

Sustainability



CITY OF CLAREMONT ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT CARD & BACKGROUND REPORT

NOVEMBER 2009

The purpose of this report card is to inform the community regarding its progress toward meeting the goals and numeric targets contained in the Claremont Sustainable City Plan. It is meant to be a succinct yet comprehensive measure of how we are progressing toward sustainability as a community – economically, culturally, and environmentally. It can be used to celebrate our successes and identify areas where we must make adjustments in order to achieve goals. Beginning in 2009, this report card will be generated annually by City staff, reviewed by the Claremont Sustainability Committee and then adopted by the City Council. It is hoped that each of the “grades” contained in this Annual Sustainability Report Card will be the subject of enthusiastic attention and discussion among all sectors of the Claremont community.

Sustainability Report

PERFORMANCE MEASURE SUMMARY TABLE

Performance Key: ▲ Exceeds Goal = Meets Goal ▼ Below/Behind Goals

Goal Area	Target	Measure	Performance City	Performance Community
Resource Conservation				
Energy Use	Reduce 20% by 2015	Total energy used	▼	▼
		% renewable	▼	▲
		KWH saved	=	=
Water	Reduce 20% by 2012	Gal/person/day	▲	=
	Reduce 40% by 2017	Gal/person/day	▲	=
Solid Waste	70% Diversion Rate by 2010	% Diverted	=	=
	Increase Composting	Tons Diverted	=	=
Environment & Public Health				
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Reduce 20% by 2020	Tons of carbon equivalent	TBD	TBD
Toxics	Downward trend on toxics used in City operations	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Upward trend on participation in HHW Collection Programs	Number of participants	=	=
Local & Organic Food	Upward trend	TBD	=	▲

Goal Area	Target	Measure	Performance	
			City	Community
Transportation				
Vehicle Miles Traveled	Downward trend	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	=	=
Cleaner Modes	Increase % of bike & pedestrian trips	# of transit, bicycle, pedestrian trips	▲	
Built Environment				
Green Buildings	100% of new development built to LEED standards	% of buildings LEED certified	=	=
Green Infrastructure	% of infrastructure that is designed to be sustainable	Cost in CIP as % of expenditures	▼	▼
Open Space				
Natural Open Space	Maintain total acreage	Total Acreage	=	=
Urban Forest	Increase trees	Number & condition of trees	=	=
Housing & Economic Sustainability				
Meet state goals for affordable housing	Percentage of units that are affordable	State affordability standards	=	=
Economic Vitality	Healthy & sustainable local economy	TBD	▼	▼
Public Outreach				
Education Effort	Meet outreach efforts in sustainability plan	Checklist of actions completed or survey of residents	=	▲

2009 Sustainability Accomplishments

City Government (Partial List)

The following sustainability accomplishments were completed by the City of Claremont in 2009.

- Sustainability Committee: City Council appointed a 9-member Sustainability Committee on January 13, 2009. The committee provides broad citizen oversight for implementation of the Claremont Sustainable City Plan.
- Sustainable Claremont: City staff facilitated formation of a community-based non-profit which now has approximately 85 energetic members.
- Earth Day Celebration: City staff worked with citizen groups and local merchants to hold the first annual Earth Day Celebration on April 26, 2009.
- Staff Green Team: The City Manager appointed a "Green Team" composed of City staff from various disciplines to help implement the sustainability plan.
- Energy Efficiency Improvements to City Facilities: City staff completed improvements to reduce energy consumption at City facilities and will save the City approximately \$45,000 annually (over 200 tons of greenhouse gases averted).
- Water Efficiency Improvements to City Facilities: City staff installed low flow, dual flush toilets and waterless urinals throughout its facilities; saving more than 1.5 million gallons of water per year.
- Water Conservation ordinance: The City adopted a water conservation ordinance to help local water agencies respond to drought conditions and dwindling supplies of imported water.
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program: The City was awarded \$147,600 in funds from the federal stimulus program. The funds will be used to complete a Citywide energy conservation strategy and fund energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory: City staff is currently working to complete an inventory that estimates current greenhouse emissions Citywide. The document will allow the City to measure progress toward sustainability goals, meet state mandates and compete for federal funds.

Community (Partial List)

- Sustainable Claremont: The community has responded to the recommendation of the Sustainable City Plan and formed a community-based non-profit which now has approximately 85 members.
- Earth Day Celebration: City staff worked with several citizen groups and local merchants to hold the first annual Earth Day Celebration on April 26, 2009.
- Green Development: The local development community and colleges have completed several "green" buildings. While major construction was limited by the economy in 2009, all major non-residential buildings were constructed to LEED standards.
- Water Efficiency: Beginning on July 1, 2009, City residents were called on to conserve water by both City staff and Golden State Water Company. The goal was to conserve at least 10 percent of water over past consumption. The result through the first three months has been excellent with the water company indicating that residents have conserved 5.2 percent.
- Clean Local Energy Production: Claremont families installed Photovoltaic solar panels on 42 homes in the last twelve months, 13 more systems than had been installed in the previous 5 years. These new systems generate approximately 250,000 kWh of clean electricity per year. Based on a very limited survey of past permits, this year's new PV solar installations roughly double solar electricity production in the City.

Important Terms and Definitions:

“**City**” shall mean the City of Claremont Municipal Corporation the City government including its staff, commissions, committees and council.

“**Community**” shall mean the entire community of Claremont including all residents, students, businesses and visitors within the incorporated limits of the City of Claremont.

“**LEED**” stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a rating system created by the United States Green Building Council to evaluate the environmental performance of buildings.

