CivicSpark
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Project Overview
The Green Region Initiative – Sustainability Indicators project aims to track sustainability progress throughout the 6 counties and 191 cities in the SCAG region. The CivicSpark fellows developed METRIC REPORTS for 25 sustainability indicators, providing descriptions and reasoning for the chosen metrics. They then researched, tracked, and categorized sustainability policies throughout the region and input this data into a sustainability indicators CHART. They collaborated with SCAG staff to produce an interactive, online MAP that helps visualize the data.

Findings/Conclusions
- Project is meant to facilitate collaboration
- Policy and performance should be tracked separately
- A statewide standard is needed to make plans and progress metrics uniform across jurisdictions
- Regional collaboration can be beneficial in helping connect jurisdictions and facilitate sustainability but jurisdictions also need to take their own action

Next Steps
- Train SCAG staff, local governments, and planners on how to use map to further sustainability in the region
- Feature map at the California Adaptation Forum
- Collect quantitative performance data for all 25 indicators
- Include performance data, demographic information, and best practices in the map
- Hold best practice workshops utilizing indicators data

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Opportunity Area
Taking Action
Making Progress
Leading the Way.