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City of Glendale

Best Practice Activities & Accomplishments to Date

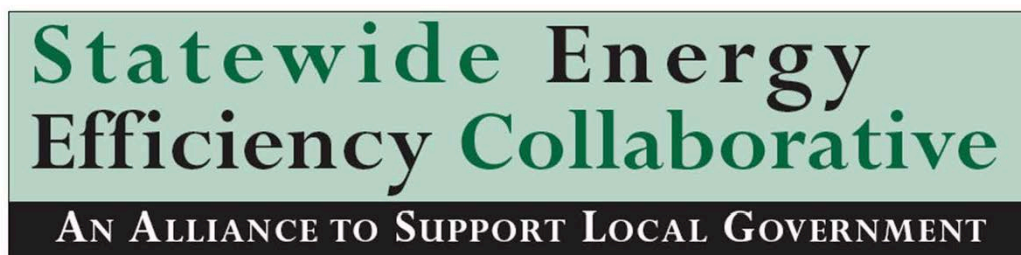
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About This Document

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: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change. 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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1. Energy Efficiency & Conservation

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Glendale invested \$70 million in a Smart Grid system , which will result in considerable electricity savings over the next 15 years through energy efficiency, increased options for time of use rates, and real time user consumption data to encourage conservation. The smart grid system will be completed by August 2012.	02-2012
Gold	1. Glendale Water and Power provides a variety of public benefit energy and conservation programs including incentive and education programs. The programs are designed to serve a variety of community members such as small and large businesses, single and multi-family residents, low-income residents, and students. The programs promote building and equipment (e.g. refrigerator, vending machine, HVAC, etc.) energy upgrades, and energy conservation.	02-2012
	2. The city uses Energy Star or energy efficient equipment within its facilities. The city uses only Energy-Star certified copiers, and more than 75% of computers are Energy-Star rated, with the rest on a planned schedule for upgrade. 51 city vending machines were upgraded for energy efficiency, and 100 old, energy-inefficient refrigerators throughout Glendale Unified School District were replaced with new Energy Star rated models.	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city implemented a new cleaning schedule for city facilities that eliminated night cleaning and resulted in \$200,000 or more in energy savings.	02-2012
	2. Energy audits were completed for 23 city buildings	02-2012

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	<p>and opportunities for energy use reductions were identified. Based on audits, building retrofits were completed for city facilities which resulted in reduced electricity consumption by 2.3 million kWh and 47,000 gas therms, saving \$180,000 per year. For example, energy upgrades were completed for the Grayson Power Plant, resulting in a 9% equipment efficiency increase.</p> <p>3. The city formally tests all water delivery pumps for energy efficiency and conducts upgrades as needed.</p>	02-2012
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2. Water & Wastewater Systems

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Glendale implemented a mandatory water conservation program which resulted in a 18% reduction in overall community water consumption.	02-2012
Gold	1. Glendale Water and Power provides a variety of public benefit water conservation programs including incentive and education programs. The programs are designed to serve a variety of community members such as small and large businesses, single and multi-family residents, low-income residents, and students. The programs promote facility and equipment water upgrades and water conservation. 2. The city provides free "Water-Smart Garden" landscape classes to residents. These classes address the community's highest water use, landscape irrigation, which accounts for roughly 60% of residential water use. The city also displays water-friendly demonstration gardens at City Hall, the Recycling Center, and the Monterey Community Garden.	02-2012 02-2012
Platinum	1. The city administers a public outreach program to educate residents, businesses, and visitors about storm water pollution prevention. 2. The city installed hundreds of storm-water drain brushes to prevent litter from polluting the water that drains into our rivers and ocean. 3. The city implemented broad water saving practices in its community parks and facilities and	02-2012 02-2012 02-2012

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	converted all Public Works water-using vehicles (e.g. street sweepers, tree watering tanks, etc.) from potable to reclaimed water.	
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3. Green Building

