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City of Lynwood

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 Program. The Beacon Program 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 Program 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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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		2017	





Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Joined Southern California Edison's Energy Leader Partnership in May 2014.	2017

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retrofitted facility lights from fluorescent to light-emitting diodes (LED) or LED compatible ballast to reduce overall facilities energy consumption in Public Works yard, City Hall, Community Center, Bateman Hall, and Natatorium. 2. Prepared an Energy Action Plan (EAP) and benchmarked facilities with the assistance of the Energy Leader Partnership in 2017. 	2017

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum	1. The City Council passed a resolution to participate in the voluntary sustainability and climate change recognition program, The Beacon Award: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change to track and share city energy savings accomplishments. www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward .	2017





Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city adopted a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in September 2009 (Ordinance 1623).	2017

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city amended its stormwater and urban off pollution and conveyance which includes a Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) and Low Impact Development (LID) requirements for new development and redevelopment projects to reduce pollutants and contamination in stormwater discharges and municipal systems (Ordinance 1671). 2. The city uses reclaimed water for irrigation for the Ham Park. 	2017

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city rehabilitated an old water well and constructed a new well in an effort to improve the city's localized water supply. 2. The city created bioswales at four different locations to help remove pollution from runoff water. 	2017





Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city built the Lucy Avalos Community Center to LEED-Gold Certification standards.	2017

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessed facilities to identify opportunities for self-generation and clean renewable energy through a Program Development Report prepared by an energy services company. 2. Installed a tankless water heater at the Senior Center to eliminate standby losses and energy waste in this facility. 	2017

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Lynwood provides information to residents on its website about environmental issues such as preventing stormwater pollution, materials recycling, and used oil recycling.	2017

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city stenciled and cleaned 600 catch basins with “No Dumping, This Drains to Ocean” logo to reduce the amount of trash and contaminants entering public waters. 2. The city provides used batteries collection bins at all city facilities and property recycled used batteries.	2017

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city incorporated a Recycled Products Procurement Policy in the city's municipal code with the intent to maximize the use of recycled resources and minimize waste (6-3.16).	2017
Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city uses rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) for street maintenance, whenever possible. 2. The city staff at the public works department prioritizes purchasing recycled office supplies	2017
Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Lynwood purchased six electric vehicles for high vehicle dependent staff (priority to parking enforcement staff) which are recharged at public works yard charging stations.	2017

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Gold	1. Installed 68 new bus shelters amenities which included LED lighting powered with solar energy and trash receptacles for transit riders. 2. Installed bike racks in Recreation Department, Community Center, Youth Center, and two city parks to encourage the use of alternative transportation.	2017

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum		





Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city provides local transportation for residents with trolleys called the Breeze that connect to shopping centers, train stations and other public transportation services. This service includes five compressed natural gas vehicles traveling four routes which are fueled at a local So Cal Gas station. This service has an average passenger count of over 20,000 riders per month.	2017

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city offers online resources for services such as paying bills and permit information reducing traveling need and paper waste. 2. In September 2016, the city council adopted the Lynwood Transit Area Specific Plan which focusses on creating transit-oriented communities around the Metro Green Line station. 	2017

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city constructed and opened the 5.25 acres Ricardo Lara Linear Park in October 2015 which includes two children’s playgrounds, a 1-mile walking trail with bioswales, community garden, two dog parks (one for small dogs and another for big dogs), three exercise stations, and a pavilion with benches and solar lights.	2017

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city provides residents recreational and learning activities in six different facilities: Lynwood Community Center, Senior Citizens Center, Lucy Avalos Community Center, Natatorium, Bateman Hall, and Henning Youth Center. 2. The city provides 46 acres of parks including picnic areas, walk paths, playgrounds, basketball courts, soccer fields, exercising equipment, tennis courts, and baseball fields. 	2017

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Platinum	1. Installed pedestrian safety equipment and extended curbs (bulb-outs) at various school intersections which included school zone beacons with calendar programming, solar powered radar sign, 24 hour solar LED flashing beacon, and in-road lighting pedestrian crossing system.	2017





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city provided an opportunity for residents to test drive electric vehicles at the 1 st Annual Plug-in to Earth Day Festival in April 22, 2017 in collaboration with Southern California Edison.	2017

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installed eight new charging stations for residents to use at City Hall to promote use of alternative fuel systems. 2. The city installed an outdoor fitness zone with 22 exercise equipment with shading sails to provide recreational exercise and encourage healthy and active lifestyles. 	2017

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city provided an opportunity for residents to see energy efficiency booths, witness the unveiling of the new electrical vehicle charging stations, and plant drought tolerant plants near City Hall at the Plug-in to Earth Day Festival.	2017

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1. Promotes energy efficiency and sustainability information in monthly newsletter, Lynwood's Perspective, to educate residents about current city efforts and best practices for reducing your carbon footprint 2. The city provides educational materials and booths at the National Night Out event in collaboration with SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison.	2017

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Platinum	1. The city is a member of Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA) which provides reusable bags, reusable water bottles, and items made out of recycled material at city events.	2017





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