



Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City's Carbon Reduction Efforts Accelerate in 2019

In 2019, the City of Artesia has expanded its efforts to make the City's air cleaner and to operate more sustainably. While sustainability and pollution reduction have been top priorities for the City of Artesia for several years, this year saw several landmark achievements in the City's efforts and building blocks to continue making Artesia greener in the years to come.

Last January, the City of Artesia held a Fruit Tree Giveaway in partnership with TreePeople that distributed 225 fruit trees across the community. As these trees grow larger and older, they will help to remove many tons of carbon pollution from the atmosphere, making the air cleaner and easier to breathe for the community. Additionally, this summer the City secured a grant for nearly \$900,000 to plant almost 400 new trees in Artesia. The grant also covers an update to the City's tree inventory and the development of an urban forest master plan, which will outline ways for the City to manage and grow its urban forest over the next 40 years. This project is already underway and will be complete by 2022.

This year, the City also purchased an all-electric transit bus partially using federal grant funds. Scheduled to begin service early in 2020, this bus will be the first free all-electric City bus in California and will provide connections to many important destinations around the community. The City is also currently working on green building certification requirements for new developments in Artesia to ensure that new buildings are minimizing their emissions and helping to keep Artesia's air clean.

The City's pollution reduction efforts have won numerous awards over the years, including a Gold Beacon Spotlight Award for Sustainability Best Practices and a Los Angeles County Green Leadership Award in 2018 and 2019. The City will continue to identify creative ways to reduce pollution and make Artesia a cleaner, greener place to live and work.



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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of three Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018 and 2019, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.