



CITY OF CULVER CITY



Culver City is a five-square-mile, urban community of 39,000 residents surrounded by the City of Los Angeles and centrally located on the Westside near Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Los Angeles International Airport. Culver City is particularly known for its well-run public school system, “small town” charm, growing high-tech and creative economies, and a dynamic downtown that is regionally known as a destination for restaurants, live theatre, and art galleries.



“Culver City strives to be a leader in sustainability by forming policies that address climate change and resource conservation, while addressing economic viability, public health, and the social well-being of the residents of the Culver City community. Through several energy efficiency projects, the City has saved over 700,000 kWh annually, equivalent to saving 1,150 tons of CO2 or taking 225 cars off the road.” -Culver City Mayor Jeffrey Cooper

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Since 2006 the City of Culver City has been mindful of policy decisions regarding sustainability issues, while considering long-term impacts to the natural environment and the economic and physical well-being of residents and the community.

- ★ Manages several recycling and organic waste management programs to meet State requirements for resource conservation, environmental and public health protection, and solid waste diversion.
- ★ Adopted a Water Conservation Plan in 2015 to reduce water consumption and mitigate years of continuous drought.
- ★ Adopted an award-winning Urban Forest Master Plan in 2016 to care for and maintain its urban forest, a cornerstone of the City’s commitment to the environment and environmental sustainability.
- ★ Updated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan, including implementation of a city-wide Bike Share System to serve residents and surrounding communities, and the Safe Routes to School Project that includes education and enforcement efforts and construction of improvements to promote safe routes to school.
- ★ In 2009, the City adopted a Green Building Program to address climate change through smart green building practices for new construction projects, new additions, and major renovations for affected areas up to 49,999 square feet.

The City of Culver City has been busy in 2017 actively implementing a variety of new sustainability initiatives:

- ★ Launched a Sustainable Business Certification Program which recognizes businesses that implement best practices and policies that reduce energy use, conserve water, reduce pollution, and divert waste. Fifteen businesses will be certified by early 2018.
- ★ Upgraded its fueling station to provide Renewable Compressed Gas to the City’s 100 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles. Since 1998, the City has operated CNG vehicles and in 2004, the Culver CityBus converted to 100% CNG fuel, the first transit fleet in the South Coast Air Quality Management District to do so.
- ★ Adopted an ordinance that bans the use of Polystyrene foodware citywide, making it the 108th city in California to do so. This ordinance prohibits the sale of foam foodware, including coolers that are not encased in another material. Restaurants are prohibited from using solid and foam Polystyrene foodware products, and are required to ask customers whether or not they want cutlery included with their take-out order.

The Cool Planet Project Program provides utility business and government customers with education and technical training to measure and manage their energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The Cool Planet Project Program is funded by California utility rate payers and administered under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission, through a contract awarded to The Climate Registry. California customers who chose to participate in this program are not obligated to purchase any additional services offered by the contractor. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 2/1/2013-12/31/2017 or until funds are depleted. Terms and conditions apply. The trademarks used herein are the property of their respective owners.

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