



Sustainable Communities are communities that can support a high quality of life on an ongoing basis. Through ILG's website, you can learn about the many sustainability resources and learning opportunities available to you in service to your community.

- **Land Use and Environment** www.ca-ilg.org/landuse
Provides resources to assist local officials and community residents in land use planning and community development.
- **Climate Change** www.ca-ilg.org/ClimateChange
Helps California communities play a leadership role to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce resource consumption and save money.
- **Healthy Neighborhoods** www.ca-ilg.org/healthyneighborhoods
Provides resources local officials and residents can use to protect and improve community health by integrating health considerations into local planning, land use and other decisions.
- **Beacon Award Recognition Program** www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward
ILG's recognition program to celebrate local leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving energy, and promoting sustainability policies and programs.
- **Sustainable Communities Learning Network** www.ca-ilg.org/SCLN
SCLN links local officials and staff to help them access and share resources and tools for communities to consider and apply economically, socially and environmentally sustainable practices.

www.ca-ilg.org/sustainability

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Sustainability Resources

Understanding the Basics of Land Use and Planning Series

- A Guide to Local Planning www.ca-ilg.org/planningguide
- A Guide to Planning Healthy Neighborhoods www.ca-ilg.org/healthyneighborhoodsguide
- A Glossary of Land Use and Planning Terms www.ca-ilg.org/PlanningTerms

SB 375 and AB 32 Resources www.ca-ilg.org/SB375andAB32Resources

- Understanding AB 32 and SB 375: A Legal Analysis for Local Officials
- Understanding SB 375: Public Participation Requirements
- Understanding SB 375: Regional Planning for Transportation, Housing and the Environment
- Evaluating Greenhouse Gas Emissions as Part of California's Environmental Review Process: A Local Official's Guide

Healthy Neighborhoods Resource Center www.ca-ilg.org/healthyneighborhoods

Case stories, ideas and other resources geared to strengthen the efforts of local officials, staff, planning and development professionals, and community residents in creating healthier communities.

Commercial Recycling Resource Center www.ca-ilg.org/commercialrecycling

Stories about city and county commercial recycling activities, ILG's sample ordinance, templates to educate businesses about recycling, past webinars, and much more.

Sustainability and Climate Action Best Practices www.ca-ilg.org/ClimatePractices

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation
- Green Building
- Climate-Friendly Purchasing
- Efficient Transportation
- Open Space & Offsetting Carbon Emissions
- Water & Wastewater Systems
- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels
- Land Use & Community Design
- Promoting Community & Individual Action

The Beacon Award: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change

Participating in the voluntary Beacon Award program provides local agencies and their leaders with positive recognition for saving energy, conserving resources, promoting sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Beacon Award program is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the [Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative \(SEEC\)](#). SEEC is an alliance to help cities and counties reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. It is a collaboration between three statewide non-profit organizations, including the Institute for Local Government, and California's four Investor-Owned Utilities.



Sustainable Communities Learning Network

The **Sustainable Communities Learning Network** (SCLN) is a service for local officials offered by the Institute for Local Government in partnership with the Information Center for the Environment at the University of California, Davis, with support from the Strategic Growth Council and The California Endowment.

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