



## CITY OF OSHKOSH SIGNS US MAYOR'S CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

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The Oshkosh Common Council approved the US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement on September 11, 2007, becoming the 668<sup>th</sup> city in the US to sign. 15 communities in Wisconsin have signed to date.

By signing the agreement, the city of Oshkosh commits to the following (<http://www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/agreement.htm>):

1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution

To assist the city and community in the implementation of these goals, Mayor Frank Tower will be working to create the City of Oshkosh Energy and Environmental Advisory board.

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