

First Steps for a Citizen Climate Committee

1. Form your Group.

Share contact info, set up a meeting, and identify roles.

2. What's already being done?

Research your city's policies and action on environment and energy issues.

3. Understand your City Government.

Analyze attitudes of your mayor and other key decision makers.

Identify a champion or city official that can help spearhead change.

4. Ask your Mayor to sign the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

Determine ways to inform and pressure a reluctant mayor and/or city council.

5. Move your City from talk to action.

Identify first, easy steps your city can take. Begin developing a Climate Action Plan.

Next Steps Form a Climate Action Plan

1. Mayor and city staff implements early action of the 12 steps from U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement to lower emissions throughout city operations.

2. Mayor names steering committee which may include work groups such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation, land use, water conservation, waste reduction, and public outreach.

3. City completes a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for city government and community. The inventory is reported to the steering committee and the public.

4. The results of the emissions inventory are used to enhance and expand the Climate Action Plan.

Helpful resources:

Coolcities.us

http://coolcities.us/resources/activistTools/CC_ActivistToolkit.pdf