“**Sustainability**” shall mean the ability for the City and residents of Claremont to meet the needs of the present economy, society and environment while preserving the ability of future generations to meet their needs. (Source: Claremont General Plan, adopted November 14, 2006)

Grading Definitions:

- ▲ **Exceeds Goals;** data or subjective (sometimes anecdotal) evidence indicates that goals are being exceeded by 10% or more.
- = **Meets Goals;** data or subjective (sometimes anecdotal) evidence indicates that goals are being met, within 10% margin of error.
- ▼ **Below/Behind Goals;** data or subjective (sometimes anecdotal) evidence indicate that progress is below expected goals by 10% or more.

Definition of Sustainability

“The ability for the City and residents of Claremont to meet the needs of the present economy, society and environment while preserving the ability of future generations to meet their needs”. (Source: Claremont General Plan, adopted November 14, 2006)

Report Card Organization

This report is organized around the seven goal areas identified in the Claremont Sustainable City Plan. Each goal area contains several goals that are designed to improve the sustainability of the City and community in that area. Many goal areas, such as water and energy, have numeric targets that translate to quantitative objective measures that are easily measured and evaluated. Other goal areas, such as outreach and economic sustainability, are more difficult to measure and are evaluated with more subjective and sometimes anecdotal evidence.

Goal Areas

Goal Area 1 – Resource Conservation

Energy

Goal 1.1.1 - Reduce energy consumed by 20% by 2015 (2003 Baseline)

City:

3,344,500 kWh = 2003 Baseline Energy (City)

3,868,041 kWh = Peak Energy Use (2008)

2,675,600 kWh = Target Energy Use in 2015 (City)

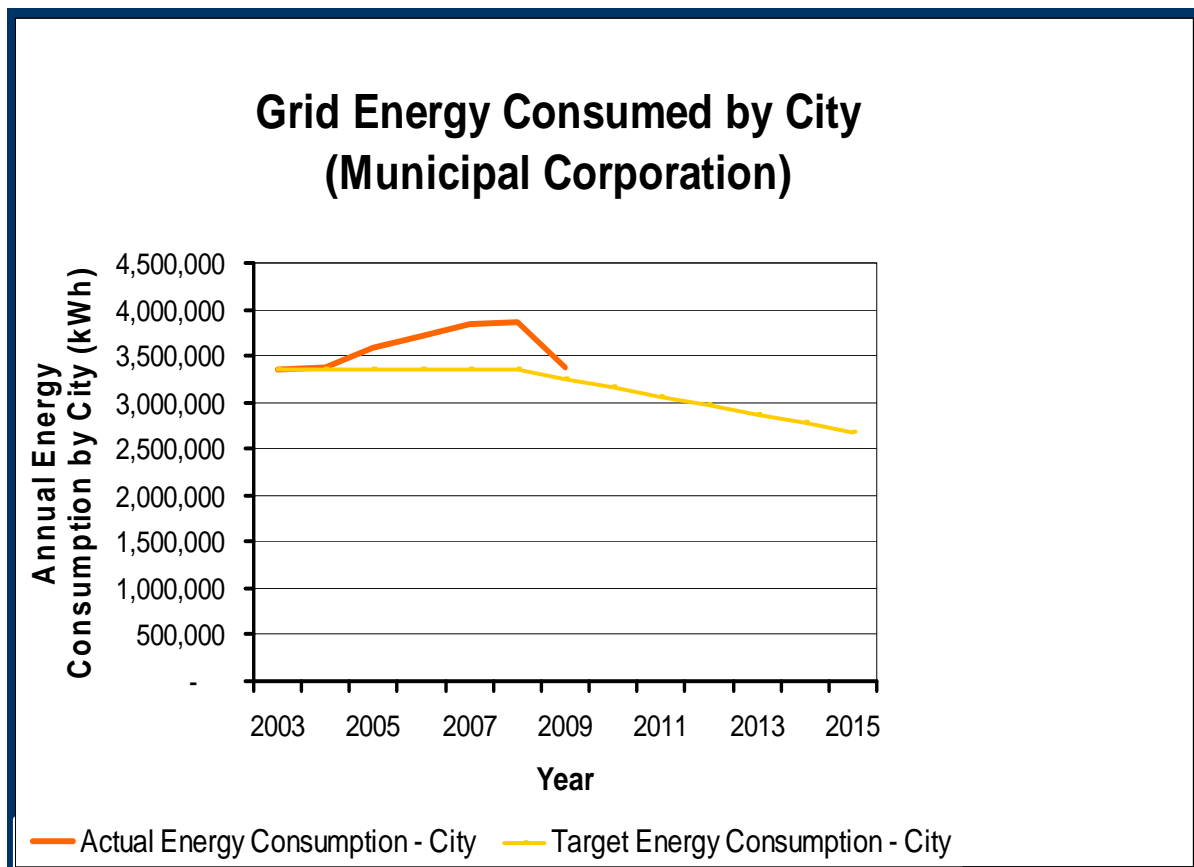
1,192,846 kWh = Annual energy savings needed from 2008 peak for City to reach its goal

375,000 kWh = Estimated annual energy savings from projects completed since Oct. 2008

\$225,000/year = amount saved each year by taxpayers if City reaches its goal (20% by 2015)

Note: Based on consumption data provided by Southern California Edison Co.

- For the City of Claremont (municipal Corporation) to be on pace to reach its target, baseline electrical consumption should have been reduced by 2.9% in 2009. Unfortunately, it increased by 1%. This increase is consistent with regional trends and is due to the addition of new City facilities such as parks and streetlights as well as more intensive use of technological equipment.



