

ARC Green Communities Certification Checklist
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GREEN BUILDING

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		1. Require new large buildings constructed and owned by the local jurisdiction to be LEED certified.
10		2. A local government building is LEED certified.
5		3. Require new buildings constructed and owned by the local jurisdiction will be certified ENERGY STAR or EarthCraft Light Commercial.
5		4. Require local government building renovations to be Energy Star certified or follow LEED guidelines.

30 **0** **Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		5. Offer incentives for green building certifications (LEED, EarthCraft, Energy Star) such as expediting planning development review process, offering reductions/waivers of development fees or other methods of encouraging green building.
5		6. Offer incentives for affordable and workforce housing entities to certify affordable housing as EarthCraft House, EarthCraft Multifamily, Energy Star or LEED for Homes.

10 **0** **Total Community Measures Points**

40 **0** **Total Green Building Points**

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		7. Conduct energy audits of local government facilities and implement recommendations -or- Engage in performance contracting for energy in government buildings.
5		8. Become a local government Energy Star Partner.
5		9. Adopt a policy to purchase at least Energy Star rated equipment and appliances.
5		10. Install LED lamps in traffic lights.
5		11. Have a "lights out / power down" policy, "lights out and electronics off when not in use" policy and / or use building/office occupancy and day lighting sensors.
5		12. Have a demonstration cool roof project.

35 **0** **Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		13. Establish a program to enforce Georgia's energy codes.
5		14. Have a light bulb exchange / incentive program for residents replace incandescent light bulbs for a more efficient compact florescent light (CFL) bulb.
5		15. Have ordinances or incentives to operate outdoor lighting more efficiently.

15 **0** **Total Community Measures Points**

50 **0** **Total Energy Efficiency Points**

GREEN POWER

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		16. Have a demonstration renewable energy project (such as solar or methane capture) on government property.
10		17. Become an EPA Green Power Partner.

20 **0** **Total Government Measures Points**

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Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		18. Remove regulatory barriers that prohibit / discourage onsite renewable energy technologies, such as solar panels.

5 0 Total Community Measures Points

25 0 Total Green Power Points

WATER USE REDUCTION AND EFFICIENCY

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		19. Conduct water audits (indoor and outdoor) of existing local government facilities and implement recommendations -or- Engage in performance contracting for water use in government buildings.
5		20. Require WaterSense certified high efficiency toilets (1.28gpf or less), urinals (0.5 gpf or less) and faucets (1.5gpm or less) in all new government buildings.
5		21. Use captured rainwater or reuse water to irrigate landscapes at government facilities.
5		22. Become a DCA Water First Community.

25 0 Total Government Measures Points

Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		23. Comply with Metro Water District Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan.
5		24. Comply with Metro Water District Wastewater Management Plan.
5		25. Comply with Metro Water District Stormwater Management Plan.
5		26. Provide incentives to developers and home builders to make new homes Water Sense certified.

20 0 Total Community Measures Points

45 0 Total Water Points

TREES AND GREENSPACE

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		27. Meet at least one of the following benchmarks for greenspace (1) have 20 acres per 1,000 residents, (2) percent parkland of total land is 8%, (3) all residents live within 1/2 mile walking distance to a park.
10		28. Adopt a government no net loss of trees policy for government property.
5		29. Develop and adopt a Greenspace plan that provides for connectivity of protected greenspace within and among communities.
5		30. Have a demonstration green roof project.
5		31. Adopt organic and drought tolerant landscape practices at local government facilities.

35 0 Total Government Measures Points

Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		32. Become a Tree City USA (requires Tree Board or dept to develop a comprehensive tree management program, tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, arbor day observance and proclamation).
5		33. Amend landscape and development standards to include shade coverage requirements.
5		34. Support and designate space for site(s) for community gardens and / or farmers markets.

