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City of Port Hueneme

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

SPOTLIGHT AWARD		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
Areas of Accomplishment				
	Agency GHG Reductions		2016 (10%)	
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			2016 (60%)
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities		2016	
	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. The city participates in the Southern California Edison's (SCE) Energy Leader Partnership and has attained the Silver Level Tier. The partnership assists with identifying and addressing energy efficiency opportunities in municipal facilities and pays increased incentives for city energy efficiency projects.

Gold

2. The city completed an Integrated Demand Side Management audit at facilities the use greater than 200kW and has enrolled over 50% of eligible facilities in Demand Response Programs.
3. Since 2014, the city has offered emPower Central Coast and CaliforniaFirst as energy financing programs for residential property owners.

Platinum





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The city participates in the emPower Central Coast Program. The emPower Central Coast Program provides free faucet aerators and water-efficient shower heads to residents during energy coach site visits as well as community events.

Gold

2. The city developed the Port Hueneme Gardens website to provide information to residents on how to design and install a water-wise garden, irrigation methods and equipment. The website helps residents water their landscape more efficiently as well as provides suggestions on how to easily and effectively maintain your garden.
3. In 2009, as part of its annual Strategic Plan, the city council directed staff to create an interpretive Water Conservation Demonstration Site at city hall. The objective of this project was to educate Port Hueneme residents about saving water and money through the use of drought-tolerant plants and drip irrigation.

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Green Building Activities

Silver

1. Since 2014, the city has participated in emPower Central Coast Program. The emPower Program includes an energy coach service where coaches that spend up to two hours with a homeowner at their residence providing them with information on green building techniques and recommendations to improve their home's energy efficiency. The program also works with contractors to provide them with training on green building techniques.

Gold

2. The emPower Central Coast Program has teamed up with the statewide Energy Upgrade California Program to provide homeowners with increased utility rebates for implementing energy efficient upgrades.
3. The city is a participating member of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA). VCREA offers utility sponsored quarterly green building standards trainings to staff from member agencies. These trainings include but are not limited to updates to Title 24, Benchmarking and HVAC trainings.

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. The city offers four collection sites throughout Port Hueneme for the public to drop off old batteries and fluorescent lights (CFLs). The Battery Recycling Program is very successful and collects a high volume of materials.

Gold

2. The city offers compost bins at a discount to residents.
3. The City of Port Hueneme's Solid Waste Division helps business recycle by offering free business waste evaluations.

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Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. The city encourages the practice of not purchasing new materials, such as office supplies and furniture, through the reuse of existing items in surplus when appropriate and feasible.

Gold

2. The city considers efficient transportation methods when purchasing goods and services, such as using local vendors and or locally produced goods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. The city has reviewed current purchasing practices to identify possible green procurement opportunities.

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Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. The city has installed bicycle racks and other amenities at agency facilities to promote bicycle use by agency employees and visitors.

Gold

2. The city has trained agency fleet mechanics to service alternative and fuel efficient vehicles.
3. In 2014, the city first offered California FIRST energy financing for commercial, industrial, and multifamily property owners to install energy efficient retrofits, solar photovoltaic or hot water systems on new or existing buildings.

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Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. The city has consolidated offices that community members often visit at the same time, such as building permitting and environmental health permitting to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Gold

2. The city offers a Level of Driver Assistance Program to senior and disabled residents. This dial-a-ride service reduces the need for residents use a personal vehicle.
3. The city is always working to increase the number of bicycle lanes, racks, paths and signage throughout the community.

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Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The city participated in SCAG's development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The addition of the SCS to the RTP means that the RTP now integrates not only transportation and land-use planning, but also housing and environmental planning with the goal of reducing regional GHG emissions. The city uses the RTP/SCS when conducting its own transportation, land use, and environmental planning to assist in efforts to reduce regional GHG emissions.

Gold

2. As part of the General Plan Housing Element Update, the city identified potential infill development sites, and maintains a community-wide database of vacant and underutilized infill sites to monitor the community's growth and change.
3. The city provides information to its city council and to residents on the conditions of its nearly 12 miles of beautiful walk/bike pathways. Having walk/bike pathways helps the city's residents get healthy, meet neighbors, and discover more about the city than by car.

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Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. The city has achieved Tree City USA status designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Gold

2. The city owns and manages seven parks including: Bulker, Bubbling Springs, Dewar Park, Hueneme Beach, Moranda, and Wen'Mu Parks. These parks help to ensure the long-term health and viability of trees and other vegetation.
3. In 2016, the city hosted its first certified farmers' market every Saturday morning at the city's Fishing Pier parking lot. Vendor booths include a mix of fresh farm fruits and vegetables, prepackaged nuts, fresh fish, grass-fed beef, honey, hummus, cheeses, etc., handmade artisans or "green" crafts, cut flowers and plants, and delicious prepared foods and beverages.

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Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. The city participates in the emPower Central Coast Program, which provides LED lightbulbs, reusable bags, and other give-away items at community events in Port Hueneme to encourage environmental responsibility.

Gold

2. The city hosts beach clean-ups, in which volunteers are educated on the importance of recycling and sustainability.
3. The city distributes brochures showing the community bicycle and walking trail systems to encourage reduction of vehicle miles traveled.

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