

SILVER LEVEL AWARD WINNER

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ACTIVITIES



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# City of La Habra

## Sustainability Best Practices Activities



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## SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			32%
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2018		



## 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.



## Supporting California local governments

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## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
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. (Supporting link: <a href="https://sites.google.com/energycoalition.org/nocc/city-profiles/la-habra?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/energycoalition.org/nocc/city-profiles/la-habra?authuser=0</a> )	2018

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
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. (Supporting Link: <a href="http://lahabracal.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1535/Water-Conservation-in-La-Habra">http://lahabracal.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1535/Water-Conservation-in-La-Habra</a> )	2018

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





# Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
<b>Silver</b>	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building to exceed current state energy efficiency standards by at least 15%</li> <li>2. Diverting at least 50% of construction and job site waste</li> <li>3. Reducing water use by at least 20,000 gallons each year for a typical single family dwelling</li> <li>4. Guidelines for efficient lumber and wood usage</li> <li>5. Improved indoor air quality through mechanical filtration and reduced use of volatile organic chemicals in paint and other construction materials</li> </ol> <p>(Supporting Link: <a href="http://www.lahabracity.com/210/Sustainable-Development-Program">http://www.lahabracity.com/210/Sustainable-Development-Program</a>)</p>	<b>2018</b>

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
<b>Gold</b>	1.	

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
<b>Platinum</b>	1.	





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
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. (Supporting Link: <a href="http://ca-lahabra.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/">http://ca-lahabra.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/</a> )	2018

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	1.	2018

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	2018





# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
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. (Supporting Link: <a href="https://lahabracity.com/DocumentCenter/View/192/Climate-Action-Plan-PDF">https://lahabracity.com/DocumentCenter/View/192/Climate-Action-Plan-PDF</a> )	2018

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Platinum		





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Through the city's Climate Action Plan created in 2014, the city committed to continue purchasing low-emissions vehicles for the city's fleet and use available clean fuel sources for trucks and heavy equipment. (Supporting Link: <a href="https://lahabracity.com/DocumentCenter/View/192/Climate-Action-Plan-PDF">https://lahabracity.com/DocumentCenter/View/192/Climate-Action-Plan-PDF</a> )	2018

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Gold	1.	2018

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum	1.	





# Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of La Habra promotes the Bike Safety Awareness Campaign that was created by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) that aims to foster safer communities. The campaign combines a television public service announcement and Bikesmart website that can both be found on the city's website. (Supporting Link: <a href="https://www.lahabracity.com/377/Bike-Safety-Awareness-Campaign">https://www.lahabracity.com/377/Bike-Safety-Awareness-Campaign</a> )	2018

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# Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. In 2014 the City of La Habra created the General Plan 2035. This plan offers 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. (Supporting Link: <a href="https://lahabracity.com/DocumentCenter/View/197/LaHabraGeneralPlan-2035-PDF">https://lahabracity.com/DocumentCenter/View/197/LaHabraGeneralPlan-2035-PDF</a> )	2018

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold		2018

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Platinum	1.	





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
<b>Silver</b>	1. In January 2018 the city council and La Habra 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. (Supporting Link: <a href="http://catc.ca.gov/meetings/2018/2018-03/52_2.2c(8).pdf">http://catc.ca.gov/meetings/2018/2018-03/52_2.2c(8).pdf</a> )	<b>2018</b>

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<b>Gold</b>	1.	<b>2018</b>

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
<b>Platinum</b>	1.	





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
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. (Supporting link: <a href="https://www.ocregister.com/2017/04/26/la-habra-celebrates-mother-earth/">https://www.ocregister.com/2017/04/26/la-habra-celebrates-mother-earth/</a> )	2018

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