

PRESS RELEASE:

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), creators of the LEED green building rating system, have announced 15 cities and counties will commence certification in a national cohort supported by the LEED for Cities Local Government Leadership Program.

Bank of America partnered with USGBC to launch the Local Government Leadership Program in 2017 and has contributed more than \$2 million to support dozens of cities and counties in their pursuit of LEED certification. The program helps local governments committed to reducing climate change and advancing resilience and social equity by measuring and tracking performance using the LEED for Cities rating system.

La Crescent has made a commitment over the last eight years to increasing the sustainability of city operations. This has involved the city participating in the B3 Benchmarking Program, Partners in Energy Program and Minnesota Green Steps Cities Program. Participation in the LEED for Cities Local Government Leadership Program will be a great opportunity for the city to partner with other communities to learn and share best practices for accelerating sustainability practices in our community.

“Local governments are leading the way in finding solutions to address the climate crisis, and LEED for Cities helps local leaders create responsible, sustainable and specific plans to contribute to quality of life for its residents,” said Peter Templeton, president and CEO, U.S. Green Building Council. “The 15 local governments selected to participate in this year’s cohort are committed to finding solutions for health, sustainable and high performing, and using LEED as a tool to ensure they are on a path of continuous improvement.”

The 15 local governments selected for the 2022 program represent more than three million Americans in diverse places around the country:

- Amesbury, Mass. · Cape Canaveral, Fla. · Columbia, S.C. · Cutler Bay, Fla. · Davidson, N.C.
- Dayton, Ohio · Fort Lauderdale, Fla. · Henderson, Nev. · Issaquah, Wash. · Ithaca, N.Y.
- **La Crescent, Minn.** · Oakland County, Mich. · Reno, Nev. · State College, Penn. · Tucson, Ariz.

About the U.S. Green Building Council:

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, an international network of local community leaders, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and connect on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.