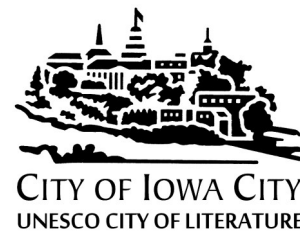




2016

# IOWA CITY

## is a 4-STAR community



The City of Iowa City was awarded a **4-STAR Community Rating for sustainability excellence** by being formally certified in the STAR Community Rating System (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating Communities). The City's approved final score is 484.8, which qualifies Iowa City as a Certified 4-STAR Community and the **highest-scored city in the State of Iowa**. Iowa City is the fifth community in Iowa and 47th nationwide to achieve certification from STAR Communities, a nonprofit organization that certifies sustainable communities.

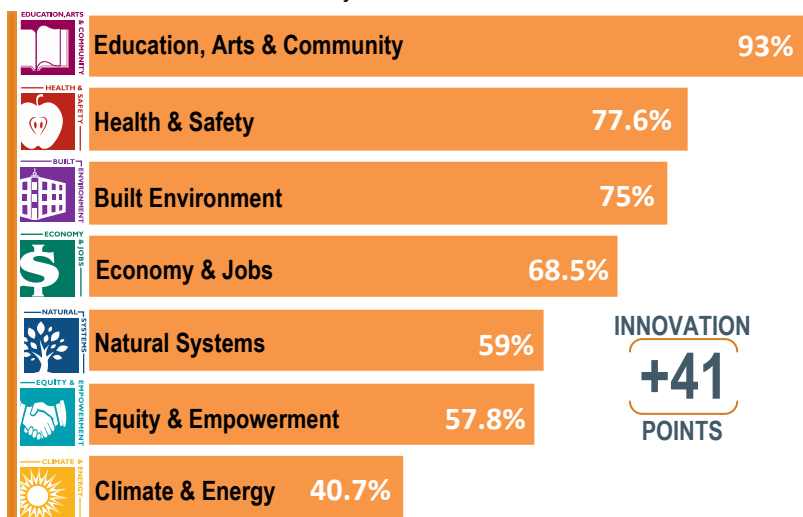
STAR is the nation's leading framework and certification program for evaluating local sustainability, encompassing social, economic and environmental performance measures. STAR helps communities evaluate their strengths and weaknesses across seven goal areas, shown in the chart below.

Sustainability  
Tools for  
Assessing &  
Rating Communities

**484.8** Total Points Achieved

### Goal Area Points

The percentage of points in each of the seven goal areas are shown below. Goal areas included 5-7 different objectives with both outcomes and actions.



### Outcome and Action Points

52%

48%

OUTCOMES

ACTIONS

STAR points are awarded for "outcomes" and for "actions." **Outcome** points are given for reaching a level of measurable success. **Actions** are awarded for activities that focus on moving toward sustainable levels.

Iowa City was awarded **52%** of points for outcomes and **48%** points for actions. These actions and outcomes show a high level of achievement sustainability.

### Exceeding Expectations

**Arts & Culture** **59%** of adult residents attend a live performing arts event annually



#### Public Spaces

**100%** of households are located within **3 miles** of an off-road trail



#### Graduation Rates

Achieved over **90%** average high school **graduation rate** for public schools

#### Safe Community

**Below** average violent crime rate per population



### Areas of Improvement

#### Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

**Reduce** community-wide greenhouse gas emissions



#### Natural Resource Protection

**Increase** restoration of natural areas



#### Waste Minimization

**Decrease** waste going to landfill

