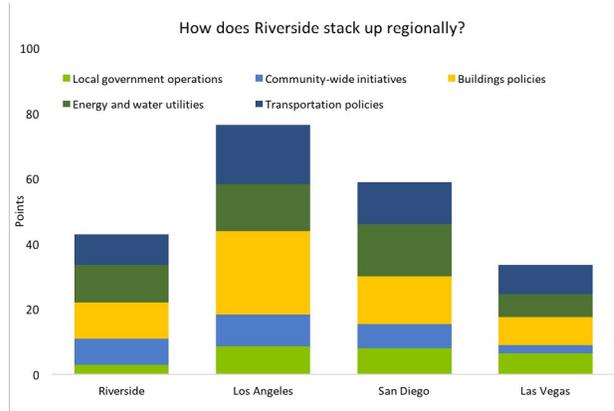
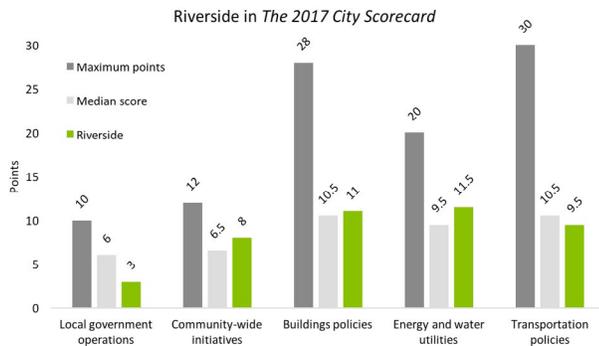


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Riverside ranked 22nd in the *2017 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, gaining three positions from 2015. The city earned 43 points out of a possible 100, 4.5 points more than last time.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (3 OF 10 POINTS)

Riverside has a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goal for local government operations. The city could get more energy savings by benchmarking energy use in public buildings, developing a comprehensive building retrofit strategy, and increasing efficiency in its vehicle fleet, public lighting, and new buildings and equipment.

## COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (8 OF 12 POINTS)

Riverside has energy savings and GHG emissions reduction goals. It has committed to increasing energy savings 1% annually and is on track to meet this target. Riverside also has urban heat island mitigation goals of planting 1,000 new trees on city property and 3,000 new trees on private property. The city's municipal utility provides rebates for cool roof coatings on residential and commercial buildings.

## BUILDINGS POLICIES (11 OF 28 POINTS)

Like all California cities, Riverside enforces the 2016 California Energy Code, which went into effect January 1, 2017. The city provides rebates for energy efficiency upgrades to residential and commercial building owners through the Green Riverside program. It can do more to encourage energy efficiency in private buildings, including pursuing audit and retrofit requirements and dedicating more resources to building energy code compliance.

## ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (11.5 OF 20 POINTS)

The energy utilities serving Riverside have moderate efficiency spending and savings. Riverside Public Service earned partial credit for electric spending and savings, and Southern California Gas (SoCal Gas) earned partial credit for natural gas spending. SoCal Gas also has a partnership with Riverside. Both utilities offer low-income and multifamily efficiency programs. The city scored well in efficiency in water services because of its water efficiency initiatives and energy efficiency at its water utilities.

## TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (9.5 OF 30 POINTS)

The Green Action Plan includes a goal to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and outlines sustainable transportation strategies to achieve this goal. Riverside's zoning code includes incentives to encourage mixed-use developments. The city also offers residents a rebate toward electric vehicles. Other than these efforts, the city has few initiatives aimed at increasing efficiency in transportation.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Riverside improved in the *2017 City Scorecard* by earning more points for community-wide initiatives and buildings policies. The city benefitted from the *Scorecard's* increased emphasis on energy efficiency-related goals because the city has both energy and climate goals. It also saw an improvement for buildings policies because California adopted more stringent state-wide building energy codes. Riverside can improve its score by increasing its focus on local government operations but also has room for improvement across the four other policy areas.