

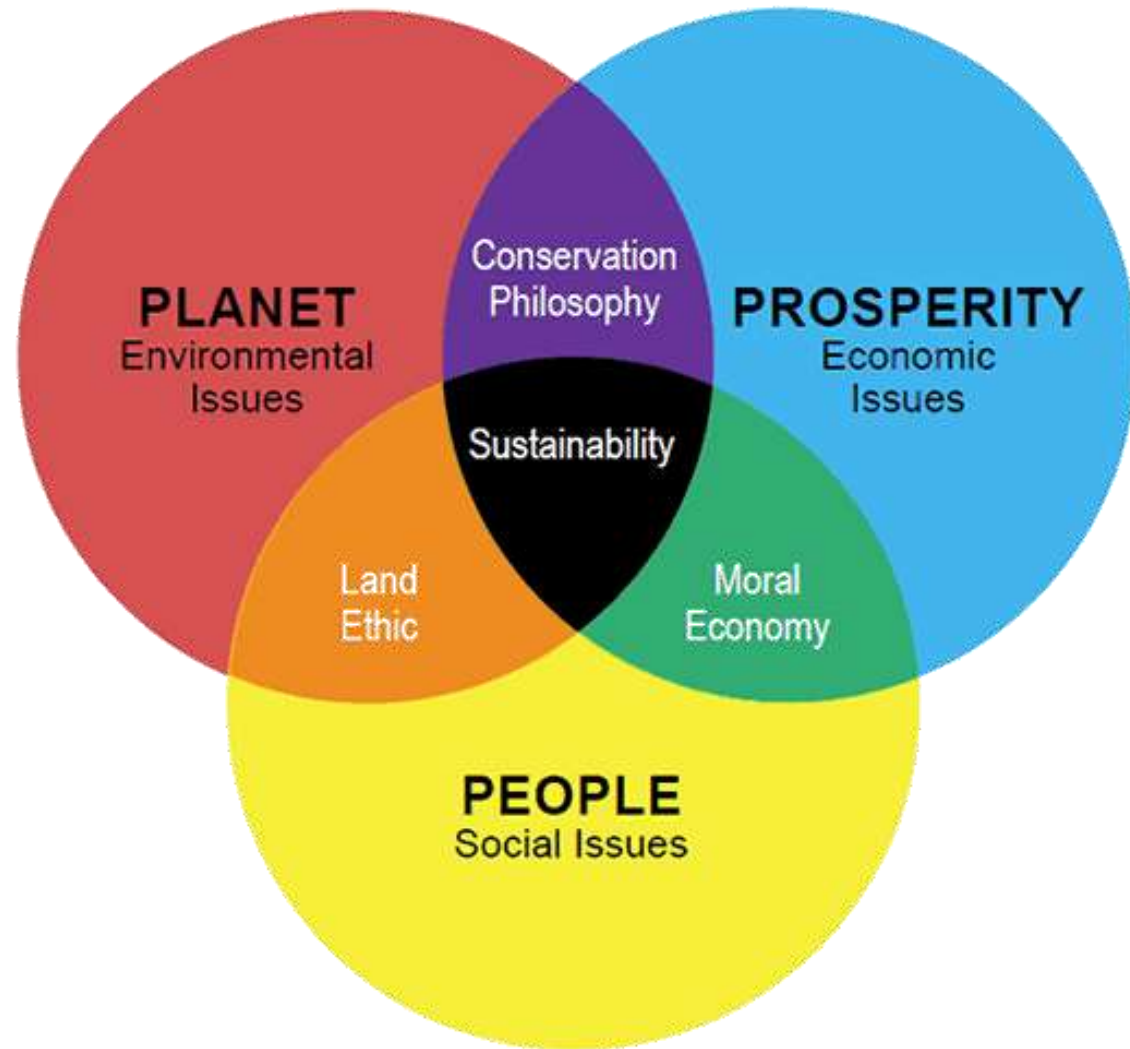


SUSTAINABLE PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

Steel Rivers COG Blight Busters
Monday March 21, 2016



What is Sustainability?



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What does sustainability mean for you?

