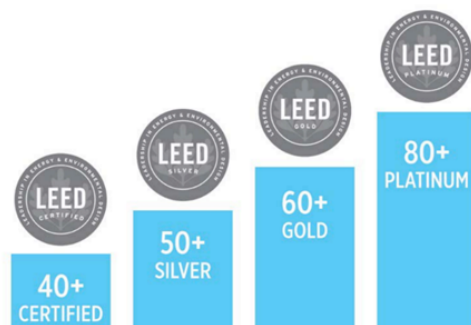


LEED for Cities

2023

The LEED for Cities Project, created by the United States Green Building Council® (USGBC®), is a global rating system and certification program for evaluating sustainability and quality of life within a City or Community.

- The project is graded based on the amount of points achieved. Each category is worth a varying amount of points. Below is the USGBC certification level based on the points achieved.



- The City of Columbia has achieved a LEED Gold® Certification, the second highest level of achievement, as of June 7th, 2023.



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We Are Columbia

Many thanks to our State and Local partners:

- COMET
- Columbia Housing Authority
- Clemson University
- Dominion Energy
- SCDHEC
- SC Energy Office
- SCDNR
- SC Women in Leadership
- University of South Carolina
- Richland County

ENHANCEMENTS

Transportation & Land Use

- Create more walkable areas for LMI communities
- Improve transportation and utility infrastructure for growing Electric Vehicle usage
- Invest in improving stormwater infrastructure

Energy & Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Create a yearly Greenhouse Gas inventory
- Invest in City utility infrastructure for increasing usage of Electric Vehicles.
- Discuss renewable energy alternatives

Materials & Resources

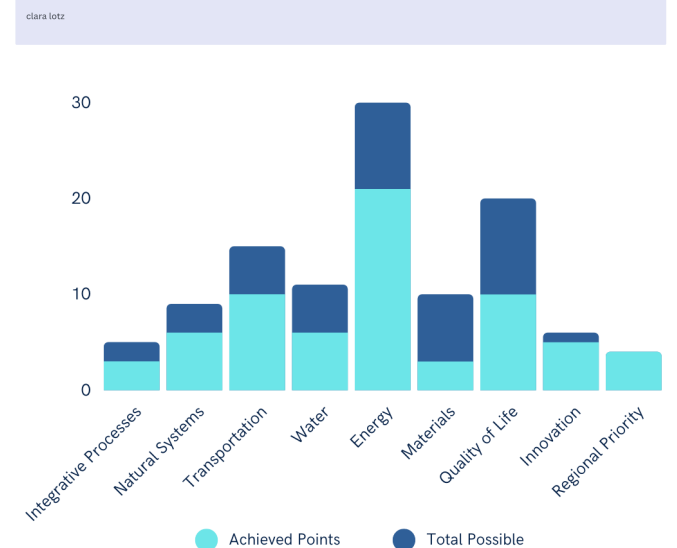
- Place more emphasis on waste reduction and diversion
- Invest in smart waste systems for better waste stream tracking

Issues that Arose

- Several credits have been unachievable by any City within the LEED for Cities cohort.
- Some credits have a high threshold for receiving points. We may have a program that meets the requirements, but does not meet the threshold for points.

HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Columbia has received 68 out of 110 points. Our best performing categories were Regional Priority (100%), Innovations (83%), and Energy & Greenhouse Gas Emissions (80%)



- ★ Above global average performance in 4/5 categories.
- ★ Columbia is the first LEED Certified City in South Carolina.
- ★ High amount of Green Spaces per capita, high achieving Resiliency Planning, and above average Waste Diverted for Recycling.
- ★ Highly rated programs for Homelessness Services and Diversity & Inclusion.
- ★ Very low rate of Greenhouse Gas Emissions compared to similar Cities.