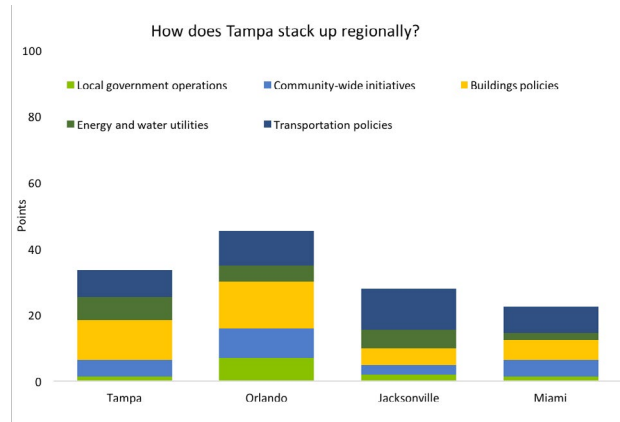
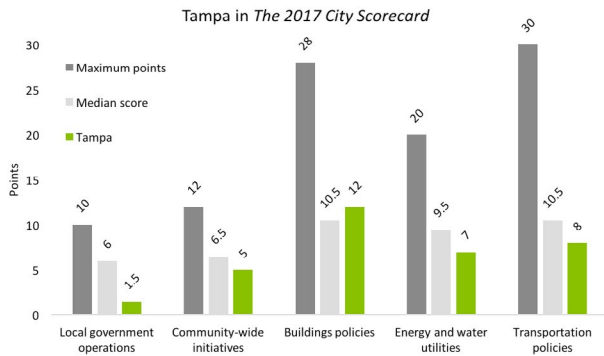


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Tampa tied for 32nd in the 2017 *City Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, gaining 10 positions from 2015. The city earned 33.5 points out of a possible 100, 8.5 points more than last time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (1.5 OF 10 POINTS)

Tampa has an energy efficiency requirement for new buildings and a teleworking policy for all employees. Otherwise, the city has done little to increase energy efficiency in local government operations. To reduce energy consumption and operational costs in public buildings, the city could enact an energy savings target, develop a comprehensive building retrofit strategy, and benchmark energy use.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (5 OF 12 POINTS)

Tampa has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2025 and a working goal to reduce community-wide energy use. The city has also established an urban heat island mitigation goal of maintaining current tree canopy coverage of urban land with different goals for individual neighborhoods. Tampa adopted a private tree protection ordinance and encourages the use of conservation subdivisions.

BUILDINGS POLICIES (12 OF 28 POINTS)

Tampa complies with Florida's residential and commercial building energy codes, as required by law. The city offers expedited plan review for commercial construction that includes energy efficiency provisions and provides rebates to residential and commercial construction achieving LEED Standards. To improve its score, the city could consider pursuing audit, retrofit, benchmarking, or green building requirements.

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (7 OF 20 POINTS)

The energy utilities serving Tampa have low to moderate efficiency spending and savings. Tampa Electric Co. (TECO) earned partial credit for electric spending. TECO also has a formal partnership with Tampa. TECO Peoples Gas earned partial credit for natural gas efficiency spending. Neither the electric utility nor the natural gas utility earned credit for efficiency savings. Tampa earned partial credit for efficiency efforts in water services.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (8 OF 30 POINTS)

Tampa has a comprehensive plan that outlines strategies to provide multi-modal mobility to its residents. The city's initiatives to encourage modes of transportation other than single-occupancy vehicles include a complete streets policy and car- and bike-sharing services. Tampa also has a robust electric vehicle charging network. The city could do more to help encourage location efficiency using its zoning codes and could increase funding for its transit system, which is not widely accessible throughout the city.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tampa significantly improved its performance in the 2017 *City Scorecard* because of improvements in community-wide initiatives, buildings policies, and energy and water utilities. The city had its best showings in community-wide initiatives and buildings policies. Tampa has room for improvement across the five policy areas, especially in local government operations and transportation policies.