

# **CLEVELAND IS A LEED SILVER CITY!**

In fall 2021, Cleveland was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) as a LEED Silver certified city. Like LEED for buildings, LEED for Cities and Communities provides a framework for cities to credibly track progress toward overall sustainability objectives, and allows for comparison by and among communities around the world.

Through Sustainable Cleveland, we have established a solid foundation to collaboratively address community needs through sustainability and climate action. The LEED for Cities and Communities rating system will help complement these efforts, allowing the City to continue to track progress over time and identify priority areas and actions with the greatest impact.



## **CLEVELAND SCORED 57 OUT OF 110 POINTS**

#### **INTEGRATIVE PROCESS**

Collaboration is the key to successful implementation across systems!

#### **NATURAL SYSTEMS AND ECOLOGY**

As a changing climate threatens human health and wellbeing, Cleveland's unique geography and environment positions our region for greater resiliency to climate change.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE

Cleveland has made big strides in the last decade to increase sustainable transportation infrastructure and make safer streets for all. We can build off this progress to drive even greater shifts in sustainable mobility options.

### **WATER EFFICIENCY**

Cleveland Water and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's ongoing commitments to clean, safe, and reliable water and wastewater systems helped Cleveland score high in Water Efficiency.

#### **ENERGY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

Approximately half of Cleveland's GHG emissions come from energy consumption. Scaling up clean energy provides an opportunity to reduce our emissions while addressing residential energy burden.

#### MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

While Cleveland scored low in the Materials and Resources category, the Circular Cleveland initiative is expected to help address waste challenges, while creating economic opportunity.

#### QUALITY OF LIFE

Cleveland has seen progress in improving quality of life for residents, however there are opportunities to better align efforts across organizations and systems to increase equitable health and prosperity outcomes in vulnerable communities.

## **INNOVATION & REGIONAL PRIORITY**

Cleveland's leadership in civic engagement and program development supporting vulnerable populations is one of the many reasons we were awarded all 10 points in the Innovation and Regional Priority categories.