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental



About Sustainable Pittsburgh

Mission: Sustainable Pittsburgh affects decision-making for the Pittsburgh region to integrate economic prosperity, social equity, and environmental quality bringing sustainable solutions for communities and businesses.



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Performance Programs

- Pittsburgh Green Workplace Challenge
- Sustainable Small Business Designation
- SWPA Sustainable Business Compact
- Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurants
- Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification
 - A program of the Pennsylvania Municipal League



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Why Get Certified? Elected Official

- Ideas
- Resources
- Transparency
- Engagement
- Recognition

Resources

[Air Quality \(PDF\)](#)

[Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(PDF\)](#)

[Education \(PDF\)](#)

[Energy Conservation and Green Building \(PDF\)](#)

[Environmentally Sensitive, Civic and Historic Places \(PDF\)](#)

[Expanding Housing Choice and Addressing Blight \(PDF\)](#)

[Food Security and Local Production \(PDF\)](#)

[Governance \(PDF\)](#)

[Healthy Communities \(PDF\)](#)

[Land Use and Community Design \(PDF\)](#)

[Local Economies and Main Street Revitalization \(PDF\)](#)

[Mobility and Alternative Fuels \(PDF\)](#)

[Waste Management and Recycling \(PDF\)](#)

[Water and Stormwater Management \(PDF\)](#)

[Green Vehicle Fleet Case Study \(PDF\)](#)

[Summary of former Rapid Assessment Results \(PDF\)](#)



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Why get Certified? Manager/Secretary

- Recognize achievements
- Benchmarking
- Provide a library of best practices
- Opportunities
 - Technical Assistance from LGA (up to \$8,500)
 - Meet with like minded Managers
 - Empower your champions
 - Save money, time, and resources



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Accomplishments



51 municipalities have earned the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification



13 municipalities have pledged to complete the certification checklist



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Sustainability

9 Essential Topics

1. Governance and Community Engagement
2. Healthy Communities
3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
4. Education
5. Energy Use, Conservation and Green Building
6. Environmental Stewardship
7. Housing
8. Land Use and Transportation
9. Local Economy



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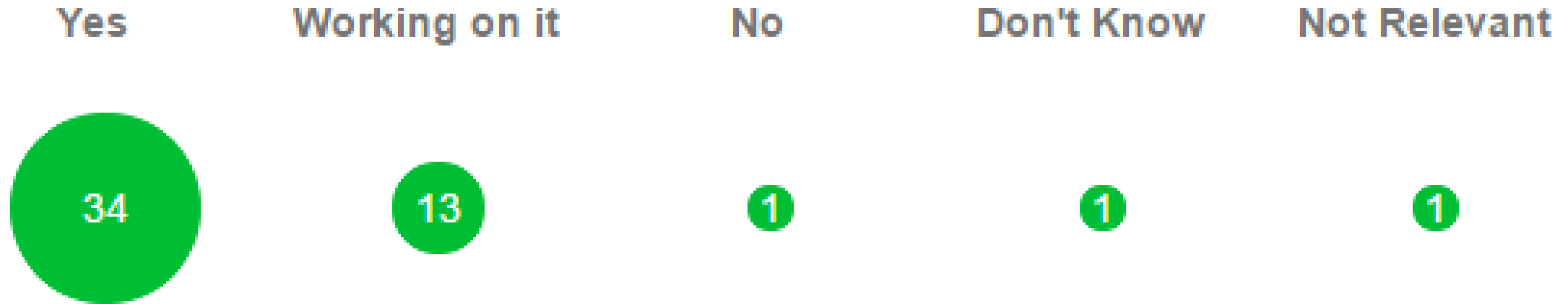
The Sustainability Criteria

CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

<u>Topic #</u>	<u>131 Policies, Actions and Best Practices</u>	<u>Points</u>
	Governance and Community Engagement	
1	<i>Municipal Operations</i>	13
1 A	Professional staff are employed or retained, in the areas of budgeting and finance.	1
1 B	A revenue-expenditure trend analysis is conducted annually.	1
1 C	Funds for capital-related borrowing are not used for day to day expenses.	1
1 D	Municipality routinely evaluates ability to ensure that revenue is sufficient to maintain public infrastructure, i.e., road, water, sewer, stormwater (community has an asset management based budget system).	1
1 E	Obligations for pensions/other post-employment benefits are funded for the long-term to at least 80%.	3
1 F	5-10 percent of operating funds are carried over year to year.	2
1 G	Taxation takes a balanced approach applicable to all sectors of municipal services provided and fees satisfy cost recovery.	1
1 H	Green vehicle fleet assessment has been initiated toward: using greener fuels and/or vehicles, vehicle right-sizing for the job/trip, retrofit or replace older diesel trucks or equipment with cleaner technology, or driver education about driving techniques for fuel economy.	3
2	<i>Community Engagement</i>	12

Example Accomplishment

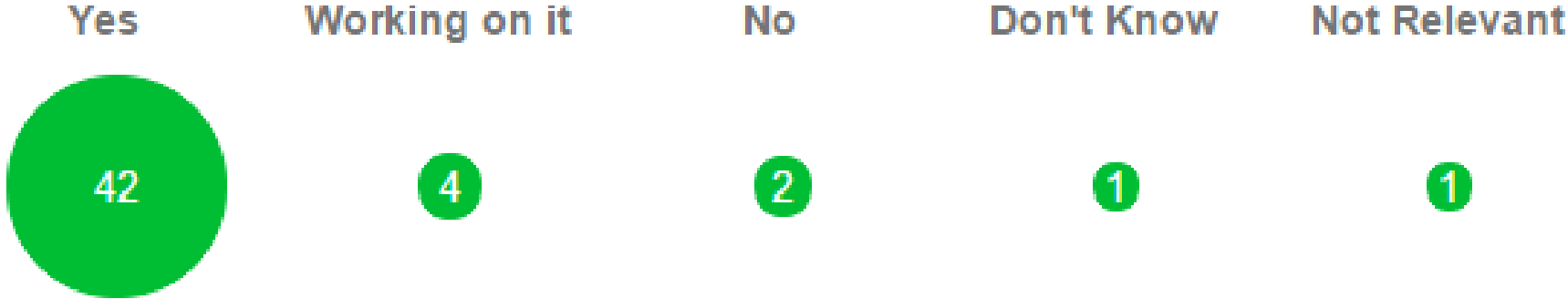
Municipality has or is in the process of retrofitting street lights and traffic signals to LED bulbs.



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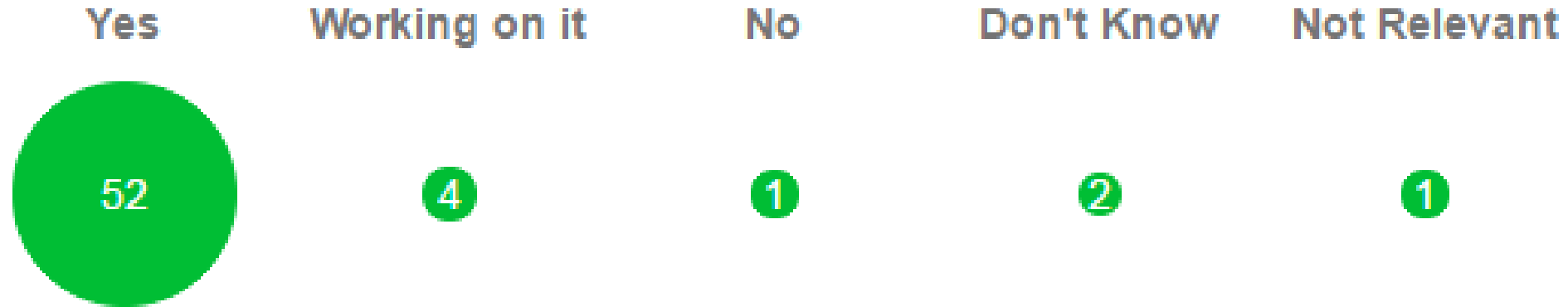
Example Accomplishment

The municipality and local public schools cooperate to share facilities and other resources.



