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City of Lafayette Earns National Recognition for Advancing Local Energy and Transportation Solutions - Awarded SolSmart Bronze and One of the First in Indiana to Achieve Charging Smart Bronze Designation

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – October 10, 2025 – The City of Lafayette has been awarded both SolSmart Bronze and Charging Smart Bronze designations in 2025, marking important milestones in advancing clean energy and sustainable transportation across the community. These national recognitions highlight the city's commitment to creating a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable future through the Greater Lafayette Climate Action Plan (GLCAP). The plan outlines community-wide goals to lower energy costs, strengthen local resilience, and build a connected transportation system. The designations also reflect Lafayette's commitment to responsible planning, affordable solutions, and forward-looking infrastructure investments that benefit both current and future generations.

The SolSmart Bronze designation recognizes Lafayette's efforts to make it faster, easier, and more affordable for residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. The program, led by the U.S. Department of Energy, evaluates local governments on permitting, planning, and zoning practices that support the expansion of solar energy.

The Charging Smart Bronze designation acknowledges Lafayette's progress in building a reliable and accessible network of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Lafayette is one



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of the first cities in Indiana to earn this designation, which recognizes communities that proactively plan for EV adoption and partner with utilities, contractors, and stakeholders to expand charging access.

“These designations reflect Lafayette’s leadership in advancing practical, forward-thinking solutions that save money, improve efficiency, and ensure long-term reliability for our community,” said Halee Griffey, Climate and Resilience Manager for the City of Lafayette. “By streamlining solar adoption and building an accessible, connected EV charging network, we’re practicing responsible stewardship and planning strategically for the future, ensuring that the benefits of these technologies are shared equitably and that Lafayette remains a vibrant place to live, work, and play.”

These achievements were made possible with technical support from the Indiana University Environmental Resilience Institute (ERI) through the McKinney Climate Fellows program, as well as a partnership with the Great Plains Institute, which helped guide the city through the designation processes. These collaborations provided valuable expertise and capacity, helping Lafayette take meaningful steps toward its community energy and transportation goals.

The awards underscore the city’s collaborative efforts with local, regional, and state partners to achieve the goals outlined in the Greater Lafayette Climate Action Plan. Through initiatives such as solar readiness and deployment, EV fleet procurement, and public charging installation, Lafayette is demonstrating how strategic, affordable investments in energy and transportation infrastructure can strengthen quality of life, attract new opportunities, and ensure the community remains resilient for decades to come.

For more information on the City of Lafayette’s sustainability efforts, visit: <https://www.lafayette.in.gov/3707/Sustainability>.

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