

Excellence in Sustainability Award Program

Project Summary

The City of Coppell has structured a sustainability plan with an Environmental Management System to look at government operations. Our commitment to environmental efforts and sustainability are far reaching within our organization and our community. The City of Coppell has been proactive in reducing impacts on the environment by initiating programs, ordinances, and infrastructure for a more sustainable future. The city seized opportunities during the city's growth period to adopt a tree preservation ordinance, construct a new Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certified Senior and Community Center, implement curbside and yard trimmings recycling, Household Hazardous Waste disposal, litter/neighborhood integrity ordinances, and a trail plan. Decisions based on the future were continued with hybrid vehicle purchases, drought tolerant landscape medians, central control irrigation, facility energy audits and retrofits, community gardens, farmer's market, and participation in regional planning. The City of Coppell continues to take a leading role in developing environmental initiatives through a systematic and broad-based approach to sustainability. An Environmental Management System has been implemented at the city's Service Center for over two years and recently received the Clean Texas Gold Award from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, becoming the first city in Texas to achieve the gold level. The city is committed to implementing an Environmental Management System city-wide through the coordination of the interdepartmental Green Team, and is currently developing an Environmental Management System at the Coppell Aquatic and Recreation Center and the Library. Our success in part is due to our belief that what we are doing is "the right thing to do". We feel it is our duty to set an example for our citizens and other organizations to follow.