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FARMERS BRANCH
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LEED for Cities

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LEED Background

- Operated by U.S. Green Building Council
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
 - Widely used as rating system for green buildings
 - Nine buildings listed as LEED certified in Farmers Branch
- Expanded to include a rating system for cities



LEED for Cities

- Rating system includes variety of categories:
 - Natural systems, transportation, water efficiency, energy and greenhouse gas emissions, materials and resources, quality of life, and others.
- Combination of adopted policies, programs, and practices to earn points towards certification
 - *Adoption of a sustainable procurement policy*
 - *Percentage of residents within ½ mile walk to green spaces*
 - *Water usage in gallons per capita per day*

Benefits

Recognition for sustainability work

National standard to compare to peer cities

Gap analysis to identify areas of improvement

Accelerator program for Texas cities and waived registration fee



Questions?

