



BEACON  
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ACTIVITIES



# City of Citrus Heights

## 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			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2015		
	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 Vintage Oaks Senior Apartment complex was given a tax credit which allowed for the construction of solar panel systems, solarization, installation of energy efficient water heaters, fluorescent lighting, ceiling fans, and other EnergyStar appliances.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

## Silver

1. In order to reach the city's goal of 20% water usage reduction by 2020, the city has implemented a few strategies to accomplish this. One way is that the city is partnering with local water districts to develop and promote free irrigation review programs.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Green Building Activities

## Silver

1. The city has an outreach program for businesses that incentivizes them to plant trees and install "green" roofs on company property.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

## Silver

1. The city has agreed to at all costs cut paper waste from municipal functions. The city buildings and partners have been reducing the amount of paper used to do business in order to cut back on waste.

## Gold

## Platinum







# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

## Silver

1. By 2020 the city plans on retiring all of its city vehicles and replacing them with energy efficient or electronic vehicles. This is an on-going process.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

## Silver

1. The city created a community-wide Solar Power program to support the installation of solar panels in commercial and residential districts. This program makes it easier for people to afford solar panels.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Efficient Transportation Activities

## Silver

1. The city has plans to build more EV charging stations in the city in order to promote the use of low-fuel vehicles. The city is also in the middle of an outreach program which shows the lower costs of owning and electric vehicle as well as create more lanes for carpooling/electric vehicles in and near the city.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Land Use and Community Design Activities

## Silver

1. The city has evaluated the existing and planned neighborhood commercial areas and has increased the amount of walkways and biking areas. By providing more ways for individuals to walk or bike to where they need to go, the city is taking steps in order to reduce GHG emitted by vehicles.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

## Silver

1. The city recently was awarded a grant that would allow the city to improve the Stock Ranch Nature Preserve by adding an education program to it as well as to help maintain the natural plant and wildlife habitat. Stock Ranch is a large open-space park with miles of walking trails and wildlife.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

## Silver

1. The city's website has information about green gardening and landscaping and also has a link for individuals to find green certified gardeners and landscapers so that their next gardening or landscaping project can be environmentally friendly.

## Gold

2. The city's website has plenty of information on different ways that residents can conserve water and produce less waste. One example is a piece about how to wash your car responsibly by conserving water and not allowing toxic water into storm drains.

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