for their own local context and insert in their local manuals.

## Additional Resources

- [Greening Agency Fleets Resource Center](#)
- [The Basics of SB 375](#)
- [Understanding SB 375: Regional Planning in Transportation, Housing and the Environment](#)

## ILG's Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practice Areas



## Engaging the Public in Efficient Transportation Activities

### Why It's Important

Involving the public in the development of sustainability policies and programs builds community awareness and support for local actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including their co-benefits.

### Where to Learn More

- [Involving Youth in Your Agency's Sustainability Activities](#)
- [Making Sure Your Community Has a Voice in Your Region's Plan for Growth](#)
- [Tools and Resources for Sustainable Community Planning at the Local Level](#)
- [Understanding SB 375: Public Participation Requirements](#)
- [ILG's Public Engagement & Collaborative Governance Program](#)
- [ILG's "Promoting Community & Individual Action" Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practices](#)

Read about what local agencies around the state are doing to engage the public in efficient transportation activities:

- [City of Chico](#)
- [City of Riverside](#)

## Beacon Award Update: Interim Accomplishments Recognized

Cities participating in the Beacon Award had the opportunity to be recognized for their interim accomplishments during the 2011 League

of California Cities Annual Conference. [Read more about the meeting and see who was recognized.](#)



*City Officials at the Beacon Award Meeting during the 2011 League of California Cities Annual Conference*

Participants to date working to achieving one of three award levels include:

1. [Apple Valley](#)\*
2. [Arcata](#)
3. [Benicia](#)
4. [Chula Vista](#)\*
5. [Citrus Heights](#)
6. [Davis](#)
7. [El Cerrito](#)
8. [Hayward](#)
9. [Livermore](#)
10. [Manhattan Beach](#)
11. [Palm Springs](#)\*
12. [Palo Alto](#)\*
13. [Pleasanton](#)\*
14. [Riverside](#)
15. [San Carlos](#)
16. [San Diego County](#)
17. [San Rafael](#)\*
18. [San Ramon](#)
19. [Santa Barbara](#)\*
20. [Santa Clarita](#)\*
21. [Santa Cruz](#)
22. [Simi Valley](#)\*
23. [Sonoma County](#)
24. [South Gate](#)\*
25. [Taft](#)
26. [Tulare](#)\*
27. [Ventura](#)
28. [Woodland](#)
29. [Yolo County](#)

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**Local Leadership Toward  
Solving Climate Change**

*\*Participants recognized for interim accomplishments.*

Applications to participate are being accepted on an ongoing basis. Information about the Beacon Award program, including an online application and support materials, is available at: [www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward](http://www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward).

## Additional Resources

### New Tools

- [Climate Ready Water Utilities Toolbox \(EPA\)](#)
- [Electric vehicle charger installation permit template & training](#)

[video \(EPA\)](#)

#### New Reports

- [Evaluating Greenhouse Emissions as Part of California's Environmental Review Process: A Local Official's Guide](#) (ILG)

#### Land Use & Transportation

- [2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Guide](#) (Public Policy Institute of California)
- [Aligning High-Quality Public Education & Sustainable Communities Planning in the Bay Area: A Framing Paper for the San Francisco Bay Area FOCUS Initiative](#) (UC Berkeley)
- [All Aboard: How California Can Increase Investments In Public Transit](#) (UC Berkeley Law & UCLA Law)
- [Getting Involved in Transportation Planning: An Overview for Public Health Advocates](#) (Public Health Law & Policy and Transform)
- [Jobs, Economic Development and Sustainable Communities](#) (US Department of Agriculture)
- [Measuring Progress toward Transportation GHG Goals Required Actions for Successful SB 375 Implementation](#) (UCLA)
- [Potential Economic Consequences of Local Nonconformity to Regional Land Use and Transportation Plans Using a Spatial Economic Model](#) (Mineta Transportation Institute)
- [Recent Lessons from the Stimulus: Transportation Funding and Job Creation](#) (Smart Growth America)
- [Road to Recovery: Transforming America's Transportation](#) (Carnegie Endowment)
- [Transit Access and Zero-Vehicle Households](#) (Brookings Institute)
- [Transportation and Health: Policy Interventions for Safer, Healthier People and Communities](#) (Partnership for Prevention)

#### Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy & Green Building

- [Energy Efficiency 101: Understanding the Marketplace](#) (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy)
- [Roadmap for Local Governments Guidance for Developing a Residential Green Building Ordinance](#) (Build It Green)
- [Sizing the Clean Economy: A National & Regional Green Jobs Assessment](#) (Brookings Institute)
- [Solar Photovoltaic Economic Development: Building and Growing a Local PV Industry](#) (US Department Of Energy)