- Although the City is not yet below the target energy use line in the table, the City did make progress this year. Much of this is due to changes such as retrofitting lights, installing motion sensing light timers, and making other miscellaneous physical improvements to City-owned facilities. These changes are expected to result in significant energy savings in coming years.

Electricity Efficiency Projects – Municipal Corporation	
235,882 (kWh)/yr	= 2009 completed electrical efficiency projects for City facilities (7.1%)
138,600 (kWh)/yr	= 2009 electrical efficiency project for City facilities in-progress (4.1%)
11.2 %	= Total estimated savings for City facilities from 2009 projects

Community: Overall communitywide electrical use increased slightly and in line with regional trends. It has taken more time to develop specific programs to engage private citizens in energy efficiency efforts; however, City staff is optimistic that loan programs and the Sustainable Claremont Energy Efficiency retrofit program, which are currently under development, may result in significant improvements next year.

Communitywide Electricity Consumption

2006	248,204,336 kWh
2007	245,151,276 kWh
2008	277,347,026 kWh
% Change	+11%

Notes regarding Natural Gas: (1) Based on a December 2006 audit, Natural Gas accounts for less than 10 percent of energy costs for City facilities. As a result, City energy efficiency improvements have focused on electricity rather than gas. (2) City staff lacked resources necessary to include a broad discussion of City and Community natural gas consumption in this year’s report card. This data will be included in future report cards.

Goal 1.1.2 – Produce more clean energy locally

City:

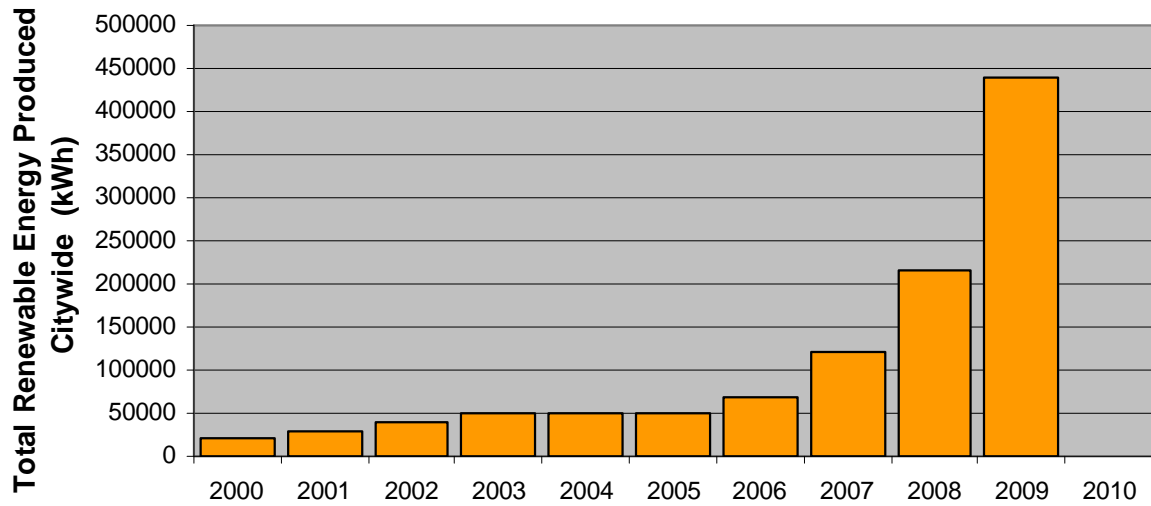
- In June, the City Council authorized a plan to utilize federal stimulus funds to construct photovoltaic solar panels on two city facilities. These funds are part of a larger energy efficiency strategy that is under development. The solar panels are expected to be installed in 2010.

Community:

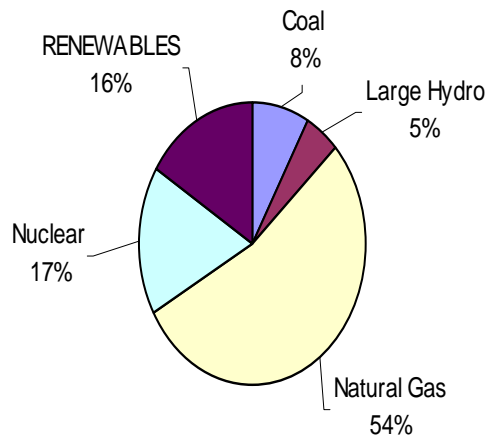
- Claremont families installed photovoltaic solar panels on 42 homes in the last twelve months. The new systems generate approximately 250,000 kWh of clean electricity per year; roughly doubling solar electricity production in the City.

