



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Agenda

### Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

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Monday, April 14, 2025

4:00 PM

Eagle Room

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This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

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#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of Minutes

#### Notices and Discussion

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [25-0427](#) Youth Climate Action Fund Micro-Grant Application Review and Selection
- 2 [25-0454](#) Request to use funds for La Crosse Carbon Free Challenge reward swag
- 3 [25-0170](#) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Cities Program Update  
*Attachments:* [Presentation \(Feb 2025\)](#)
- 4 [25-0052](#) Outreach & Engagement Update
- 5 [25-0295](#) Climate Action Plan Implementation Update  
*Attachments:* [Slides](#)

#### Next Meeting / Agenda Items

#### Adjournment

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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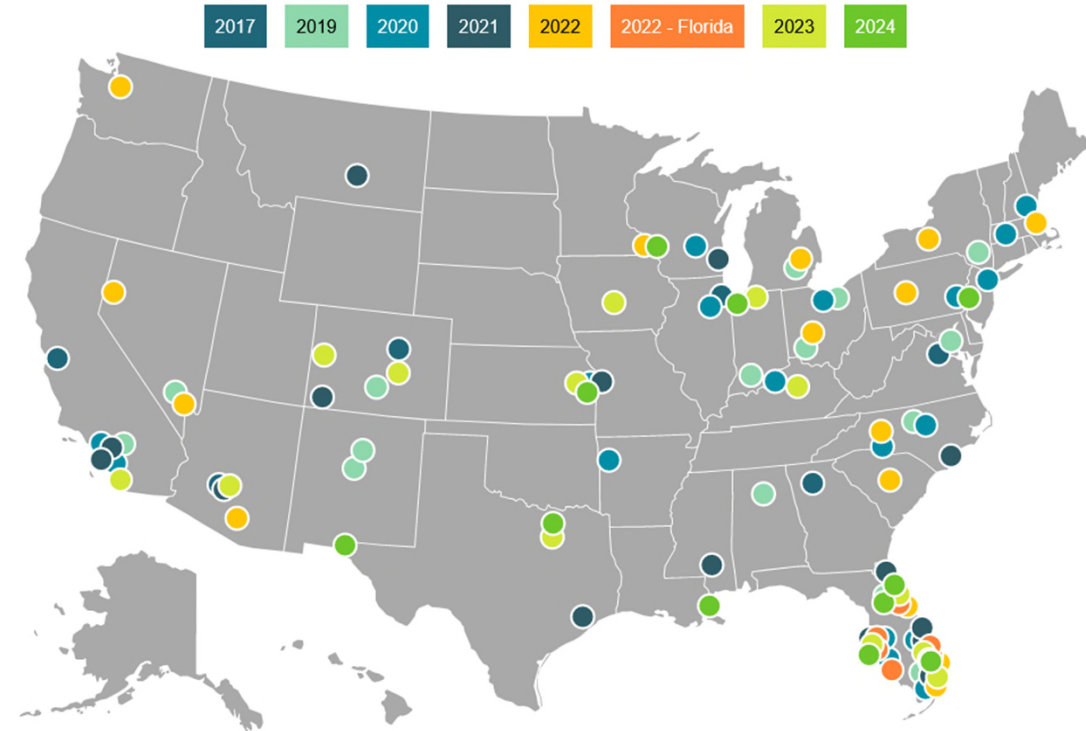


