

Dunedin is a Certified Green City

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) has recognized the City of Dunedin's outstanding environmental stewardship by designating it as a Certified Green Local Government at the silver level. Dunedin is the third city and fourth local government in the State of Florida, to receive this prestigious designation as a green city. At the direction of the City Commission, the certification effort was spearheaded by Douglas Hutchens, Public Works & Utilities Department Director, Valerie Lane, Sustainability Coordinator, and the Committee on Environmental Quality.

Dunedin received points or "credit" for activities, ordinances, and programs that improve our local government's environmental performance in the areas of energy, water, air, land, and waste.

City of Dunedin Administration has shown their commitment to environmental stewardship by:

- Incorporating environmental protection into the city's comprehensive plan.
- Becoming an Energy Star Partner and partnering with the local energy utility to offer energy audits and workshops to the public.
- Joining the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), U.S. Green Building Coalition (USGBC), and Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies Organization (FLERA).

The City monitors and tracks usage in city buildings to look for opportunities for conservation and increased efficiency in the areas of

- Energy Use
- Water Use
- Solid Waste Generation and Recycling Rates

The City has developed and enacted policies and ordinances to accomplish some environmental objectives. These include:

- Historic preservation ordinance
- Tree preservation ordinance
- Landscape ordinance
- Watering restrictions & conservation water rates
- Maximum utilization of reclaimed water to offset potable usage for irrigation
- Septic system replacement ordinance
- Mitigation for the consumption of natural resources
- Purchasing Energy Star electronic equipment for in-house use

The City has also achieved these prestigious awards and designations

- DEP Water/Wastewater Plant Operations Excellence Award
- Tree City USA from National Arbor Day Foundation
- Clean Marina designation pending
- LEED-certified silver Community Center

The City educates the public through a variety of venues

- The City of Dunedin Nature Center
- Seminars on Waste Reduction and Recycling, Water Conservation, Energy Conservation, and Disaster Preparedness
- City Website and cable TV channel with sustainability tips and information
- Printed information in city buildings about green building, alternative transportation, recycling, and water conservation.

The environmental quality of our City parks is protected by

- Applying Florida Friendly landscaping principals
- Utilizing integrated pest management to limit pesticide use