Renewable Energy Mix – Community Wide

Total Renewable Energy Citywide



Claremont Energy Mix by Source



Water

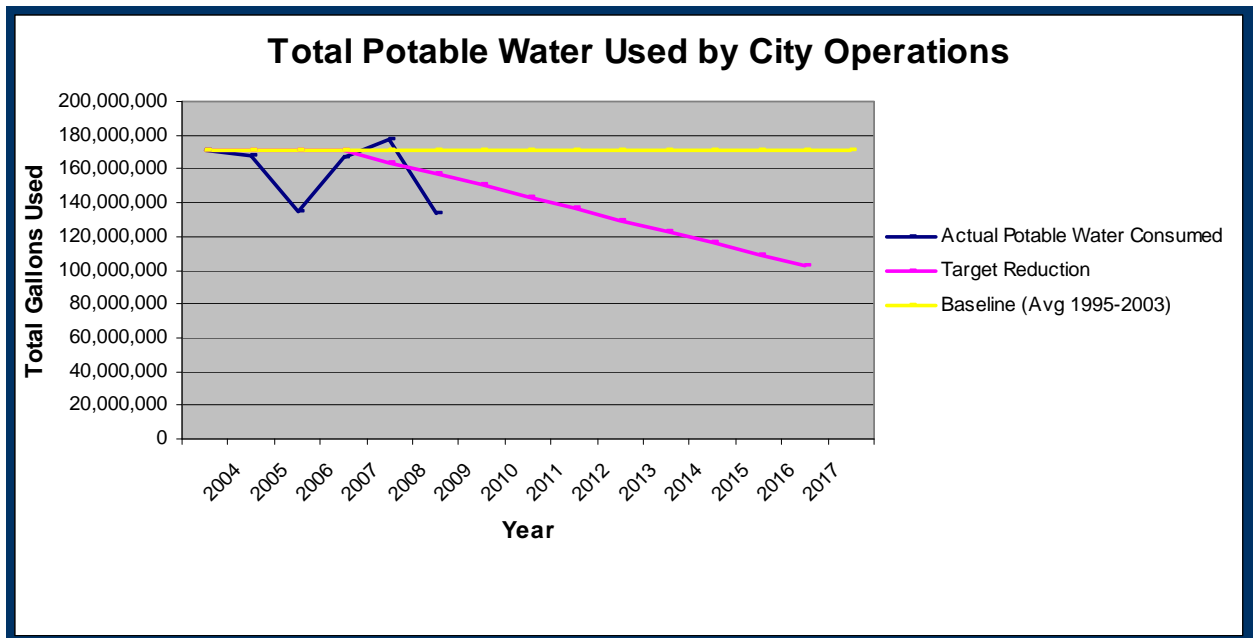
According "California's Drought" the Department of Water Resources report to the Governor on March 30, 2009, the state is in the third year of a serious drought. Water supplies are strained and conservation is urgently needed.

Note: Water progress updates are based on consumption data provided by Golden State Water Co.

Goal 1.2.1 – Reduce Total Water Consumed by 20% by 2012 and 40% by 2017

City:

- Reduced City water consumption by 37,500,000 gallons (22% below the baseline)



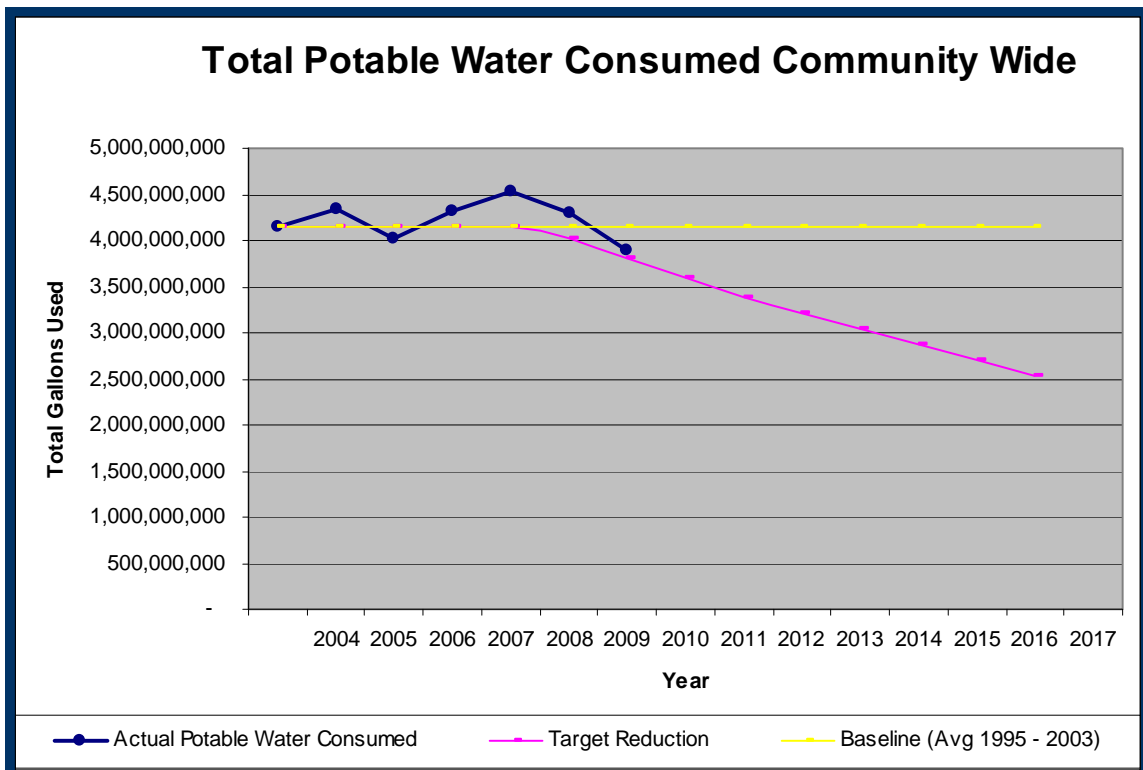
- Working to develop a water efficient landscape ordinance to respond to a state mandate. This ordinance is expected to be adopted in January 2010.
- Installed low flow fixtures at all major facilities
- The City accounts for roughly 3% of total water consumed community-wide

City (Municipal Corp.) Water Consumption		
Baseline (Average 1995-2003)	170,923,984	Gallons/year
2008-2009	133,357,928	Gallons/year
% Change	- 22 %	

Community:

The Claremont community has been asked by the City and Golden State Water and other state and regional water agencies to conserve water.

