



Green Communities Achievements

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			Platinum	Platinum	Platinum	Platinum	Platinum	Platinum	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	Silver	Silver	Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze																	
Green Building	1.	LEED Policy - Government																																		
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	3.	ENERGY STAR/EarthCraft Policy - Government																																		
	4.	ENERGY STAR/LEED Renovation Policy - Government																																		
	5.	Green Building Incentives - Community																																		
	6.	Green Affordable Housing Incentives - Community																																		
Energy Efficiency	7.	Energy Audits - Government																																		
	8.	ENERGY STAR Partner - Government																																		
	9.	ENERGY STAR Purchase Policy - Government																																		
	10.	LED Street Lights - Government																																		
	11.	"Lights Out/Power Down" Policy - Government																																		
	12.	Cool Roof - Government																																		
	13.	LED Light Bulb Program - Government or Community																																		
	14.	Energy Codes - Community																																		
15.	Outdoor Lighting Efficiency - Community																																			
Green Power	16.	Renewable Energy Project - Government																																		
	17.	Green Energy Purchasing - Government																																		
	18.	Solar Ready - Community																																		
Water Efficiency	19.	Water Audits - Government																																		
	20.	Ultra-High Efficiency plumbing retrofits - Government																																		
	21.	Rainwater or Reuse Water - Government																																		
	22.	DCA WaterFirst Community - Government																																		
	23.	Green Infrastructure - Government																																		
	24.	Water Resource Management Plan - Community																																		
	25.	Water Education - Community																																		
	26.	Ultra-High-Efficiency Plumbing Codes																																		
Trees and Greenspace	27.	Greenspace Benchmarks - Government																																		
	28.	No Net Loss of Trees Policy - Government																																		
	29.	Greenspace Plan - Government																																		
	30.	Green Roof - Government																																		
	31.	Landscaping Practices - Government																																		
	32.	Tree City USA - Community																																		
	33.	Parking Lot Canopy Requirements - Community																																		
	34.	Forest Master Plan - Community																																		
	35.	Community Garden - Community																																		
	36.	Farmers Markets - Community																																		
	37.	Local Food Systems Plan - Community																																		
	38.	Habitat Designation - Community																																		
Transportation and Air Quality	39.	Commute Options - Government																																		
	40.	Green Fleet Policy - Government																																		
	41.	No-Idling Policy - Government																																		
	42.	Vehicle Retrofits - Government																																		
	43.	Alternative Fuels - Government																																		
	44.	Community Complete Streets																																		