



News Flash



A service of ILG's Sustainable Communities Learning Network, the News Flash highlights fresh resources and upcoming events tailored for local sustainability practitioners.

Congratulations to Beacon Award Winner Palo Alto!

The City of Palo Alto received the Beacon Award at this year's League of California Cities Annual Conference. Palo Alto has helped revolutionize the field of sustainability, not only in California but throughout the United States. It has been a leader in setting aggressive goals and implementing innovative energy efficiency and resource conservation programs. [Click here to find out more about their climate action activities and resources!](#)

10 Cities Recognized with Beacon Spotlight Awards!

Congratulations to the cities of [Benicia](#), [Brea](#), [Chula Vista](#), [Dublin](#), [Palo Alto](#), [Pittsburg](#), [Sacramento](#), [San Carlos](#), [Santa Cruz](#) and [Santa Rosa](#) on receiving Spotlight Awards at this year's League of California Cities Annual Conference! [Find out how your city or county can participate in the Beacon Program here.](#)

New Beacon Program Champion

The [Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance \(VCREA\)](#) has become a Beacon Program Champion! The Beacon Award Champion concept recognizes groups or agencies that wish to support and encourage the activities of cities and counties participating in the Beacon Award program or considering participation. They can include: councils of government, special districts or foundations, that provide sustained assistance to current and future Beacon Award program participants. [Click here for more information on the Beacon Champions.](#)

Congratulations to the CSAC Challenge Award Winners!

The winners of the CSAC Challenge Awards were announced this week! [Sonoma County](#) received the award for its Youth Ecology Corps Program that puts youth to work for the good of the community, the environment and the future. [Alameda County](#) was also recognized for collaborating with 20 agencies in climate action implementation through engaging employees from many divisions in cross-functional teams. [Click here for a list of all the winning counties!](#)

Apply for Free Technical Assistance for Underserved Communities

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership is seeking applications from organizations and communities that desire technical assistance to support campaign efforts related to shared use agreements and street scale improvements. Campaign efforts may include passing Complete Streets policies, getting shared use agreements in place, or other policy efforts relating to Safe Routes to School. [Find out more! Click here to learn more about ILG's Safe Routes to School Toolkit.](#)

Support the Institute

Help support the work of the Institute! ILG relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and businesses in order to continue to promote good government at the local level and remain at the forefront of climate change, land use and other sustainability issues in California. Help us continue to do this work by making a tax-deductible donation today! The easiest way to donate is online by clicking the donate button on the [homepage](#), or you can contact ILG at 916-658-8208 or by [email](#).

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