# **LEED v4.1 Existing Cities: La Crosse, WI**



# Cohort participants as of 2024

•Abington Township, PA	•El Paso, TX	•Miami, FL	•San Diego County, CA
•Albuquerque, NM	•Fayetteville, AR	•Miami-Dade County, FL	•San Jose, CA
•Amesbury, MA	•Fort Lauderdale, FL	•Middleton, WI	•Santa Fe, NM
•Atlanta, GA	•Gainesville, FL	•Nashua, NH	•Santa Monica, CA
•Atlantic Beach, FL	•Gary, IN	•Newark, NJ	•Sarasota, FL
•Baltimore, MD	•Grand Junction, CO	•New Orleans, LA	•Scottsdale, AZ
•Billings, MT	•Greensboro, NC	•Northampton, MA	•Shaker Heights, OH
•Birmingham, AL	•Hattiesburg, MS	•North Miami, FL	•South Bend, IN
•Bloomington, IN	•Henderson, NV	•Oakland County, MI	•State College, PA
•Boca Raton, FL	•Houston, TX	•Orange County, FL	•St. Petersburg, FL
•Cape Canaveral, FL	•Issaquah, WA	•Orange County, NC	•Tampa, FL
•Carrollton, TX	•Ithaca, NY	•Orange County, NY	•Tempe, AZ
•Charlotte, NC	•Jacksonville, FL	•Orlando, FL	•Tucson, AZ
•Chicago, IL	•Johnson County, KS	•Overland Park, KS	•Washington, DC
•Cincinnati, OH	•Jupiter Inlet Colony, FL	•Palm Beach County, FL	•West Palm Beach, FL
•Claremont, CA	•Kane County, IL	•Palm Coast, FL	
•Cleveland, OH	•Kansas City, MO	•Philadelphia, PA	
•Colorado Springs, CO	•La Crescent, MN	•Phoenix, AZ	
•Columbia, SC	•La Crosse, WI	•Pinellas County, FL	
•Coral Gables, FL	•Lantana, FL	•Plano, TX	
•Coral Springs, FL	•Largo, FL	•Pueblo County, CO	
•Costa Mesa, CA	•Las Vegas, NV	•Racine, WI	
•Cutler Bay, FL	•Lawrence, KS	•Rancho Cucamonga, CA	
•Davidson, NC	•Lexington, KY	•Reno, NV	
•Dayton, OH	•Long Beach, CA	•Royal Oak, MI	
•Des Moines, IA	•Louisville, KY	•San Diego, CA	
•Durango, CO	•Miami Beach, FL		



National Leadership Cohort Map





**LEED for Cities goes beyond buildings to measure sustainability at the jurisdictional scale.**





“Our platinum certification reflects Dayton’s commitment to addressing climate change challenges and the leadership that our city is demonstrating. We have been working hard on sustainable development, reduction of our carbon footprint, promotion of electric vehicles, energy, and youth climate education.”

LEED v4.1 Cities: Existing rating system

# City of Dayton, Ohio

CERTIFIED PLATINUM AND RECOGNIZED FOR ITS SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE ACHIEVEMENTS.

Certified on: September 13, 2023 | Certification Level: Platinum

## SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES

- Protect the City’s natural resources, including preventing, eliminating, or reducing pollution of ground and surface waters.
- Maximize recycling, reuse and compost opportunities in the solid waste management program.
- Modify zoning codes to help promote more ecologically diverse spaces; create programs focusing on community development, including expanding community gardens in the City.
- Prepare the City for the imminent impacts of climate change. This includes looking at building infrastructure, emergency response and preparing the Dayton community for what is to come.

### SNAPSHOT

COUNTRY:	USA
PROJECT AREA:	35,718 acres   5
POPULATION:	135,512 (2023)
DEMOGRAPHICS:	51.9% White; 34% African American; 13% Hispanic or Latino; 1% More Races; 1.3% 7% speak a language other than English at home
LEADERSHIP:	Mayor Jeffrey M.
KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS:	City of Dayton’s Water, Department of Public Works and Community Development, and Office of Sustainability

# Certification Overview

The City of Dayton achieved LEED Cities Platinum certification by earning 83 points out of the possible 110 points available across nine credit categories as illustrated. Some of the most significant strategies that contributed to the certification include the City’s focused approach to categories like Quality of Life reflecting a commitment to equitable community investment and Materials and Resources where provision of responsible waste management stands out. In addition, the City is making notable strides with diverse and efficient transportation infrastructure.

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Performance Score\*  
Key Metrics

100/100

TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE

84/100

WATER PERFORMANCE

74/100

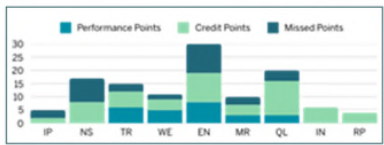
ENERGY & EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE

