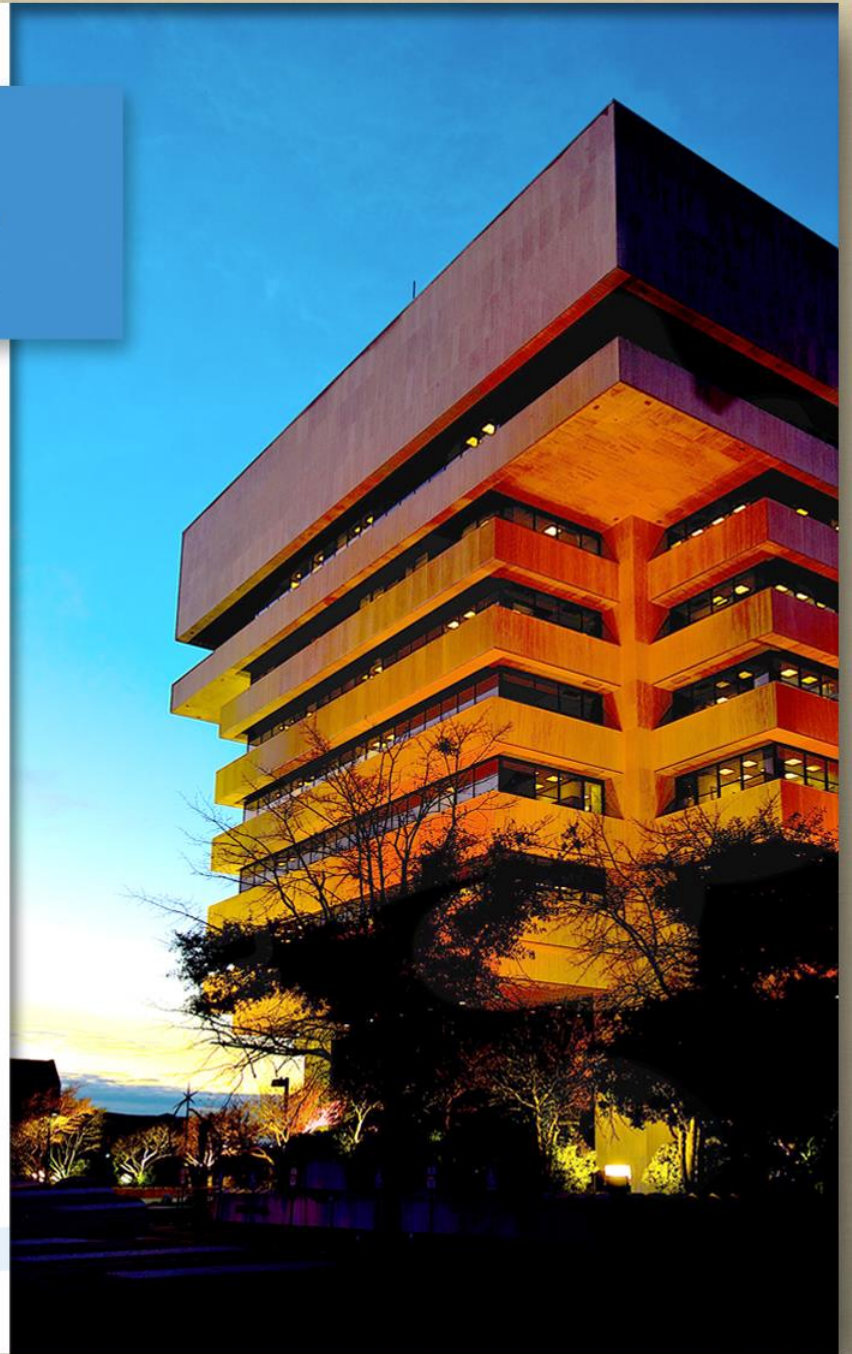


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Mayors from across thousands of localities committing to fighting climate change and reducing energy consumption



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Locality commits to measuring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and creating an action plan to reduce them.

Sample Goals from Blacksburg, VA

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## GOALS

INCREASE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION BEHAVIORS  
IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES  
IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF RENTAL PROPERTIES  
EXPAND ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY

## CO-BENEFITS:

- reduces household costs for heating and cooling
- improves thermal comfort and indoor air quality
- creates local jobs in the energy efficiency field
- provides a hedge against utility price increases

# How to Participate

Four Elements to Complete, each with a timeline:

1. Register Intent

2. Take Inventory (1 year)

- Complete a GHG inventory
- Identify climate hazards



# How to Participate

## 3. Set Reduction Target (2 years)

- Target for GHG emission reduction
- Conduct climate change vulnerability assessment

## 4. Establish an Action Plan (3 years)

Must report out annually for compliance

# Pros

- Benefits from undertaking work
  - Environmental health
  - Human health
  - Better use of City funds
- Relates to resiliency efforts
- Access to tools for measuring and planning, technical and direct support
- Display “badge” showcasing City efforts



# Cons

- Large amount of work over initial three year period
- Staff resources are limited to take on additional responsibilities
- Recognition requires continued work
- May require funding and regulatory change.