



What is the Seattle Climate Partnership?

The Seattle Climate Partnership is a voluntary agreement among Seattle-area employers to assess and reduce their carbon footprint, and to work together to help meet community-wide goals for reducing climate pollution.

In February of 2005, Mayor Greg Nickels challenged the Seattle community to meet or beat the global warming pollution reduction target of the Kyoto Protocol, and he appointed a Green Ribbon Commission on Climate Protection to develop recommendations for achieving that goal. One of the Commission's key recommendations was the formation of the Seattle Climate Partnership—a voluntary pact among Seattle-area employers to take action to reduce their own emissions, and to work together to help meet the community-wide goal.

The Partnership's 12 Founding Partners govern the Partnership, guide the development of tools and services, and plan for the future of the program. There are currently 40 Partners and our goal is to increase membership to at least 100 employers by the end of 2007.

Why join the Seattle Climate Partnership?

The Partnership provides members with tools and technical assistance to assess their carbon footprint and develop and implement carbon reduction strategies.

In joining the Seattle Climate Partnership, Seattle-area employers are committing to take actions to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time cutting costs, improving the work environment for their employees, and improving their record of corporate responsibility. Employers are in a unique and powerful position to reduce climate pollution -- not only from their own operations but also from their suppliers, customers, and employees. Since most of this pollution in our community comes from the use of fossil fuels such as gasoline, diesel and natural gas, employers can make a huge difference, for example by making climate-friendly decisions about how they use energy in their buildings, operations and fleets; how they transport goods and services; and how they influence their employees' transportation choices.

The Partnership has developed a simple planning-level carbon inventory tool and a guide to the available technical and financial assistance for implementing reduction strategies. Quarterly workshops provide assistance in emissions reduction planning and implementation.

Where can I find more information about the Seattle Climate Partnership?

Check out the Partnership website: www.seattle.gov/climate/partnership.htm or contact Steve Nicholas (steve.nicholas@seattle.gov or 206-615-0829) or Tracy Morgenstern (tracy.morgenstern@seattle.gov or 206-386-4595) at the Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment.

Seattle Climate Partnership Members

Founding Partners

- City of Seattle
- Starbucks
- REI
- Port of Seattle
- LaFarge NA
- University of Washington
- Group Health Cooperative
- King County
- Mithun
- Shoreline Community College
- Garvey Schubert Barer
- Urban Visions

"In our view, the climate change challenge will create more economic opportunities than risks for the US economy."

-- United States Climate Action Partnership,
which includes Alcoa, BP America, PG&E,
DuPont, Caterpillar, General Electric and
Duke Energy

Other Partners

- The Big Print
- BNBuilders
- Cascadia Community College
- Cascadia Region Green Building Council
- Celilo Group Media
- Evergreen Construction
- FCM Travel Solutions
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research
- GGLO
- Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- The Green Car Company
- Greenworks Realty
- HomeStreet Bank
- Imperium Renewables
- North Seattle Community College
- Paladino and Company
- Parsons Public Relations
- PB
- Ridolfi, Inc
- Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd
- Seattle Central Community College
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Seattle Northwest Securities
- Seattle University
- South Seattle Community College
- TransGroup Worldwide Logistics
- Waterstone Brands
- Woodland Park Zoo