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Urbana Mayor Receives Climate Leadership Award

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URBANA – The United States Conference of Mayors has presented Mayor Laurel Prussing and the City of Urbana an Honorable Mention award in the Small City category for the accomplishments of the Urbana-Champaign ENERGY STAR Challenge.

This challenge encouraged building owners and managers to benchmark, track and improve their building energy performance in 2014 from their 2013 benchmark. High performing buildings received awards in March 2015 in the categories of Best ENERGY STAR Score, Best Energy Use Intensity, Best ENERGY STAR Score Improvement and Best Energy Use Intensity Improvement.

The goals were to successfully engage 50 buildings to register for the Challenge, 25 buildings to submit an energy benchmark, 10 buildings to reduce energy consumption and 5 new buildings to achieve ENERGY STAR Certification.

Urbana-Champaign's Challenge reports they achieved 68 participants and 43 building benchmarks, with 15 buildings reducing their energy consumption and four qualified for ENERGY STAR Certification.

Results from the participants' ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager accounts shows that 15 building improved energy performance reducing greenhouse emissions equal to the annual greenhouse gas emissions from 593 passenger cars.

The United States Conference of Mayors is an organization of 1,407 cities that supports mayors in developing tools, policies and relationships to meet urban needs. Mayor Prussing and the city were presented the award at the organization's annual meeting in San Francisco, CA on June 19, 2015.

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