



PE6 Action: GreenLITES

6 Points

9 Points

12 Points

15 Points

A. Why is this action important?

It is important to improve the quality of New York State's transportation infrastructure in ways that minimize impacts to the environment, including the depletion of irreplaceable resources and the reduction of GHG emissions. To facilitate and recognize transportation project designs that incorporate a high level of environmental sustainability, NYSDOT implemented and uses GreenLITES (Green Leadership In Transportation and Environmental Sustainability), a transportation environmental sustainability rating program.

Other New York State government agencies and authorities, local municipalities, and non-governmental (NGOs) may use GreenLITES to certify their transportation projects. Using GreenLITES is voluntary and offers project Sponsors the opportunity to distinguish their transportation projects based on the extent to which they incorporate sustainable design choices. By participating in this program, sponsors demonstrate the following:

1. They are committed to improving the quality of transportation infrastructure in ways that minimize impacts to the environment, and
2. They have taken intentional steps to show the public they are advancing sustainable practices.

B. How to implement this action

This action can be implemented by utilizing NYSDOT's GreenLITES voluntary self-certification program for a local transportation infrastructure project. The local government must use GreenLITES Project Environmental Sustainability Rating System Scorecard and submit it to NYSDOT for review before receiving an official certificate. Certification levels include Certified, Silver, Gold, and Evergreen; each varying based on the number of sustainability practices incorporated into the project and the level of impact the project will have in the areas of sustainable sites, water quality, materials and resources, energy and atmosphere and innovation.

C. Time frame, project costs, and resource needs

The time frame, costs, and resource needs vary depending on the project size and certification level sought.

D. Which local governments implement this action? Which departments within the local government are most likely to have responsibility for this?

Any local government (city, town, village, county) can implement this action. Typically, the departments of transportation, planning, or public works would oversee this action.

E. How to obtain points for this action

Points are obtained for this action by receiving a GreenLITES certification from NYSDOT.

POSSIBLE POINTS

Certified

6

Silver	9
Gold	12
Evergreen	15

F. What to submit

The local government must provide the certificate obtained from NYSDOT.

G. Links to additional resources or best practices

- [NYSDOT GreenLITES](#)

H. Recertification requirements

The recertification requirements are the same as the initial certification requirements.