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city adopted a Green Building Standard with requirements exceeding those in the State’s mandatory CAL Green Building Code. The city’s Green Building Standard adds an additional thirteen measures addressing energy and water efficiency, solar energy, permeable paving, natural lighting and ventilation, and more.	02-2012
Gold	1. For four years, the city has developed affordable housing projects exceeding energy efficiency requirements by at least 15%. Recent projects have been built to Green Point Rated standards. 2. The city constructed the new Pacific Park and Pool facility to LEED standards.	02-2012 02-2012
Platinum	1. The city constructed numerous community facilities (Adult Recreation Center, Maple Park, Griffith Manor Park) to standards exceeding those in the California building code. 2. The GWP Green Building Program supports green building training opportunities for GWP customers, area contractors, and city employees. Additionally, it provides cash incentives for design review, LEED and other approved green building certifications, green building raters, and other technical assistance and support throughout the green rating application process. 3. <i>TBD</i>	02-2012 02-2012



4. Waste Reduction & Recycling

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. In 2009, Glendale achieved a 61% waste diversion rate, exceeding state requirements.	02-2012
Gold	1. The city's Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance requires significant projects to have their waste processed at certified recycling facilities that have a minimum recycling rate of 67%.	02-2012
	2. The city adopted a Zero Waste Plan to achieve a 90% waste diversion rate by 2030. The plan explores strategies such as Mandatory Commercial Recycling, recovering energy and compost from organic waste, an extended producer responsibility resolution and assistance to businesses, a commercial waste reduction initiative, and a citywide ban on stores distributing free single-use plastic shopping bags. It also proposes increasing the availability of public place recycling, adopting a program to encourage or require waste audits and waste reduction plans for commercial developments, and auditing major waste generators to recommend strategies for waste reduction. It includes provisions for necessary community education and outreach.	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city provides comprehensive free residential and commercial recycling and waste reduction programs including curbside collection of recyclables and yard trimmings, a city buy-back center, free compost bins and workshops, and special programs for the recycling of street sweepings, public works debris, city-generated inert waste, Christmas trees, electronics, and bulky	02-2012



	<p>or metal items.</p> <p>2. The city uses up to 15% recycled asphalt concrete in street improvement projects</p> <p>3. <i>TBD</i></p>	03-2012
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5. Climate-Friendly Purchasing

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city's purchasing policy favors local vendors.	02-2012
Gold	<p>1. The city's purchasing policy favors recycled, reusable, and recyclable products.</p> <p>2. <i>TBD</i></p>	03-2012
Platinum	<p>1. <i>TBD</i></p> <p>2. <i>TBD</i></p> <p>3. <i>TBD</i></p>	



6. Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. 22% of the city's power is generated by clean, renewable, and alternative sources.	02-2012
Gold	1. The city provides financial incentives to community members to install photovoltaic systems.	02-2012
	2. The city's Green Building Code requires new development projects to be " solar ready ".	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city provides an electricity discount for electricity used to power an electric vehicle, as well as a rebate for installing the electric vehicle charging station.	02-2012
	2. The city bus fleet is switching from diesel to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). To date, the entire bus fleet is CNG, except four older buses equipped with particulate traps that are scheduled for replacement with CNG vehicles in 2013. The city also partnered with a private firm and opened a public CNG fueling station.	02-2012
	3. The city constructed a 261KW solar generation station at Glendale Community College.	02-2012