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50 0 Total Trees and Greenspace Points

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TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		35. Adopt a Commute Option program for employees that supports alternatives to driving alone or driving at peak times (carpool, vanpool, public transit, bike and pedestrian commuters, compressed workweeks, telecommuting and/or flexible work hours.
10		36. Adopt a green fleet policy that includes purchasing the most fuel efficient and least polluting vehicle that will meet the needs for use of the vehicle (appropriate size and type) will be purchased and gives preference to the purchase of alternative fuel and / or hybrid fleet vehicles for fleet vehicle replacement.
5		37. Adopt a no-idling policy for local government vehicles.
5		38. Retrofit buses, construction equipment or other applicable government vehicles for pollution control.
5		39. Provide alternative fueling station(s) or purchase alternative fuel(s) for government fleets.

35	0	Total Government Measures Points
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Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
10		40. Adopt complete streets policies and / or design standards.
5		41. Work to improve traffic signal synchronization and provide traveler information systems through the Smart Corridors System.
5		42. Implement a "safe routes to school" program to promote walking and bicycling to school.
5		43. Require end of trip bicycle facilities at all community facilities.
5		44. Adopt bike and pedestrian friendly policies.
5		45. Amend development regulations to encourage shared parking, joint parking and / or reduce parking requirements (could adopt a max parking requirement).

35	0	Total Community Measures Points
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70	0	Total Transportation and Air Quality Points
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RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		46. Implement environmentally preferable purchasing program that accounts for life cycle costs and gives preference to products that are recycled, recyclable and otherwise more environmentally friendly than traditional products.
5		47. Implement a recycling program for traditional recycling materials at local government facilities (including recycling paper, glass, metal containers, plastics).
5		48. Implement a recycling program for non - traditional recycling materials at local government facilities (may include recycling copier toner, ink cartridges, batteries, cell phones, compact florescent lights and electronics).
5		49. Purchase recycled copy, computer and fax paper with at least 30% recycled content.

25	0	Total Government Measures Points
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Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		50. Offer curbside recycling to all residents through local operations or solid waste contracts.
5		51. Have recycling drop off location(s) or regularly scheduled events for electronics, batteries, cell phones and compact florescent light bulbs.
5		52. Implement organics and yard debris collection for composting and other beneficial uses.

15	0	Total Community Measures Points
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40	0	Total Recycling and Waste Reduction Points
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LAND USE

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
10		53. A local government has located one or more of its facility / facilities at a brownfield site(s).
5		54. A local government has located one or more of its facility / facilities at a greyfield site(s).

15 **0** **Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
10		55. Analyze potential areas and develop incentive(s) and / or other revitalization strategies for reuse of buildings, greyfield redevelopment and / or brownfield redevelopment. Make this information available to developers and promote.
5		56. Offer incentives / bonuses that support smart growth (such as incentives for development and redevelopment in existing downtown areas, transit oriented development, traditional neighborhood development, mixed use development and / or in-fill development).

15 **0** **Total Community Measures Points**

30 **0** **Total Land Use Points**

EDUCATION

Possible Points	Earned Points	Government Measures
5		57. Educate staff on the green community measures being implemented and offered within the jurisdiction.

5 **0** **Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Earned Points	Community Measures
5		58. Educate the public, schools, professional associations, business, and industry about implemented green communities program measures made available in their jurisdiction.

5 **0** **Total Community Measures Points**

10 **0** **Total Education Points**

INNOVATION

Possible Points	Earned Points	Innovation Measures
5		59. Innovation points can apply to a government or community measure that is not included in any of the above categories. Each innovation measure can be worth 5 points and the maximum points to be allowed in the Innovation category is 15.
5		60. Innovation points can apply to a government or community measure that is not included in any of the above categories. An Innovation measure can be worth 5 points and the maximum points to be allowed in the Innovation category is 15.
5		61. Innovation points can apply to a government or community measure that is not included in any of the above categories. An Innovation measure can be worth 5 and the maximum points to be allowed in the Innovation category is 15.

15 **0** **Total Innovation Points**

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TOTALS

Possible Points	Points Earned	Major Categories
40	0	Green Building
50	0	Energy Efficiency
25	0	Green Power
45	0	Water Use Reduction and Efficiency
50	0	Trees and Green Space
70	0	Transportation and Air Quality
40	0	Recycling and Waste Reduction
30	0	Land Use
10	0	Education
15	0	Innovation
375	0	Total Earned Points

Level 1	175 - 224 Points
Level 2	225 - 274 Points
Level 3	275 - 375 Points