



Executive Summary

The City of Manhattan Beach is receiving recognition as a Blue City by the nonprofit organization [Project O](#). The [Blue City Network](#) Certification provides a data-driven approach to assessing communities' efforts towards protecting waterways and oceans. The intent of this program is to establish a network of cities, towns, and counties that are willing to implement, collaborate, and share information on jurisdictional sustainability programs across four Solution Areas: Waste Minimization, Climate Protection and Community Resilience, Water Quality and Efficiency, and Healthy Ecosystems.

As part of the Blue City Network, the city will continue to collaborate with other cities, towns, and counties and receive support from our established non-profit partners on efforts to further protect the ocean and waterways. The City will also benefit by being recognized as part of a select group of coastal communities who prioritize and protect the environmental resources that are necessary to maintain a sustainable future.

The Blue City Network does hereby congratulate the City of Manhattan Beach for achieving Ocean Hero Status, completing the certification with a total score of 435 out of a possible 500 points. Some of the major accomplishments that helped the City achieve this recognition include:

- One of the first cities to implement a no plastic bag ban, and are very involved in

community outreach regarding waste, for example, releasing the Plastic Free MB guide for business and residents and engaging youth in the City's Sustainability Youth Taskforce.

- Actively updating the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, using state of the art climate modeling, to ensure that Manhattan Beach remains a resilient community in the face of climate change.
- Installing multiple ocean-friendly gardens throughout the city to demonstrate the importance of water conservation and native plants.
- Outreach to residents on conserving water actions such as how to purchase or obtain free rain barrels and accessing incentives for native gardening.
- Working on a large 3.5-acre dune restoration project which involves the removal of non-native vegetation, seeding/planting of native vegetation, and installation of educational features like interpretive signage.