7. Efficient Transportation

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city provides pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in its street projects, and has installed five miles of bicycle lanes and 4.7 miles of shared roadway markings in the past three years. The city is conducting its first "road-diet" pilot project on Honolulu Avenue. A road diet is a reduction of vehicle travel lanes/widths in order to provide space for other modes of transportation.	02-2012
Gold	1. The city provides real time bus arrival information to riders via the web and text message.	02-2012
	2. The city adopted the Safe & Healthy Streets Plan to promote walking and bicycling in Glendale.	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city practices ongoing efforts to improve the municipal fleet fuel efficiency, including downsizing/replacing vehicles with more fuel-efficient models that can be used for the same tasks, maintaining city street pavement to an index of 73 (California State average is 68, and higher PCIs reduce gas usage), and using nitrogen instead of compressed air in Police vehicles, which improved tire life by 25% and increased fuel economy by 3.3%.	02-2012
	2. The city updated its General Plan to include policies to support streets designed for all users ("Complete Streets").	02-2012
	3. <i>TBD</i>	



8. Land Use & Community Design

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city adopted the Downtown Specific Plan, which sets the physical design standards and guidelines as well as land use regulations, and directs policies for economic development; streetscape improvements; transportation development; parking; pedestrian amenities; open space and land use; preservation of cultural resources; and public art.	02-2012
Gold	1. The city adopted the North Glendale Community Plan , intended to shape positive community change and foster sustainable land use patterns, while balancing the unique character of the community with citywide policies and regional initiatives.	02-2012
	2. The city adopted mixed-use zoning in various parts of Glendale to encourage pedestrian friendly environments and less reliance on the automobile.	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city adopted the Downtown Mobility Study , which focuses on establishing transit and pedestrian-friendly policies within the Downtown Specific Plan area.	02-2012
	2. Glendale participates in the Safe Routes to School program, which works to improve safety and encourage kids (including disabled kids) to walk to school, while addressing traffic congestion, and improving the health and environment, making communities more livable for everyone.	03-2012
	3. The city hired an Urban Designer and Transportation Planner who implement through	03-2012

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	day-to-day projects the vision of healthful urban communities that promote physical activity, less reliance on the automobile, and attractive public spaces.	
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9. Open Space & Offsetting Carbon Emissions

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city purchased 583 acres of land to preserve it as natural open space.	02-2012
Gold	1. The city's Annual and Indigenous Tree Reforestation programs work to increase tree canopy coverage in the city. Urban forest health is managed through the Urban Forest Management Plan.	02-2012
	2. The city's Tree Power program provides to residential customers up to three free shade trees and arborist services to ensure that the trees are planted correctly.	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city requires new parking lots to have one tree planted for every six parking spaces. At least 75% of these trees must be shade trees.	02-2012
	2. The city provides street tree planting in capital improvement projects and in vacant tree wells as routine accommodation.	02-2012
	3. The city developed 14.65 acres of recreational open space since 2004, renovated 9.81 acres, and acquired an additional 3.4 acres. These projects are being accomplished in a city considered "built-out" and include pocket parks and a large wilderness park.	02-2012



10. Promoting Community & Individual Action

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city provide home energy reports to residential customers and compares the energy use to other neighbors, thereby encouraging conservation through friendly competition.	02-2012
Gold	1. The city administers the Smart Home Energy Surveys program providing free in-home energy assessments. These assessments provide individualized actions that can be taken to conserve energy and water.	02-2012
	2. The city runs the Living Wise conservation education program for 6th grade students.	02-2012
Platinum	1. The city conducts ongoing community outreach via monthly bills, the city's website, Facebook, and community events, to promote conservation.	02-2012
	2. The city promotes community environmental conservation through its Glendale Clean & Beautiful program and Neighborhood Services Division efforts, which work with children in the community through schools and Green Teams.	02-2012
	3. Glendale is a member of the California Product Stewardship Council which promotes state legislation to "shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability."	02-2012



Beacon Award Accomplishments to Date
 (As of 4/2012)

CRITERIA	AWARD LEVELS		
	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
Agency Facilities			
GHG Reductions	-	-	-
Electricity Savings	-	-	-
Natural Gas Savings	-	-	-
Community			
GHG Reductions	5%	-	-
Activity Promoting Energy Efficiency	-	-	-
Best Practice Areas			
Completed Activities in Each Area	1	-	-