- Golden State Water has provided water conservation kits, low flow toilets, and water conservation tips to customers, as mandated by the State Public Utilities Commission.
- Water consumption over the last 12 months is 5.9 percent below the baseline.
- In the first three months since the City passed a water conservation ordinance and Golden State Water began asking customers to voluntarily conserve 10%, water users community-wide have reduced their water use by 13%.



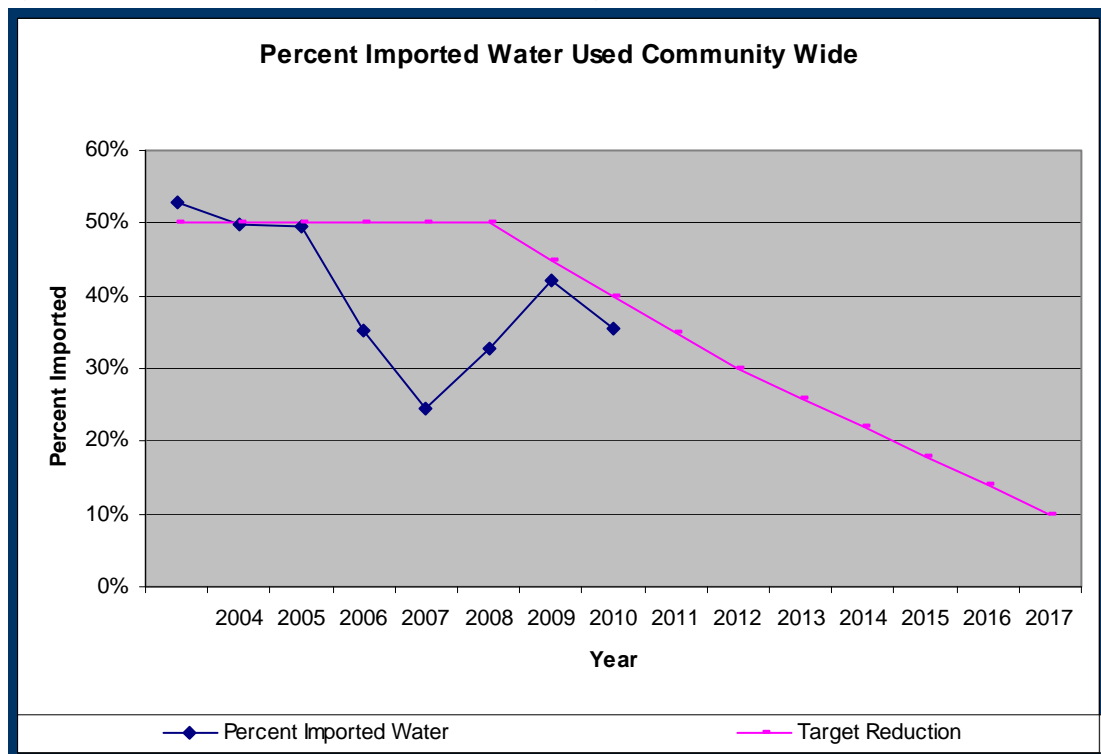
Source of data: Golden State Water Company

Community Wide Water Consumption		
Baseline Average Use (Average of 1995-2003)	4,148,816,013	Gallons/year
2009 (12 months ending Oct. 31, 2009)	3,904,146,209	Gallons
% Change	- 5.9 %	

Goal 1.2.2 – Reduce consumption of imported water community-wide by 40% by 2012 and 80% by 2017

Community:

- Imported water varies widely in the City based on a number of factors. Overall the community's use of water has declined from a high of 53% in 2003 to 35% for the 12 months ending in October 2009. Currently, it appears that the City is on target to meet its imported water reduction goals.



Goal 1.2.3 – Minimize waste of water resources by advocating and implementing wise use and conservation measures

City:

The City adopted a Citywide water conservation ordinance that prohibits certain wasteful uses of water.

Community:

Golden State Water Company enacted a water conservation plan that prohibits certain wasteful uses of water and encourages customers to voluntarily conserve at least 10% of past water use (baseline is average of 2004-2006 consumption).

Solid Waste

Goal 1.3.1 – Reduce total amount of waste being sent to landfills by 10% by 2015 (baseline year 2000)

Community:

- The community reduced total waste generated by 12.9 percent this year cutting total waste to 29,646 tons from 34,030 tons during the baseline year (2000).

Goal 1.3.2 – Increase amount of composting and mulching

City:

- Processed green waste for re-use as mulch and compost rather than previous use as “daily cover” in landfills.
- Implemented a pilot commercial and multi-family recycling program. The pilot program resulted in an increase in recyclable materials collected.
- Continued and expanded a free mulch program for residents. The program converts City tree trimmings to mulch that is then given away to local citizens for use as sustainable ground cover for landscapes.
- Total material composted by the City solid waste division has grown from an average of approximately 500 tons/year in 2004-2007 to 6,500 tons/year in 2009

Goal 1.3.3 – Increase diversion of waste from landfills to 70% by 2010

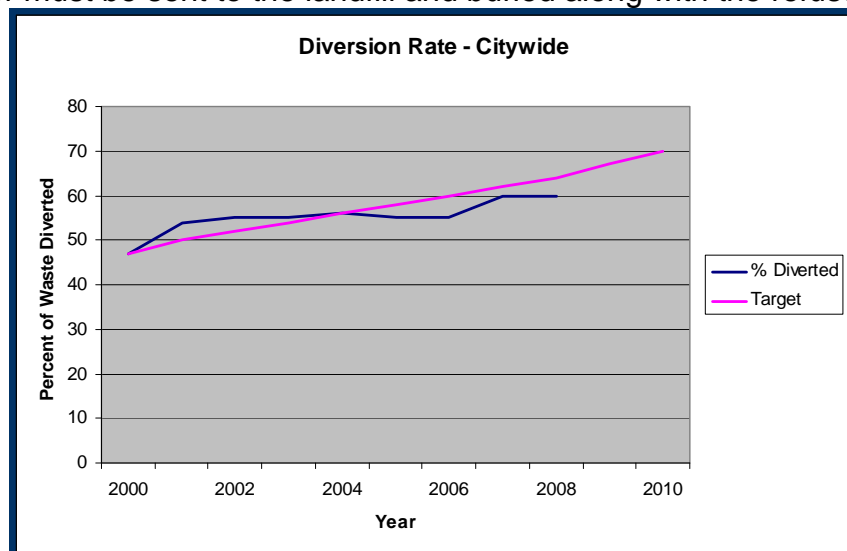
City:

- Diverted 60% of the all collected refuse away from the landfill.

Community:

- Claremonters continued to receive a 99% acceptance rate of green waste – sharing the title for the cleanest green waste in the region. This is important because, green waste that is contaminated with trash, recycle or other unacceptable matter must be sent to the landfill and buried along with the refuse.

City (Municipal Corp.) Waste Diversion Rate	
2000	47 %
2008	60 %
% Change	30 %



Goal Area 2 – Environmental and Public Health

Goal 2.1 - Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

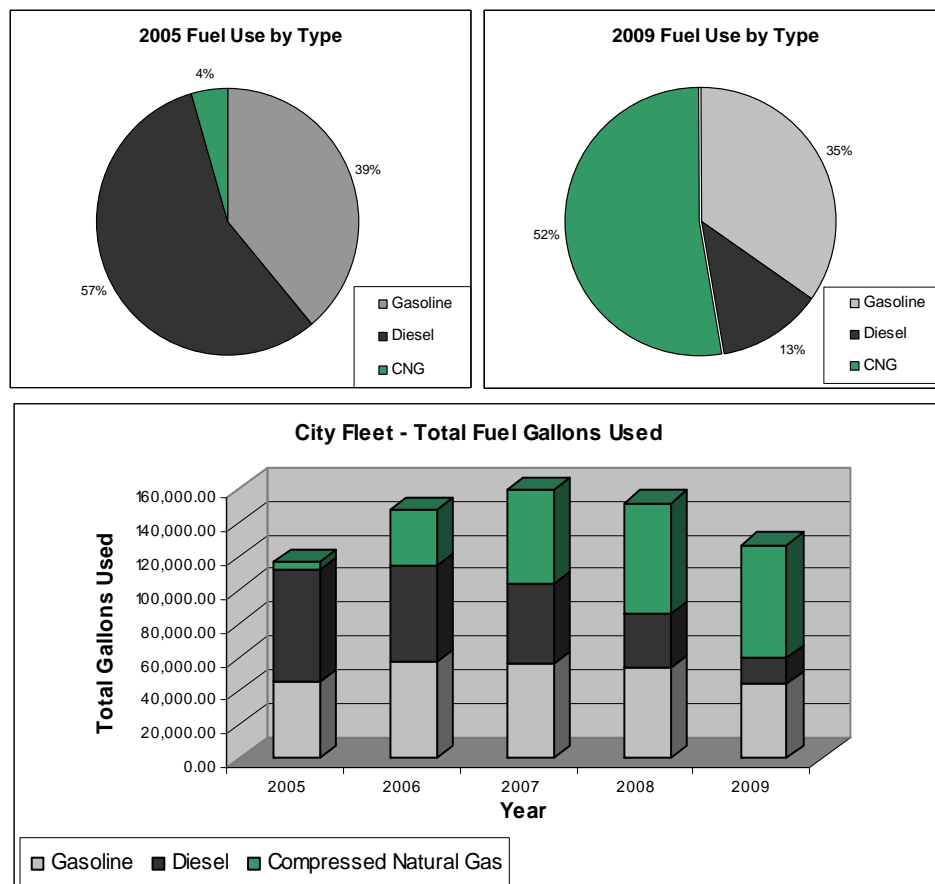
City:

The City funded and has begun work on an inventory of greenhouse gases emitted by the City and community. This is the first step in measuring numeric targets and measuring progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The inventory will include a strategy for complying with AB 32, which requires a 20% reduction in GHG emissions by the year 2020 (baseline year is 1990).

Goal 2.2 – Air Quality: Implement Air Quality Improvement Strategies recommended by South Coast Air Quality Management District

City:

- Converting fleet of City vehicles from Diesel and Gasoline to cleaner fuel types such as compressed natural gas (CNG) and gas hybrid vehicles that use less gas.



- Improved City's CNG refueling infrastructure to increase capacity.
- Making CNG fueling facility available to other entities such as the school district and to increase local use of this cleaner fuel type.
- Since 2007, City has reduced its total vehicular fuel consumption by approximately 20%.

Goal 2.2 – Toxics : Increase utilization of household hazardous waste collection programs

City:

In February, the City held its annual HHW roundup in cooperation with LA County Sanitation Districts. This year's collection had its highest participation ever.

Community:

In addition to the City's annual HHW roundup, there were at least two additional e-waste collection events held in the community (Our Lady of Assumption Church and Claremont High School). These events provided new opportunities for residents and businesses to turn in their hazardous waste materials at additional times during the year.

Goal 2.3 - Create forums for the exchange of locally grown foods

City:

- The City continued its support for and participation in the Claremont Farmers Market and supported the formation of the new Green Market.

