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Climate Action Plan Release

With the release of the City of Denver Climate Action Plan, Denver is joining the ranks of cities on the forefront of the battle to combat global warming by taking active and measurable steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the city. The Climate Action Plan, prepared by the Mayor's Greenprint Denver Advisory Council and presented in the form of recommendations to Mayor Hickenlooper, was released as a Draft for Public Input. The goal of the Climate Action Plan is to combine voluntary measures and incentives with some mandates and city policy changes to bring about a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the various emission sources throughout the city (transportation, buildings, and materials). The reductions are specific: to reduce city-wide per capita emissions by 10 percent relative to 1990 levels by 2012. To put it in other terms - to eliminate the emissions from one coal-fired power plant (250 megawatt) by 2012, or take the emissions from a quarter million cars off our roads. This goal is outlined in the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which Mayor Hickenlooper signed back in 2005, as have over 500 other Mayors representing 65 million U.S. citizens to date.

The Climate Action Plan contains 10 recommendations that address energy savings (through conservation, efficiency, or use of alternative/renewable sources) or emissions reductions that can be made in literally every sector of our economy - transportation, homes and offices, manufacturing, and waste disposal. Various public meetings are planned over the next several weeks to provide an opportunity for Denver residents and businesses to learn more about the plan. You can easily view and download a [copy of the plan](#), Information regarding the "Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the City and County of Denver" is also available on the website, (prepared by the Denver Department of Environmental Health), as well as tips on how you can reduce you carbon footprint, and a link to a carbon calculator.

Public dialogue and feedback will be crucial to the success of this Climate Action Plan. To share your views with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and elected officials leave your comments [on our blog](#). The blog is specifically designed to accept feedback on this Climate Action Plan.

Being green has its advantages . . . Environmental Champions Awards

A number of City individuals and agencies were awarded the Environmental Champions Award on April 20th in the Webb Municipal Building Atrium for their remarkable accomplishments in creating a sustainable future where people and nature thrive.

The award, offered by the Department of Environmental Health and Greenprint Denver during the Earth Day celebration, recognizes outstanding employees and project teams that advance Greenprint Denver's goals through leadership and innovation to improve City practices that conserve resources or prevent waste or pollution.

The 2006 Environmental Champions are:

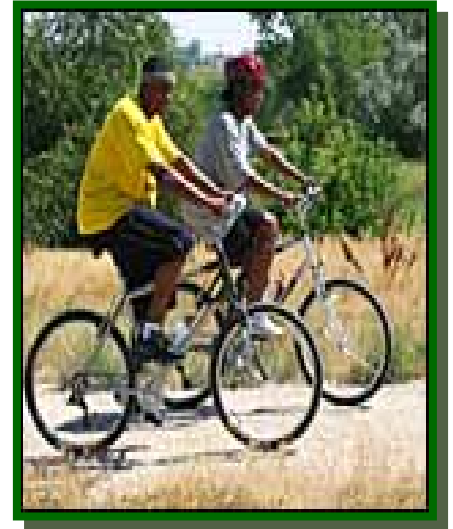
- ✿ *Urban Forestry Wood Reutilization Program*
 - *Forestry Field Operations Unit, Parks and Recreation/Natural Resources*
- ✿ *Institutionalize Green Procurement Practices*
 - *Jim McIntyre, Buyers and Staff/Purchasing*
- ✿ *Non-toxic Automotive Parts Cleaning Procedures*
 - *Robert Castaneda and Fleet Maintenance Staff/Public Works*
- ✿ *Environment & Economic Advantages from Water Based Wood Floor Finish Products*
 - *Sid Schwartz, Parks and Recreation*
- ✿ *Citywide Green Initiatives*
 - *Christian Willis, General Services*
- ✿ *Herbicide Reduction*
 - *Patrick Ertel, Parks and Recreation*

Tree by Tree . . . A success!

Last month we kicked off the Tree by Tree campaign, Denver's plan to plant a million trees over the next 20 years. Our initial goal was to plant 7,000 trees in 7 days in Denver and the metro area. We surpassed that goal by planting nearly 13,000 trees in 7 days! Even though that initial goal has been met, if you're planting trees anywhere in the metro area, please take a moment to [register your tree](#).

Suncor rises to the challenge!

- Kaitlin Costello has worked for Suncor via Day & Zimmerman Security Services for nearly two years and has taken the Drive Less challenge. Kaitlin has completely cut driving out of her commute to work. She carpools when the weather is bad, but chooses to walk or bike to work during good weather. Her commute is 2.5 miles resulting in a 5 mile per day round trip. Kaitlin not only enjoys seeing the sun rise and set each day, but is experiencing a happier and healthier lifestyle due to her commitment to walking and driving less.
- Tom Spear, of Suncor Commerce City Refinery, has also taken the Drive Less challenge. Tom leaves his car at home and bikes to work Monday thru Thursday. He's no rank amateur at biking - Tom commutes year-round on a regular basis excluding the cold winter months. His bicycle commute keeps about 4,000 miles on average per year off his car.



Upcoming Events

- May 20-22
[Colorado Summit for Recycling](#)
- May 21
[NREL Power Lunch: Advanced Vehicle Technologies](#)
- June 2
[Earth Fair](#)
- June 27
[Bike to work day](#)



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