

St Louis will be testing a new Sustainability performance Tool

St. Louis is part of the nine cities that will be Beta Testing a new sustainability performance tool called STAR Community Index. ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA, which is developing STAR, said it will transform and accelerate the local sustainability movement by offering cities and counties a roadmap for advancing climate protection, economic recovery and equal opportunities for all residents within a community.

The following nine cities and counties that were selected as STAR “Beta Communities” are Atlanta, GA, Boulder, CO, Chattanooga, TN, Cranberry Township, PA, Des Moines, IA, District of Columbia, King County, WA, New York, NY and St. Louis, MO. “These nine early-adopter cities, along with many other communities across the nation, are already taking the lead on energy efficiency and sustainable development in their own right and as such, they are the perfect candidates to advance the goals and mission of STAR, which is to build healthier, inclusive and more livable communities,” said Martin Chávez, Executive Director, ICLEI USA and three-term mayor of Albuquerque, NM. The Beta Communities will receive technical support and resources to position them to become early adopters of STAR and accelerate their various sustainability efforts.

The STAR online platform will provide users with a variety of features to enable quick uptake of the STAR Community Index. The STAR Community Index is being developed by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA (ICLEI USA) in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), National League of Cities (NLC), and Center for American Progress (CAP). The platform will include features to enable local governments to analyze, map, and manage all their sustainability data in one place, and to present that information to internal managers, executives, and the public using a sustainability dashboard that interfaces with a city’s or county’s website. The tool will also facilitate data sharing with ICLEI for the verification and certification of a community under the forthcoming STAR rating system.