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Plano Rated 4-STAR Community

The LEED for Cities and Communities program of the U.S. Green Building Council has announced that Plano has been recertified as a 4-STAR Community and a LEED Certified city for national leadership in sustainability. The City is the highest scoring 4-STAR Community in Texas and in the nation for its participation in the STAR Community Rating System (STAR), which evaluates the livability and sustainability of U.S. communities.

Communities pursuing STAR certification accumulate points for achievements in eight areas, which are used to determine their rating. There are three STAR certification levels: 3-STAR Community (250-449 points); 4-STAR Community (450-649 points); or 5-STAR (650+ points). Plano received a score of 587.31, qualifying as a 4-STAR Community. This score represents an improvement of 155.71 points in the past four years since the city's initial certification.

STAR Communities provides a framework to assess and improve a community's efforts to promote a healthy environment, strong economy and the well-being of all its residents. The STAR Community assessment process was undertaken and completed by the Sustainability & Environmental Education Division of Plano's Environmental Health & Sustainability department. Participation and collaboration from nearly every City department was required to gather data, metrics and the verification information necessary for completing the assessment. Plano's highest scores were in the areas of Education, Arts & Community; Built Environment, Health & Safety; and Economy & Jobs. City staff will assess the results of the evaluation and continue to work with the City manager to define the next steps for ongoing improvement.

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 284,070 as of January 2019. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at [plano.gov](#).