81/100

WASTE PERFORMANCE

61/100

QUALITY OF LIFE PERFORMANCE



CATEGORY		PTS ACHIEVED / PTS AVAILABLE
	INTEGRATIVE PROCESS (IP)	2/5
	NATURAL SYSTEMS AND ECOLOGY (NS)	8/9
	TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE (TR)	12/15
	WATER EFFICIENCY (WE)	9/11
	ENERGY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (EN)	19/30
	MATERIALS AND RESOURCES (MR)	7/10
	QUALITY OF LIFE (QL)	16/20
	INNOVATION (IN)	6/6
	REGIONAL PRIORITY (RP)	4/4

LEED PLATINUM

Total Points Achieved = 83/110

# LEED v4.1 Cities and Communities: Existing Cities rating system

Requirements	Integrative Process	Natural Systems	Transportation & Land Use	Water Efficiency	Energy & Emissions	Materials & Resources	Quality of Life
<b>Prerequisites</b> performance-based	--	--	Transportation Performance	Water Performance	Energy & GHG Emissions Performance	Waste Performance	Quality of Life Performance
<b>Prerequisites</b> base conditions	--	Ecosystem Assessment	--	Water Access & Quality	Power Access, Reliability & Resiliency	Solid Waste Management	Demographic & Social Equity Assessment
<b>Credits</b>	Integrated Planning & Leadership	Green Spaces	Compact, Mixed Use & Transit Oriented Development	Integrated Water Management	Energy Efficiency	Special Waste Streams Management	Social Services & Infrastructure
	Green Building Policy & Incentives	Natural Resources Conservation & Restoration	Safe Multimodal Accessibility	Stormwater Management	Renewable Energy	Responsible Procurement	Economic Growth & Opportunity
		Light Pollution Reduction	Clean Transportation	Smart Water Systems	Net Zero Carbon & Climate Action	Material Recovery	Environmental Justice
		Resilience Planning	Mobility Management		Grid Harmonization	Smart Waste Management Systems	Housing & Transportation Affordability
			Priority Sites				Public Health
							Educational Opportunity & Attainment
							Civil & Human Rights

# Transportation & Land Use (TR)



## Modal Split:

Modal Split for work commutes was drawn from 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) Table S0801 "Commuting Characteristics by Sex" using 5-year estimate values. This data shows the following modal split for "Means of Transportation to Work" for the City of La Crosse, WI.

Year (YYYY)	2023
Walk	8.10
Bicycle	2.00
Public Transportation	1.80
Carpool/Vanpool	8.60
Taxicab/transportation network company (TNC)	0.90
Drive Alone	68.00
Telecommute/work from home	10.00

## Transportation Performance

Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita for all passenger vehicles within the City of La Crosse for the year 2023 via Google EIE.

Data Year	2023
Average Daily Distance, Total	1,197,260
La Crosse Total Population per USGBC Population Calculator	60,670
Daily VMT Per Capita	19.733975111

## Current Transportation Score

🚗 92/100



# Water Efficiency (WE)



Description (a)	Average No. Customer (b)	Thousand of Gallons of Water Sold (c)	Amount (d)	
<b>Unmetered Sales to General Customers (460)</b>				1
Residential (460.1)				2
Commercial (460.2)				3
Industrial (460.3)				4
Public Authority (460.4)				5
Multifamily Residential (460.5)				6
Irrigation (460.6)				7
<b>Total Unmetered Sales to General Customers (460)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	8
<b>Metered Sales to General Customers (461)</b>				9
Residential (461.1)	13,641	739,909	2,700,148	10
Commercial (461.2)	1,446	527,469	893,046	11
Industrial (461.3)	117	949,223	1,128,285	12
Public Authority (461.4)	211	238,129	368,854	13
Multifamily Residential (461.5)	778	272,095	503,727	14
Irrigation (461.6)	226	103,634	258,144	15
<b>Total Metered Sales to General Customers (461)</b>	<b>16,419</b>	<b>2,830,459</b>	<b>5,852,204</b>	16
Private Fire Protection Service (462)	548		78,249	17
Public Fire Protection Service (463)	16,199		797,076	18
Other Water Sales (465)				19
Sales for Resale (466)	0	0	0	20
Interdepartmental Sales (467)				21
<b>Total Sales of Water</b>	<b>33,166</b>	<b>2,830,459</b>	<b>6,727,529</b>	22

Below is the calculation used to determine per capita consumption:

739,909,000 (single family) + 272,095,000 (multifamily) = 1,012,004,000 gallons consumed for 2023.

