



LEED FOR CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Set Goals. Measure Progress. Continuously Improve.



GET STARTED ON THE PATH TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT, HEALTHY, AND JUST FUTURE.

USGBC has proven its approach – setting intentional goals, implementing best practices, measuring progress, and certifying achievement – to be the standard at the forefront of sustainable development.

Cities, towns and counties are drawn to LEED, and local governments around the world have adopted green building policies, incentives, programs, and strategies to capture green building's many benefits. Now, with LEED for Cities, local governments can adopt a comprehensive management framework for sustainability and demonstrate leadership through certification at the city- or county-scale.

The LEED for Cities framework is holistic and provides a roadmap to help you evaluate and track progress on social, economic, and environmental conditions in your community. Certification can serve as a springboard for cross-departmental coordination, stakeholder engagement, integrated budgeting, performance management and more. The data-driven, results oriented process accelerates action on climate and sustainability goals, while improving quality of life and community conditions for all.

LEED for Cities helps you to:

- Inspire leadership, transformation and innovation in urban sustainability.
- Protect biodiversity and regenerate ecosystem services.
- Meet and exceed net zero carbon, energy, waste and water.
- Achieve livability, choice and access for all, where people live, work and play.
- Raise the standard of living and quality of life for humans all around the globe.

"[LEED for Cities] will allow us to more strategically and equitably plan for the effects of climate change while remaining laser focused on deliverables that will ensure future generations can continue to enjoy our great city." Mayor Jane Castor, City of Tampa, FL



Hillsborough County, FL
Certified LEED Platinum 2020

WHAT DO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DO WITH THEIR RESULTS?

LEED-certified cities and counties are using certification results to:

- Communicate and celebrate their progress
- Identify gaps and prioritize next steps
- Attract grants, business development and economic activity
- Direct resources to the greatest areas of need
- Create opportunities for collaboration
- Strengthen local plans, policies, and programs
- Integrate metrics into budgeting and strategic planning
- Increase community buy-in for sustainability efforts



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City Of Tampa Gold LEED Certification

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES TAILORED TO FLORIDA CITIES & COUNTIES

The [LEED for Cities home page](#) provides tools and resources to get you started and connect you with certified projects. You will find links to the rating system, guide, and scorecard as well as popular resources, such as the [LEED for Cities Crosswalk Tool](#).

In 2022, LEED for Cities will support a Florida Cohort of the popular Local Government Leadership Program. This program will build on the collaborative spirit and peer network across the state by providing resources tailored to Florida cities, towns and counties. Learn more and apply [here](#).

PROGRAM FEES

The registration and certification program fees for local governments are:

- USGBC Silver Member \$2,500 + \$8,000 or \$10,500
- Non-Member \$12,000 (includes \$1,500 Silver membership)

Local governments pay a one-time registration fee of \$2,500 to get started. Certification fees are due prior to receiving your final certification report. For future budgeting purposes, recertification is on a 5-year cycle and the current review fee for local governments in LEED for Cities is \$8,000.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Contact the LEED for Cities team via email at cities@usgbc.org. We have decades of experience working with cities, towns and counties on their sustainability goals and plans and can customize a pathway that works best for you. We look forward to hearing from your jurisdiction!