

Manifesto for Climate Action

Part of Climate Action Project by Take Action Global

We believe actions at the level of a city are critical to combating climate change globally. We are firm in our support of green cities and understand that commitments by local governments are essential in creating a positive and sustainable future.

As we have begun to experience the effects of climate change in our community, we continue to have increased awareness and concern. The current rate and intensity of global climate change and projections and potential for detrimental impacts demand our attention. We are committed to responding with urgency and with a plan for action.

Recognizing that there is a need for both mitigation and adaptation, we advance with optimism in the opportunity to explore bold and innovative solutions. Through our efforts, we will lead together as a city for progress and demonstrate the power of collective action.

We believe in the strength of our city and its citizens, and resolve to take action with the following Climate Action Commitments.

Our Climate Commitment:

Measure and Plan

Our city will start measuring its climate footprint and develop a comprehensive Climate Action Plan:

- a. Create internal institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the Plan
- b. Actively support a task force (or equivalent) to ensure alignment of the Plan with community goals and to facilitate joint action, and complete a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, also identifying near term opportunities for greenhouse gas reduction.
- c. A plan which will include:
 - A target date for achieving carbon neutrality
 - A target date by which defined thresholds of resilience will be met
 - Mechanisms and indicators for tracking progress
 - Review, revise if necessary, the climate action plan every year

Reduce

Our city will reduce our emissions as much as we can by changing our habits. This could mean, for example:

- divesting from fossil fuels,
- embracing renewable energy sources,
- energy efficiency (buildings and infrastructure),
- promoting cycling and improving public transport,
- sponsor (indigenous) tree plantings,
- mitigation and adaptation
- expanding green spaces,

Our city commits to one of these or even all meaning commitment to carbon neutrality by 2050 as stated in the Paris Agreement.

Educate

We will work with schools within our city to educate our young people on sustainable living.

Compensate

We consider addressing our unavoidable climate footprint by offsetting emissions which we cannot reduce, to become climate neutral now.