Therefore, 1,012,004,000 gallons total - 223,652 gallons used by 5 non-city users = 1,011,780,348 gallons total for the City of La Crosse residential consumption for 2023. That total divided by 365 days = 2,772,000.95 gallons per day. That amount divided by the 2023 permanent population of 51,791 people = **53.52 gallons per capita per day. 96/100**



# Energy & Greenhouse Gas Emissions (EN)



In Progress:

2019: 8.47 per capita

2023: 11.18 per capita

Bringing our arc score from 100/100 to **90/100**  
translating to 12 points instead of 14 points for the  
prereq.

# Materials & Resources (MR)



In Progress:

Waste Performance Part 1			
Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2023	Year of Waste Data
Annual Municipal Solid Waste Generated (diverted+disposed)	Number (XXX,XXX)	37,299	Community Provided; Tons
Population relevant to data year	Number (XXX,XXX)	135,857	Use USGBC Population Calculator "Total population (per day)"
Annual Municipal Solid Waste Generated Per Capita	Calculated	0.27	Calculated

Waste Performance Part 2			
Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2023	Year of Waste Data
Annual Municipal Solid Waste Diverted	Number (XXX,XXX)		Community Provided; Tons
Annual Municipal Solid Waste Generated (diverted+disposed)	Number (XXX,XXX)	37,299	Community Provided
Diversion Rate	Calculated	0.0%	Calculated; Diverted divided by MSW Generated

# Quality of Life (QoL)



Quality of Life Performance - Education Part 1			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Percent high school graduate or higher (use 5-year estimates only)		Percent (XX.X)	95.3%
Quality of Life Performance - Education Part 2			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Percent bachelor's degree or higher (use 5-year estimates only)		Percent (XX.X)	35.2%
Quality of Life Performance - Equitability Part 1			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income (use 5-year estimates only)		Percent (XX.X)	30.3%
Quality of Life Performance - Equitability Part 2			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Gini Index (use 5-year estimates only)		Decimal (0.XXXX)	0.4712
Quality of Life Performance - Prosperity Part 1			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Median household income in the past 12 months		Number (US\$XX,XXX)	\$51,836

Quality of Life Performance - Prosperity Part 2			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Population 16 years and over/Unemployment rate Estimate		Percent (XX.X%)	3.5%
Quality of Life Performance - Health & Safety Part 1			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2023
Air Quality Index Median		Number (XXX.X)	41.0
Quality of Life Performance - Health & Safety Part 2			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2023
# AQ Days Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups		Number (XXX)	5
Quality of Life Performance - Health & Safety Part 3			
	Data Year	Year (YYYY)	2022
Violent crime		Number (XXX)	158
Population relevant to Data Year and Geographic Scale		Number (XXX,XXX)	52,043
Violent Crime Per Capita		Calculated	0.003035951





## LEED for Cities and Communities: Existing Cities

Project Scorecard

Project

Name City of La Crosse, WI

Project ID

1000203411

Date

8/27/2024

	Cities	Points attempted
<b>INTEGRATIVE PROCESS</b>	POSSIBLE: 5	0
Credit Integrative Planning and Leadership	1	
Credit Green Building Policy and Incentives	4	
<b>NATURAL SYSTEMS AND ECOLOGY</b>	POSSIBLE: 9	2
Prereq Ecosystem Assessment	REQUIRED	
Credit Green Spaces	2	
Credit Natural Resources Conservation and Restoration	2	2
Credit Light Pollution Reduction	1	0
Credit Resilience Planning	4	
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE</b>	POSSIBLE: 15	7
Prereq Transportation Performance	6	6
Credit Compact, Mixed Use and Transit Oriented Development	3	
Credit Safe, Multimodal Accessibility	2	
Credit Clean Transportation	1	
Credit Mobility Management	2	
Credit Priority Sites	1	1
<b>WATER EFFICIENCY</b>	POSSIBLE: 11	8
Prereq Water Access and Quality	REQUIRED	
Prereq Water Performance	6	6
Credit Integrated Water Management	1	
Credit Stormwater Management	2	2
Credit Smart Water Systems	2	
<b>ENERGY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS</b>	POSSIBLE: 30	14
Prereq Power Access, Reliability and Resiliency	REQUIRED	
Prereq Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance	14	12
Credit Energy Efficiency	4	
Credit Renewable Energy	6	
Credit Net Zero Carbon and Climate Action	4	2
Credit Grid Harmonization	2	