Community:

- **Food Not Lawns:** This non-profit group continued to work with local families to help convert existing front lawns into productive vegetable and fruit gardens.
- **Green Market:** In March, the Claremont Forum began a weekly "green market" offering local organic foods and other green products every Wednesday in the College Heights Packing House. This weekly event provides an opportunity to purchase fresh local vegetables in Claremont in addition to the existing Sunday Farmer's Market.
- **Farmscape:** This new Claremont business was established to construct vegetable gardens on residential properties and provide optional growing/harvesting service for residents. The concept has been very popular locally and has already expanded to service other southern California communities.
- **Community Garden at Methodist Church:** This spring, the Claremont United Methodist Church established a new garden that is open to the community. All available plots were quickly reserved and planted by community members.

Goal 2.4 - Increase school district or community gardens

Claremont Unified School District: The school district initiated gardening projects at Sycamore School in the spring and currently operates organic gardens at Vista Elementary, Oakmont Elementary and the High School.

Sustainable Claremont Schools Action Group: This group has been working with the new school superintendent and is planning to implement a school gardening project in the spring Goal Area 3 – Transportation

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Goal 3.1 - Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT)

City:

The City funded and has begun work on an inventory of greenhouse gases emitted by the City and Community. This is the first step in measuring setting numeric targets and measuring progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The inventory will include a strategy for complying with AB 32, which requires a 20% reduction in GHG emissions by the year 2020 (baseline year is 1990).

Goal 3.2 – Increase Pedestrian Facilities

City:

- Constructed 1,200 feet of new sidewalks.
- Secured funding and completed design work for 1,500 feet of new sidewalks on Foothill Boulevard.
- Secured funding and completed design work for 500,000 square feet of upgraded sidewalks and other pedestrian safety and amenity upgrades in the Village.

Goal 3.3 – Increase Bicycle Commute Trips

City:

- Completed design for Bikestation at the Claremont Depot and a bicycle priority zone in central Claremont.
- Added bicycle racks in Village (capacity of 24 bicycles).
- Held bicycle rodeo for community as part of Earth Day Celebration.
- Maintained designation as a Bike Friendly Community.
- Completed design for the Citrus Regional Bikeway to be constructed in 2010.

Goal 3.4 – Increase Transit Ridership

City:

Implemented new pedestrian trolley in Village area, however, ridership was not adequate to justify continued operation. Service was canceled after six months.

Goal Area 4 – Sustainable Built Environment

Goal 4.1 – 100% of new City facilities to gain LEED Gold Certification

City:

No new City buildings were designed in 2009, however members of both the City's building and planning divisions became LEED accredited professionals.

Goal 4.2 – All major private, non-residential developments certified LEED Silver

Community:

- The following new structures received LEED Certification

Private Green Construction			
Developer	Building Size	LEED Level	LEED Status
Stone Creek Company for Pomona Valley Medical Center	50,000 sq.ft.	Silver	Certified
Pomona College	150 bed dormitory	Gold	Under construction
Pilgrim Place	23,000 sq.ft	Gold	Under Construction
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- Claremont's first Green Point Rated residence was completed earlier this year by HartmanBaldwin Design/Build.
- As discussed above under energy, residents nearly doubled the production of solar electricity generated in the City by installing Photovoltaic systems on 42 homes.
- Pilgrim Place retirement community has developed a LEED Silver level master plan and broken ground on three LEED rated buildings.

Goal 4.3 – City Staff Training - LEED and Sustainability

City:

- City staff from both the building and planning divisions became LEED accredited professionals in 2009 and several other staff members began the process of preparing for the exam.
- The Sustainability Coordinator and City staff from various departments is preparing a sustainability training course that will be presented to all City employees in February 2010.

Goal Area 5 – Open Space and Land Use

Goal 5.1 – Protect Natural Open Space

City:

The City continued to protect natural open spaces in the City.

- No natural open spaces in the City were lost to development or other purposes.
- Maintained the 1,913 acre Claremont Wilderness Park and provide public access to this important community asset. Currently, the City is working to design an expanded parking lot to resolve parking issues at the entrance to the park.
- Maintained 23 other City-owned parks, sports fields and public plazas that provide open space throughout the community.
- Changed City parking ordinance related to educational institutions which helped avert the development of existing open space, adjacent to the colleges, for parking lots.

Goal 5.2 – Expand and Improve our network of Constructed Open Spaces

City:

- Maintained 140 acres of existing parks and public plazas
- Completed approximately 50% of Padua Avenue Park. This 18 acre park includes two new sports fields that are urgently needed to serve local youth programs. The park is being constructed with local native plant materials, high efficiency irrigation and water efficient turf (warm season Bermuda) on the fields.

Goal 5.3 – Create Mixed Use Areas to Increase alternative transit opportunities and affordable housing

City:

- Created a new high density zoning district to allow higher densities for qualifying affordable housing projects
- Approved site plan for a new medium density affordable housing project in a mixed use area adjacent to the Claremont Depot transit station.

Goal 5.4 – Protect the Urban Forest

City:

The City continues to maintain its extensive network of street and park trees, which in return provide Claremont with much of its unique character and beauty.

- City maintained its urban forest of 24,187 City trees (street trees and parks).
- City won the National Arbor Day Association's "Tree City USA" award (25 years and running).

- The Community Services Department revised its street tree designation list to include appropriate street trees and alternates for special circumstances for all streets. The motto of this new street tree designation list is “The right tree in the right place”.
- The Community Services Department is also updating its tree policy to provide additional guidance on the maintenance, removal and replacement of City trees. The intent of the policy is to increase the sustainability of Claremont’s urban forest by helping to maintain trees in a healthy manner, preserve healthy and appropriately located trees, remove trees that are dangerous or causing unmanageable financial impacts to the City, and select appropriate trees for the location.

