Climate Conscious Community



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Evolving Environmental Programming

Green Communities Program

- Began in 2009 and has certified 20 communities since
- Addresses a range of sustainability topics in a choose-you-ownadventure format
- Added the New Leaf Level in 2020 for communities just starting out

Sustainable Connections Internship ProgramSupportive of and supplementary to existing programs

Green Business Partnership

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What is it?

- A designation earned by completing step-by-step modules for greenhouse gas emissions reduction
- Built off of, but more structured than, existing programs we offer

Why are we offering it?

- Climate concerns are at an all-time high and local governments can take actions to address these concerns
- Current climate action planning is not scaled for our communities' needs or capacity

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What is ARC's role?

- Streamlining and connecting to resources and partners
- Creating and providing technical assistance scaled to our local cities and counties



Pre-Requisites

Community

- 1. Complete Streets Policy
- 2. Farmers Markets
- 3. Green Affordable Housing Incentives
- 4. Education
- 5. Parking Lot Canopy Requirements
- 6. Revitalization Incentives/Strategies
- 7. Shared/Reduced Parking
- 8. Smart Growth Incentives
- 9. Solar Ready

Government

- 10. Commute Options
- 11. ENERGY STAR Partner
- 12. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
- 13. Green Infrastructure
- 14. No-Idling Policy
- 15. No Net Loss of Trees

| | Building Module | Transportation Module | Waste & Recycling Module |
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| PARTI | Requirement 1 Utility Tracking & Benchmarking Requirement 2 Auditing & Efficiency Upgrade Schedules Requirement 3 Building Policies & Protocols | RELEASE DATE DECEMBER 2020 | RELEASE DATE JUNE 2021 |
| PART II | Option 1 Above-and-Beyond Energy & Plumbing Codes Option 2 Building Performance Standards Ordinance Option 3 Retro-Commissioning Ordinance | RELEASE DATE DECEMBER 2020 | RELEASE DATE JUNE 2021 |

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