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GREEN BUILDING

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

30	**25**	**Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Points Applying For	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	**25**	**Total Green Building Points**

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10	10	7. Conduct energy audits of local government facilities and implement recommendations *-or-* Engage in performance contracting for energy efficiency in government buildings.
5		8. Become a local government ENERGY STAR Partner and develop an Energy Strategy for the Future.
5		9. Adopt a policy to purchase at least ENERGY STAR rated equipment and appliances.
5	5	10. Install light-emitting diode (LED) lamps in traffic lights.
5		11. Have a “lights out / power down” and/or a “lights out and electronics off when not in use” policy.
5		12. Have a demonstration cool roof.
10	10	13. Have a program that encourages the replacement of inefficient light bulbs with more energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs.

45	**25**	**Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
5	5	14. Establish an active inspection program for residential and commercial construction projects to enforce Georgia's energy codes.
5		15. Have ordinances or incentives to operate outdoor lighting more efficiently.

10	**5**	**Total Community Measures Points**
55	**30**	**Total Energy Efficiency Points**

GREEN POWER

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10		16. Have a demonstration renewable energy project (such as solar or methane capture).
10		17. Become a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Green Power Partner.

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

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Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
5		18. Offer incentives for solar energy on new construction such as expedited planning development review process, offering reductions/waivers of development fees or other methods of encouraging use of solar energy.

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

25	**0**	**Total Green Power Points**

WATER USE REDUCTION AND EFFICIENCY

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10	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	5	20. Require all new government buildings to have high efficiency plumbing fixtures that meet the following standards: toilets with1.28gpf or less, urinals with 0.5 gpf or less, and faucets with 1.5gpm or less.
5		21. Use captured rainwater or reuse water to irrigate landscapes at government facilities.
5	5	22. Become a Georgia Department of Community Affairs WaterFirst Community.

25	**20**	**Total Government Measures Points**

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

20	**15**	**Total Community Measures Points**

45	**35**	**Total Water Points**

TREES AND GREENSPACE

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10		27. Meet at least one of the following benchmarks for greenspace: (1) have 20 acres per 1,000 residents, (2) have at least 8 percent of total land protected for greenspace, or (3) all residents live within ½ mile walking distance to a park.
10	10	28. Adopt a government no net loss of trees policy for government property.
5		29. Develop, adopt and implement 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	**10**	**Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
5	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. Develop and enforce parking lot canopy standards that result in 50% canopy coverage of impervious parking surfaces within 15 years of completion.
5	0	34. Adopt a community forest master plan.
5	5	35. Support and designate space for community gardens.
5		36. Support and designate space for farmers markets.

25	**10**	**Total Community Measures Points**

60	**20**	**Total Trees and Greenspace Points**

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TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10		37. Adopt a Commute Option program for employees that supports alternatives to driving alone or driving at the peak.
10		38. Adopt a green fleet policy that includes purchasing the most fuel efficient and least polluting vehicle that will meet the needs for the use of the vehicle (appropriate size and type) and gives preference to the purchase of alternative fuel and/or hybrid fleet vehicles for fleet vehicle replacement.
5		39. Adopt a no-idling policy for local government vehicles.
5		40. Retrofit buses, construction equipment or other applicable government vehicles for pollution control.
5		41. Produce and/or purchase alternative fuel(s) for government fleet vehicles.

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

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
10		42. Adopt complete streets policy or ordinance.
5		43. Work to improve traffic signal synchronization to ease congestion and reduce idling times.
5		44. Implement a Safe Routes To School program to promote safe walking and bicycling to school.
5		45. Require end of trip bicycle facilities at all community facilities.
5		46. Adopt bicycle and pedestrian friendly policies.
5		47. 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**
70	**0**	**Total Transportation and Air Quality Points**

RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10		48. 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	5	49. Implement a recycling program for traditional recycling materials at local government facilities, including recycling paper, metal containers, plastics.
5		50. Implement a recycling program for non-traditional recycling materials at local government facilities including recycling copier toner, ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cell phones and electronics.
5		51. Purchase recycled copy, computer, and fax paper with at least 30 percent recycled content.

25	**5**	**Total Government Measures Points**

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
5	5	52. Offer curbside recycling to all residents through local operations or solid waste contracts.
5	5	53. Offer recycling services to commercial businesses through local operations or solid waste contracts.
5		54. Have recycling drop off location(s) or regularly scheduled events for electronics, rechargeable batteries and cell phones.
10		55. Operate recycling drop off location(s) or regularly scheduled events for properly disposing of common household hazardous wastes.
5	5	56. Implement organics and yard debris collection for composting and other beneficial uses.

30	**15**	**Total Community Measures Points**
55	**20**	**Total Recycling and Waste Reduction Points**

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LAND USE

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
10	0	57. A local government has located one or more of its facilities at a brownfield site.
5	0	58. A local government has located one or more of its facilities at a greyfield site.

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

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
5	0	59. Offer incentives 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).
5	0	60. Analyze potential areas and develop incentives and/or other revitalization strategies for reuse of buildings, greyfield redevelopment and / or brownfield redevelopment. Make this information available to developers and promote.

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

25	**0**	**Total Land Use Points**

EDUCATION

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Government Measures
5	5	61. Educate staff on the green community measures being implemented and offered within the jurisdiction.

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

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Community Measures
5	5	62. Educate the public, schools, professional associations, businesses, and industries about implemented green communities program measures made available in the jurisdiction.

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

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

INNOVATION

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Innovation Measures
5	5	63. Implement projects, policies, programs, etc. that reduce the local community's environmental impact and are not included in a previously outlined Green Communities measure.
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15	**15**	**Total Innovation Points**

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TOTALS

Possible Points	Points Applying For	Major Categories
40	25	Green Building
55	30	Energy Efficiency
25	0	Green Power
45	35	Water Use Reduction and Efficiency
60	20	Trees and Green Space
70	0	Transportation and Air Quality
55	20	Recycling and Waste Reduction
25	0	Land Use
10	10	Education
15	15	Innovation
400	**155**	**Total Points Applying For**

Level 1	**175 - 229 Points**
Level 2	**230 - 279 Points**
Level 3	**280 - 400 Points**