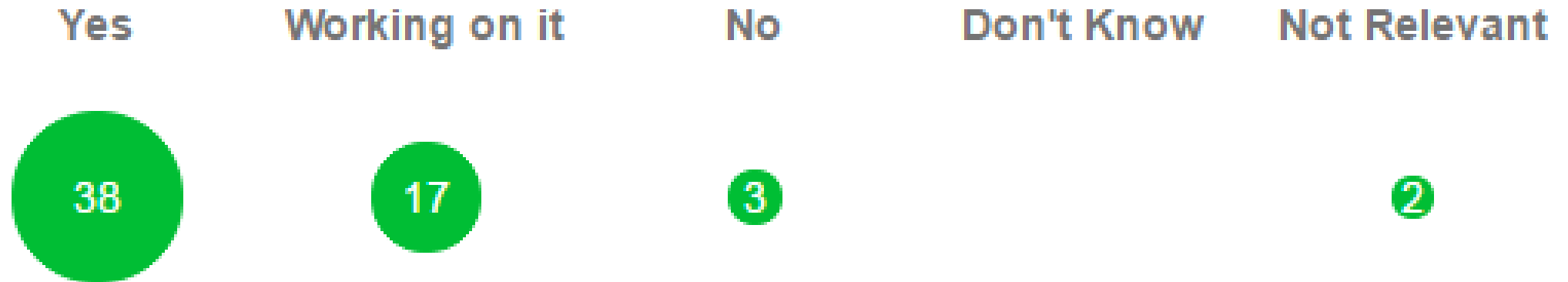
Accomplishments Related to Housing

The zoning ordinance provides for or accommodates a full range of housing opportunities throughout the community.



Accomplishments Related to Housing

A current inventory of vacant and blighted/blighting properties is maintained and mapped.



Accomplishments Related to Housing

A program exists (perhaps in partnership with an outside agency) to facilitate home ownership: homebuyer incentives, employer-assisted housing, community land trust, etc



Accomplishments Related to Housing

Developers are required to submit a comprehensive and detailed fiscal impact analysis including long-term fiscal impacts such as road repair, school infrastructure needs and other public services with their development applications.

Yes



Working on it



No



Don't Know



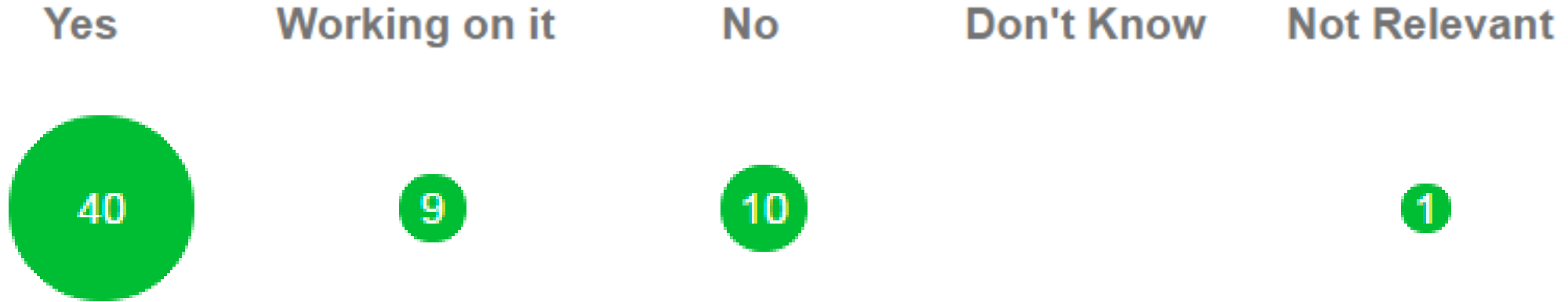
Not Relevant



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Accomplishments Related to Housing

Alternate transportation (e.g. transit, inter-modal, multi-modal, bicycle/pedestrian) are accommodated and promoted



Certification Levels

- Associate: 1-34 points (provide web links to at least 10% of 'yes' responses)
- Bronze: 35-79 points (provide web links to at least 30% of 'yes' responses)
- Silver: 80-135 points (provide web links to at least 50% of 'yes' responses)
- Gold: 136-202 points (provide web links to at least 70% of 'yes' responses)
- Platinum: 203-300 points (provide web links to at least 90% of 'yes' responses)



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Lessons Learned

- Formal commitment from council
- Designate a sustainability coordinator.
- Sustainability goals in the comp plan
- Develop an engagement process
 - Citizens committee
- Measure performance : Benchmarking
- Report on progress: Save money and resources



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[VIEW Certified Municipalities near you](#)

Be recognized as a leading municipality!