	Cities	Points attempted
<b>MATERIALS AND RESOURCES</b>	POSSIBLE: 10	0
Prereq Solid Waste Management	REQUIRED	
Prereq Waste Performance	4	
Credit Special Waste Streams Management	1	
Credit Responsible Procurement	1	
Credit Material Recovery	3	
Credit Smart Waste Management Systems	1	
<b>QUALITY OF LIFE</b>	POSSIBLE: 20	5
Prereq Demographic and Equity Assessment	REQUIRED	
Prereq Quality of Life Performance	6	5
Credit Social Services and Infrastructure	3	
Credit Economic Growth and Opportunity	3	
Credit Environmental Justice	1	
Credit Housing and Transportation Affordability	2	
Credit Public Health	3	
Credit Civic and Community Engagement	1	
Credit Civil and Human Rights	1	
<b>INNOVATION</b>	POSSIBLE: 6	0
Credit Innovation	6	
<b>REGIONAL PRIORITY</b>	POSSIBLE: 4	0
Credit Regional Priority	4	

**TOTAL**

110

38

40-49

50-59

60-79

80+

CERTIFIED

SILVER

GOLD

Platinum



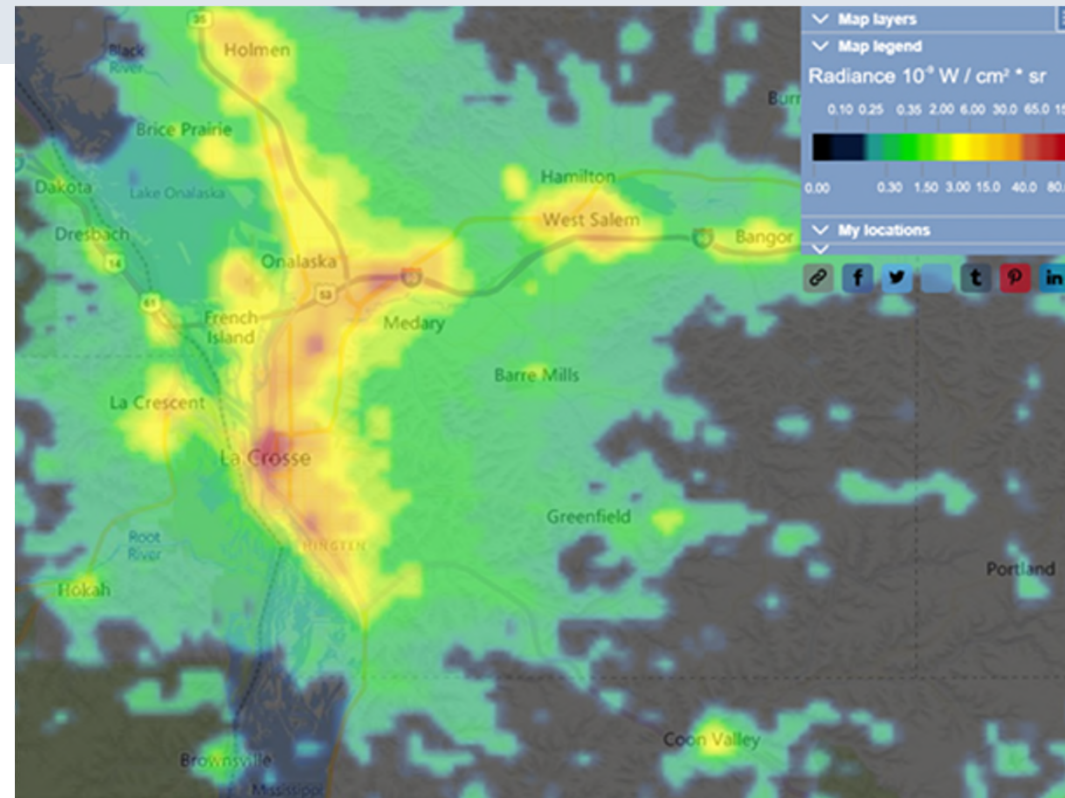
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# Natural Systems & Ecology (NS)



Base Condition:  
Ecosystem Assessment





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