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- The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- The USCM/ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability Partnership
- The Mayors Council on Climate Protection



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U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels initiated in spring, 2005
- Scope similar to Kyoto Protocol: local commitments to CO₂ emissions reductions
- Original goal: 141 Mayors' commitment
- USCM adopted the agreement as policy in summer of 2005
- As of January 25 2007, 376 Mayors have signed
- New goal: 500 Mayors by summer, 2007



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Regional U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Participants

City	Mayor	Population
Annapolis	Ellen O. Moyer	35,838
Baltimore	Martin O'Malley	651,154
Chevy Chase	William H. Hudnut	31,000
Gaithersburg	Sidney A. Katz	52,613
Kensington	Peter Fosselman	1,920
Rockville	Larry Giammo	57,402
Sykesville	Jonathan Herman	4,197
Alexandria	William D. 'Bill' Euille	128,283
Blacksburg	Ron Rordam	39,573
Charlottesville	David E. Brown	45,049
Richmond	L. Douglas Wilder	197,790
Virginia Beach	Meyera E. Oberndorf	425,257
Williamsburg	Jeanne Zeidler	11,751
Washington, DC	Adrian M. Fenty	553,523
	Total:	2,235,350

Note: Bold cities are MWCOG members



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The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement is open to all U.S. Cities

- The City of Seattle currently manages the database and main web site
- Visit for www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/ for participation information



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The USCM and ICLEI - Local Governments formed official partnership in 2005:

- Build on both organizations' strengths
- Provide tools for Mayors/Cities to use to meet Agreement commitments
- ICLEI: Technical Expertise, International Reputation and Experience
- USCM: Policy Expertise & National Influence



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U.S. Mayors Council on Climate Protection

- A bipartisan task force of The U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Co-Chairs: Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels & Carmel, IN Mayor James Brainard
- Meets at least twice per year
- Works to grow and strengthen the efforts of the USCM/ICLEI Partnership and advance the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement



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What's in it for Mayors...

- Cities and their day-to-day operations have less negative impact on the Earth's climate
- Evidence suggest long-term economic benefits and other environmental improvements - e.g., better air quality, improved public health
- Examples of local environmental leadership engenders positive press coverage and public relations
- Acting now shows the federal government that concern is real and local leaders are unwilling to wait



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