Community:

Volunteers planted approximately 500 Oak trees in the Claremont Wilderness Park. During 2009, local landscape architect Mark von Wodtke continued coordinating the “Achievable Claremont Oak Regeneration Now” (ACORN) project. This project utilizes volunteers to gather acorns from local native Oaks, propagate them with help from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, plant the Oak seedlings in the Claremont Wilderness Park, and water and maintain them until they become self-sufficient. The effort is aimed at restoring Oak woodland areas of the foothills and has many benefits to the environment.

Goal Area 6 – Housing & Economic Sustainability

Goal 6.1 – Meet or Exceed State Housing Mandates

City:

- Updated the housing element of the General Plan and gained state approval after making several modifications.
- Approved a new high density residential (HDR) district to encourage affordable housing.
- Partnered with Jamboree Housing Development to design a 76 unit affordable housing development. Of these 40 are reserved for seniors and 36 are reserved for families. All units will be reserved for very low income level families. This project was fast-tracked and narrowly missed being funded this year. It is expected to be funded by the state next year.

Goal 6.2 – Promote neighborhood identity and conservation of individual neighborhood character

City:

- Approved modifications to City development code that reduce the potential for construction of inappropriately sized additions, often referred to as “mansionization”.
- Updated City Mills Act ordinance to allow more properties to receive tax incentives for maintaining their historic character.

In 2009, six new home owners were granted Mills Act tax benefits in exchange for historic preservation and restoration of their property.

- In 2009, only 2 residential demolition permits were issued in Claremont.

Goal 6.3 – Retain Claremont’s history and heritage

City:

- City approved modifications to its development code that increase protections for historic buildings in the City.
- No properties were added to or deleted from to the register.
- Staff from the Planning Division is nearly finished with a complete review and modernization of the City’s historic register. This project will upgrade the register from paper copies created in the 1980’s to a data base that can be linked to the City’s geographic information database (GIS).

Goal 6.4 – Maintain a strong, diversified economy

City:

This year, City Economic Development staff worked hard to preserve our economy in very difficult economic times. Efforts included:

- continuation of the Friday Nights Live and Depot Jazz Series in the Village,
- facilitation of a Family Festival program on Wednesday nights and a new Earth Day Celebration in the Village, and
- developed a new program that provides incentives to businesses that hire local low income residents.

Community:

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce continued several existing programs and developed a “Shop Claremont” campaign designed to encourage residents to shop at local and locally owned businesses to help maintain a sustainable local economy.

Goal Area 7 – Outreach & Implementation

Goal 7.1 – Outreach and Education to Public Regarding Sustainability Issues

City:

- The City Sustainability Coordinator facilitated formation of a community based non-profit which now has approximately 80 energetic members engaged in raising community awareness regarding a wide variety of sustainability issues. The group had first year income of \$10,425.52 and expenses of \$3,176.45.
- City partnered with citizen groups and local merchants to hold the first annual Earth Day Celebration on April 26, 2009. The event was widely successful.
- This Sustainability Grade Card will be widely circulated in the community to help raise awareness about sustainability, where successes have been realized and where it can be
- The City is in the process of updating the City Website to include more information on sustainability including this grade card.
- The City Sustainability Coordinator and Community Services staff provided sustainability information upon request to citizens and at numerous public meetings and events.

Community:

- Sustainable Claremont held public forums on: Transition Towns, Water and Climate Change, and other Drought Tolerant Plants, solid waste, energy efficiency and more.
- Sustainable Claremont held over 60 working group meetings on various sustainability related topics.
- Sustainable Claremont established a website with information on many related topics.
- The Claremont Interfaith Committee on Sustainability held several lectures pertaining to sustainability during Earth Week.
- Southern California Edison held a public education forum on Solar Energy
- Golden State Water held public forums on water conservation and on water wise landscaping
- The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden held numerous lectures and workshops on water wise landscaping and California native plantings.
- Southern California Edison, Golden State Water Company and The Gas Company staff all provided on-demand sustainability related information to the public.

Goal 7.2 – Permanently integrate sustainability principles in to daily decision making processes

City:

- Created a 9-person sustainability committee to review implementation of the Sustainable City Plan.
- Facilitated formation of Sustainable Claremont.
- Created City Staff Green Team to implement Sustainable City Plan as it pertains to City government.
- Developed and implemented the City Manager’s Sustainability Embedment Plan
- Developed and circulated the City’s first annual Sustainability Report Card.
- Made minor revisions to City commission review findings to ensure sustainability is considered for development decisions.

Community:

- Sustainable Claremont established a framework of action groups designed to help the community implement the community-wide goals of the Claremont Sustainable City Plan.
- Sustainable Claremont established a series of monthly “Sustainability Dialogs” to discuss relevant topics in open public forums on a regular basis.
- The League of Women Voters of the Claremont Area sponsored several discussions regarding sustainability topics.

Goal 7.3 – Metrics – track and objectively measure progress

City:

- Collected and tracked relevant data (based on availability).
- Created the first annual Sustainability Report Card to track sustainability related data and progress toward the goals of the Sustainable City Plan
- Began developing energy efficiency and conservation strategy with assistance from technical consultant
- Began developing community-wide greenhouse gas inventory with assistance from technical consultant.
- Assisted in creation of energy retrofit project that will track energy data for sample group of approximately 130 homes that retrofit their homes to reduce energy consumption and make this data available for public.

Community:

- Golden State Water Company established water conservation targets for all water users and put in place systems to monitor individual and collective data on the attainment of this goal with monthly reporting to customers and the City.

- Pomona College created annual sustainability report to track measurable progress toward stated goals.