

Forest Grove Oregon

Committed to Sustainability

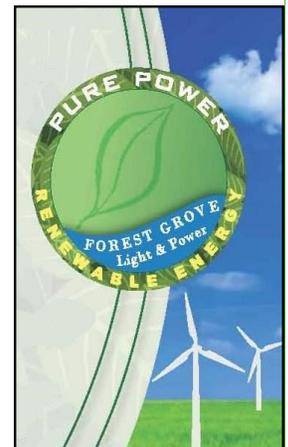
Taking Action

- Sustainability was incorporated as a key element of the City's official Vision Statement and the Council's 2012-13 goals, which state that Forest Grove is committed to promoting a prosperous and dynamic green city.
- The Sustainability Commission, which was created in 2011 has been awarded four CEP grants which include:
 - ⇒ Sustainability In Schools
 - ⇒ Don't Waste Food, Dude!
 - ⇒ Plastic Bags Initiative
 - ⇒ Collaborative Sustainable Community
- With the Collaborative Sustainable Community, the Commission awarded mini-grants dedicated to identifying and promoting opportunities to institute sustainable practices and policies in the community, a sample of grants include:
 - ⇒ Latino Community Summit
 - ⇒ The Welcome Garden
 - ⇒ One Bag a Week Challenge
 - ⇒ Reusable Chico Bags
 - ⇒ Forest Grove Community School—Field Studies & Symposium



Innovation through Renewable Energy

- Forest Grove Light and Power has installed six electric vehicle charging stations for public use at three locations in downtown Forest Grove, and has incorporated electric vehicles into its fleet.
- Over 90% of Forest Grove's electricity is generated from clean sources; predominantly hydro power from the nearby Columbia River system, as well as wind power.
- Light and Power customers are able to purchase Pure Power green blocks that fund pollution free wind power generation – each block eliminates 3,000 pounds of greenhouse gases from the air.
- The City offers local businesses cash rebates for up to 70% of the cost of energy saving improvements that produce a 25% gain in energy efficiency.



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Partners in Sustainability

- Forest Grove's own Pacific University is a sustainable leader, with its seven LEED-certified buildings, permaculture project, bike rental program, organic and local food options, and sustainability research programs.
- Forest Grove School District completed construction of Joseph Gale Elementary in 2012, originally on track to receive a LEED silver rating, it was completed at LEED gold with 70/110 points.
- The Forest Grove Community School (a free public charter school) curriculum emphasizes the environment and sustainability.
- Area wineries to include Apolloni Vineyards & Tualatin Estates, are certified sustainable through LIVE Certification and Montinore Estates are leaders in biodynamic vineyards.



Pacific University's Gilbert Hall (LEED Gold)



“The people of Forest Grove are committed to improving the quality of life in our community by providing stewardship of our economic, social, environmental and cultural resources in a manner that is equitable for all present and future generations.”

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A place where businesses and families thrive

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