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# City of La Habra

## Sustainability Best Practice Activities



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California communities are leading the fight against climate change. From small projects to large-scale programs, cities and counties are making great strides to create healthy, sustainable and economically prosperous communities. Participants in ILG's Beacon Program serve as leaders in this effort, making measureable contributions to reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and sharing their sustainability best practices.

This document represents a collection of activities your agency has completed in 10 areas of sustainability. While local governments have a wide range of choices available to address climate change, these activities represent the unique opportunities and values in your community. These voluntary actions are essential to achieving California's goals to save energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and create more sustainable communities.

## SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			2018 (32%)
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2018		
	Beacon Award			

Cities and counties throughout the Golden State should be proud of the accomplishments made through the hard work, innovation and collective community action. The Institute for Local Government applauds your achievements and thanks you for your continued participation in the Beacon Program.

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# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities

## Silver

1. In 2015, the City of La Habra passed a resolution to join the North Orange County Cities Energy Partnership (NOCC), a Local Government Partnership that includes Southern California Edison, SoCalGas, the Energy Coalition, and 7 other North Orange County cities. Through involvement in the partnership, the city receives enhanced utility incentives and rebates, gains assistance in identifying and tracking energy efficiency projects, and receives educational outreach support to inform residents about resources that can help them save money and energy.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

## Silver

1. The City of La Habra provides an extensive list of water conservation information on the city's website. The information provides residents with educational information in both Spanish and English, along with materials on how to adhere to water regulations to conserve local resources and make a personal effort to do their part.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Green Building Activities

## Silver

1. The City of La Habra recognizes the importance of protecting the environment and conserving our natural resources. As part of the city's effort to promote building practices that have minimal impacts on the environment, on October 20, 2008, city council adopted a resolution establishing a voluntary Sustainable Development Program, which provides incentives for eligible new construction projects. Sustainable Development Program requirements include: building to exceed current state energy efficiency standards by at least 15%, diverting at least 50% of construction and job site waste, reducing water use by at least 20,000 gallons each year for a typical single family dwelling, guidelines for efficient lumber and wood usage, and improved indoor air quality through mechanical filtration and reduced use of volatile organic chemicals in paint and other construction materials.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

## Silver

1. The City of La Habra holds hazardous waste collection events where residents are able to drop off electronics, paints and other household hazardous waste items. This event is advertised through the city's website, cable channel, and the La Habra Journal City Communicator and attracts over 430 residents. In addition to this event, there is always educational information regarding hazardous waste that can be viewed on the city's website.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

## Silver

1. Written within the City of La Habra Climate Action Plan, created in 2014, is the commitment to support local organizations in establishing and maintaining a regular schedule of farmers markets that enable the city's residents to purchase fresh, local, and healthy foods.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

## Silver

1. Through the city's Climate Action Plan, the city is committed to continue purchasing low-emissions vehicles for the city's fleet and use available clean fuel sources for trucks and heavy equipment.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Efficient Transportation Activities

## Silver

1. The City of La Habra promotes the Bike Safety Awareness Campaign, created by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), which aims to foster safer communities. The campaign combines a television public service announcement and bike smart website that can both be found on the city's website.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Land Use and Community Design Activities

## Silver

1. In 2014, the City of La Habra created the General Plan 2035. This plan offers a framework that expresses the community's shared outcomes for the city's future. It defines expectations for what La Habra will be in 25-30 years in the future as defined by its role in the region physical character; quality of life; variety of businesses; and housing, economy, environment, safety, and comparable indicators. These expectations are based on La Habra's residents' values about the characteristics and qualities of life important today and which should be retained in the future, as well as how the community should evolve and change in response to critical issues challenging these values.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

## Silver

1. In January 2018, the city council and the planning commission adopted a mitigated negative declaration for the La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway Project. The La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway Project will involve the installation of a bikeway and other related improvements within the City of La Habra. The La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway encompasses the acquisition of 2.80 miles of the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way, and the conversion of the northern portion of the right-of-way and public parks into a Class I bike trail. In March 2018, the California Transportation Commission accepted the mitigated negative declaration and approved the above project for future consideration of funding.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

## Silver

1. The City of La Habra hosts an annual Earth and Arbor Day Event. This event provides residents with free compost, tree saplings, and informational materials from the city's partners and green businesses alike.

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