Sustainable Smart City Assistant Using IBM Granite LLM

Project Documentation

1. Introduction

Project Title : Sustainable Smart City Assistant Using IBM Granite LLM

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2. Project Overview

Purpose:

The purpose of a Sustainable Smart City Assistant is to empower cities and their residents to thrive in a more eco-conscious and connected urban environment. By leveraging Al and real-time data, the assistant helps optimize essential resources like energy, water, and waste, while also guiding sustainable behaviors among citizens through personalized tips and services.

For city officials, it serves as a decision-making partner—offering clear insights, forecasting tools, and summarizations of complex policies to support strategic planning. Ultimately, this assistant bridges technology, governance, and community engagement to foster greener cities that are more efficient, inclusive, and resilient.

Features:

Conversational Interface

Natural language interaction

Citizens and officials can ask questions, get updates, and receive guidance in plain language

Policy Summarization

Simplifies government documents into concise, actionable summaries

Resource Forecasting

Uses predictive analytics to estimate future energy, water, and waste usage

Eco-Tip Generator

Provides daily sustainability advice based on user behavior

Citizen Feedback Loop

Collects and analyzes public input to inform planning and improvements

KPI Forecasting

Projects performance indicators for long-term city planning

Anomaly Detection

Identifies unusual patterns in data to detect issues early

Multimodal Input Support

Accepts text, PDFs, and CSVs for document analysis and forecasting

Streamlit or Gradio UI

User-friendly dashboards for both citizens and officials

3. Architecture

Frontend (Streamlit)

Interactive web UI with dashboards, file uploads, chat interface, feedback forms, and report viewers.

Sidebar navigation using streamlit-option-menu.

Modularized pages for scalability.

Backend (FastAPI)

REST framework powering document processing, chat, eco tips, report creation, and embeddings.

Optimized for performance and Swagger integration.

LLM Integration (IBM Watson Granite)

Granite LLM used for natural language understanding and generation.

Prompts designed for summarization, eco tips, and reporting.

Vector Search (Pinecone)

Policy documents embedded with Sentence Transformers.

Supports semantic search using cosine similarity.

ML Modules (Forecasting & Anomaly Detection)

Lightweight ML models using scikit-learn.

Time-series modeling and visualization with pandas & matplotlib.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

Python 3.9+

pip and virtual environment tools

API keys for IBM Watson and Pinecone

Internet access

Installation Process:

- 1. Clone repository
- 2. Install dependencies from requirements.txt
- 3. Create .env file and configure credentials
- 4. Run backend server with FastAPI
- 5. Launch frontend with Streamlit
- 6. Upload data and interact with modules

5. Folder Structure

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app/ – FastAPI backend logic

app/api/ – Modular API routes

ui/ – Streamlit UI pages

smart_dashboard.py – Main Streamlit dashboard

granite_llm.py – Handles Watson Granite LLM

document_embedder.py – Embedding + Pinecone storage

kpi_file_forecaster.py – Forecasting trends

anomaly_file_checker.py – Detects unusual data

report_generator.py – AI-generated sustainability reports
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6. Running the Application

Launch FastAPI server

Run Streamlit dashboard

Navigate through sidebar pages

Upload documents or CSVs

Interact with chat assistant

View outputs: reports, summaries, predictions

All interactions are real-time with backend APIs.

7. API Documentation

POST /chat/ask – Get Al-generated response

POST /upload-doc – Upload & embed documents

GET /search-docs – Semantic search of policies

GET /get-eco-tips – Sustainability tips

POST /submit-feedback – Store citizen feedback

Swagger UI used for API testing.

8. Authentication

Demo runs open access

Future deployments may add:

Token-based authentication (JWT/API keys)

OAuth2 with IBM Cloud

Role-based access (admin/citizen/researcher)

User sessions & history tracking

9. User Interface

Minimalist, accessible design

Sidebar navigation

KPI visualizations & summary cards

Tabs for chat, eco tips, forecasting

Real-time form handling

PDF report download

10. Testing

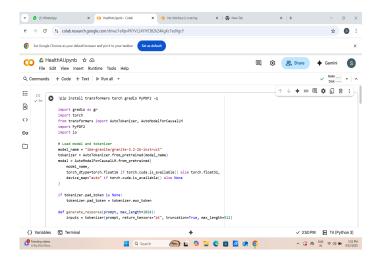
Unit Testing: For prompt engineering

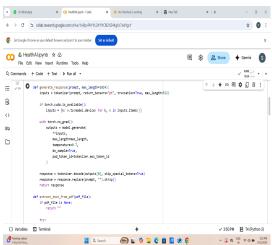
API Testing: Swagger UI, Postman

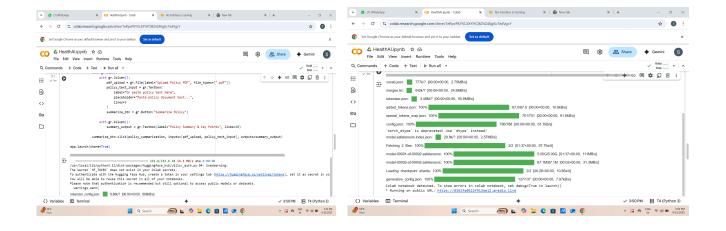
Manual Testing: File uploads, chat, outputs

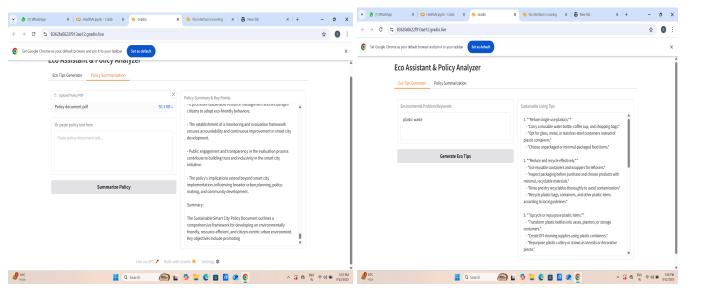
Edge Cases: Invalid inputs, large files, API errors

11. Program and Output Screenshots









12. Future Enhancements

Multi-language support

Mobile app integration

Advanced AI forecasting

Integration with IoT sensor networks