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## **City of Alexandria Certified Green Government Third Year in a Row Receives Platinum Level for 2010**

For the third straight year the City of Alexandria has been named a Certified Green Government by the Virginia Municipal League (VML). The City earned Platinum level certification, the highest level, in VML's Green Government Challenge. The City received innovation points for its Eco-City Alexandria initiative including the Eco-City Charter, Environmental Action Plan 2030, Green Building Policy and Urban Forestry Master Plan.

VML's Green Government Challenge is a friendly competition designed to encourage jurisdictions to implement specific environmental policies and practical actions that reduce the carbon emissions generated by both the local government and the broader community. Cities, towns and counties can become a certified "Green Government." Many of these actions can save local governments money.

To participate, local governments register and have seven months to compete. Local governments earn "green points" by implementing or adopting 30 policies and actions across 11 categories. Amassing at least 100 "green points" out of a possible 200 will earn a certification as a "Green Government." Those with 175 points or more are certified at Platinum, the highest level.