



# SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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## Leadership in Sustainability Award

### ***American Planning Association (APA) Sustainable Communities Division***

Every year, the APA Sustainable Communities Division (APA-SCD) honors projects, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations across the country whose work is dedicated to supporting sustainable communities through its awards for excellence in sustainability. In Spring 2020, the City of West Hollywood was the recipient of the Leadership in Sustainability Award. The Leadership in Sustainability Award of Excellence honors individuals, governments, firms, organizations, and programs whose vision, leadership, and commitment have been fundamental to the evolution of sustainability planning, and have helped improve awareness of sustainability. Eligible applicants for the Leadership in Sustainability award are true innovators and by their practice and professionalism inspire others, and promote new techniques or technologies, collaboration among other disciplines, advances in practice, and progress in the art and science of sustainability planning. For more information on the City's recognition, please visit the [APA Sustainable Communities webpage](#).

## Award of Merit in Innovation in Green Community Planning

### ***American Planning Association Los Angeles Chapter***

Every year, APA Los Angeles celebrates the region's most outstanding planning work, its hard-won victories, best practices, and thought-leaders dedicated to the place-making profession. Award submissions are voted on by a panel of experienced judges who are dedicated to highlighting the projects, plans, or people that demonstrate the power of great planning. Award recipients are recognized at the annual Awards Gala, typically held in June. In 2020, the City of West Hollywood was the recipient of an award of merit in the Innovation in Green Community Planning Award category for the City's update to its Green Building Program. This award is given to an innovative plan, program, tool, or related effort that demonstrates advancement in planner's efforts to address the serious consequences of development and everyday living on the environment. For more information on the City's recognition, please visit the [APA Los Angeles webpage](#).

## 2020 Clean Cities: Alternative Fuels & Infrastructure Award of Merit

### ***SCAG Sustainability Awards***

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainability Awards recognize excellence in coordinating land use and transportation to improve mobility, livability, prosperity, and sustainability. The Clean Cities: Alternative Fuels and Infrastructure category honors efforts to promote low- and zero-emission transportation, clean fuel vehicles, and associated infrastructure. West Hollywood was honored for its comprehensive efforts to expand its local market for electric vehicle adoption via the City's EV Charge Up program. For more information on the City's recognition, please visit the [SCAG Sustainability Awards page](#).

## 3-STAR Certification

### ***STAR Communities Rating System***

Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating (STAR) Communities is the nation's premiere rating system, framework, and certification program for evaluating and quantifying the sustainability of U.S. communities. The nonprofit uses a holistic analysis method to measure a community's environmental, economic, and social performance. The City of West Hollywood voluntarily pursued STAR Communities Certification to evaluate past and current City initiatives, identify areas for improvement, and align the City with proven best management practices in the STAR framework. West Hollywood scored well above the median score range needed to qualify for 3-STAR Certification, with notable achievements in the Education, Arts, and Community category as well as the categories for Climate & Energy, Built Environment, and Innovation and Process. For more information on the City's recognition, please visit the City's [3-STAR Certification page](#).

## Four Beacon Awards

### ***Beacon Program – Institute for Local Government***

The Beacon Program supports small, large, urban, and suburban California jurisdictions that implement effective climate action practices to improve the quality of life in their communities. The City of West Hollywood has earned four awards from the Beacon Program in recognition of its energy savings, community greenhouse gas reductions, and sustainability best practices. For more information about West Hollywood's Beacon Awards, please visit WeHo's [Beacon Participant Profile](#).

## Gold SolSmart Designation

### ***The SolSmart Initiative***

### ***US Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office***

The SolSmart Initiative, funded by the US Department of Energy, recognizes cities across the nation for reducing local barriers to solar energy installation and fostering the growth of a strong, local solar market. The City of West Hollywood has been awarded with a Gold SolSmart Designation for its efforts in improving solar access protections in its Municipal Code, installing solar photovoltaic arrays on the roofs of the West Hollywood Library and the Automated Parking Garage at West Hollywood City Hall, streamlining its approval process for permitting solar energy systems, and for its partnership with EnergySage for providing information and resources to property owners to implement solar systems. For more information about West Hollywood's designation by the SolSmart program, please visit [West Hollywood's SolSmart Profile](#). For information on the City's Go Solar program, please visit WeHo's [EnergySage webpage](#).

## Gold Star Energy Leader Award

### ***Westside Energy Partnership***

The Westside Energy Partnership (WEP) is a local government partnership consisting of six regional Los Angeles County cities. WEP helps cities implement energy efficiency across its partners' facilities and communities. In 2019, the City earned the Gold Star Energy Leader Award from WEP for achieving more than 10% energy savings in the City's municipal buildings. The award recognizes the energy audits and subsequent improvements the City has undertaken to monitor and improve energy use. For more information on the City's municipal energy reductions, please visit WeHo's [Member Spotlight](#) on the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition website.

## Green Leader Certificate

### ***Clean Power Alliance***

The Clean Power Alliance is a Community Choice Aggregation CCA program and nonprofit entity that provides customers with renewable electricity options. The City of West Hollywood has earned a Green Leader Certificate by the Clean Power Alliance for providing 100% clean, renewable energy by default to its community. The 100% Green Power program allows West Hollywood customers to source their electricity entirely by renewable energy, while allowing flexibility for opting to lower tiers of renewable energy sources or for opting out of the program entirely. For more information, please visit WeHo's [Clean Power Alliance webpage](#).

## ZEVe Award

### ***California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development***

The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development's Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Team recognizes local jurisdiction's efforts to accelerate zero emission vehicle market growth throughout California. The ZEV team recognized the City of West Hollywood's Planning and Development Services Department with a ZEVe Award for going above and beyond to streamline the permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations. To learn more about the City of West Hollywood's efforts to support electric vehicle infrastructure, please visit WeHo's [EV Charge Up page](#).

## Ranked in Top 5 in the Community Energy Challenge for Small Cities

### ***American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)***

An analysis of clean energy efforts by 30 small cities finds several leaders taking significant steps to cut energy waste and embrace clean energy—pointing the way for other small municipalities across the country to do the same. The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) examined the cities' efforts to make homes and buildings more energy efficient, to scale up the use of renewable energy, and to ensure community involvement in developing equitable clean-energy policies. The cities analyzed, with populations generally between 16,000 and 100,000, are in California, Connecticut, Maryland, Minnesota, and New Jersey.

San Luis Obispo (California) received the top score of the group, earning points for its policy incentivizing all-electric equipment and appliances in new buildings and for participating in a program that offers carbon-free electricity to residents. Second place went to Goleta (California), followed by St. Louis Park (Minnesota), Manhattan Beach (California), **West Hollywood (California)**, West Hartford (Connecticut), Rockville (Maryland), Dublin (California) and Red Wing (Minnesota) (tied), and Rochester (Minnesota). More information can be found on [ACEEE's webpage](#).

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