- This municipal certification is a platform for demonstrating excellence, accelerating the policy and practice of good government, and gaining recognition.
- Get started on the self-assessment certification by clicking below.

[get started!](#)

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Sustainability Begins Locally

Our state's promise for prosperity is organized around the institution of local government. Like the old adage "all politics is local", sustainability takes root close to home in the way we organize our communities. Local government thus has both a profound role and responsibility for leading the way to quality of life and access to opportunity in our

Calling all municipalities in PA!

Your municipality stands to be distinguished by earning one of five levels of certification! Get certified. Get recognized.



Step 1

Municipality managers/secretaries who have **already started** their assessments can [begin here](#).

Your community

Please select your municipality to get started!

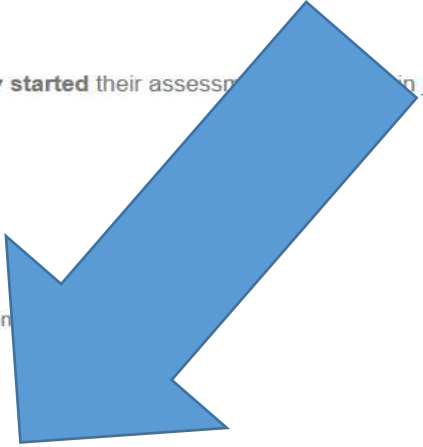
County -- Select a County --
Municipality

Municipal Managers: Please enter the additional information

All fields are required.

Municipal Access Password (obtain from Sustainable Pittsburgh or Pennsylvania Municipal League)
Title
Full Name
Email Address
Phone Number

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I am authorized by my municipality to represent them.

Next



SELECT PHOTOS COURTESY:
Southwestern Pennsylvania
Commission

There are 0 questions out of 131 you have not answered at all.

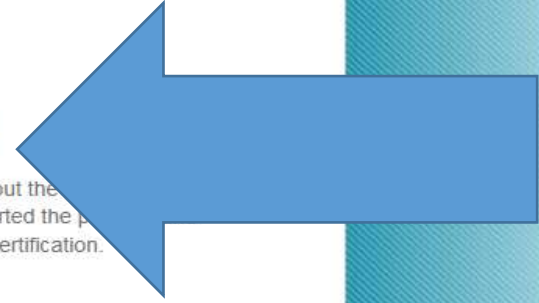
Of the 0 questions you said "Yes" to, you have not provided 0 documentation links.

I want to claim my certification

I am finished assessing my municipality, and wish for my municipality to be recognized for its achievement/certification.

I pledge to complete my certification

While my municipality is not yet finished filling out the assessment, we wish to be listed among those that have started the process and intend to complete the assessment and claim certification.



Thank you for engaging with this certification, if you have checked either boxes to claim your certification or to pledge to complete it, you may add a comment for the public to see:

Empty text input box for public comment.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sustainable Pittsburgh at: cgould@sustainablepittsburgh.org

Submit your comment

Your community

Based on your "Yes" and "No" answers* (the things you know for sure) to all the rapid assessment questions, the chart below gives a sense of your community's progress in applying the sustainable community essentials.

*Excluding any "Working on it now", "Don't Know" or "Not Relevant"

Rating Key

- Yes
- No
- Neither Yes or No

SECTION	# OF QUESTIONS	# OF YES'S	# OF NO'S	RATING
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Governance and Community Engagement: **Municipal Operations**

Possible points for a "yes" answer

none 1 point	Professional staff are employed or retained, in the areas of budgeting and finance.
none 1 point	A revenue-expenditure trend analysis is conducted annually.

Questions:

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