

The City's Green Efforts

The City has made a concerted effort over the past two decades to incorporate sustainability measures in its operations within available resources. The focus has been to achieve the environmental benefits of sustainability while also reducing ongoing costs, thus being good stewards of both the public good and dollar.



Improving Energy Efficiency

The City has been recognized by the federal EPA as a green power partner at the highest level of recognition: "leadership level."

Solar Installations City has been a leader in municipal solar installations. Projects include the downtown parking structure and largest solar tracking facility at a wastewater treatment plant.

Reduced Energy Usage Efficient street lights and signals, and efficient lighting and HVAC systems in City offices.



Water Conservation/Quality

Installed water-efficient computerized central control irrigation system for use in parks, greenways, public planting areas, and maintenance districts.



Efficiency in Transportation

Purchase of hybrid City vehicles.

Enhanced mass transit through the installation of bus turnouts and bus shelters.

Implemented Class 1 bike path and bike lane projects.



Recycling

Recycle and reuse of asphalt and use of waste tire products.

Collection and composting approximately 16,000 tons of green waste from commercial, residential and city-owned properties at the City's Compost Facility.

The City, its residents, and businesses have achieved a 61% diversion rate—exceeding the 50% goal mandated by the California Integrated Waste Management Act (AB939).



City Standards for New Development

Land use regulations contain standards that protect water quality, air quality, and environmental resources, and have standards to provide parks and open space. Encourage alternative transportation including bicycles and transit, and have landscape standards for private development projects that encourage water conservation, enhance air quality and reduce heat.