



How Did This Effort Start?

- In 2006, Pittsburgh formed the Green Government Task Force (GGTF) to help develop a climate action plan for Pittsburgh.
- GGTF and Carnegie Mellon University graduate students compiled a greenhouse gas inventory of Pittsburgh.
- Using the Pittsburgh *Greenhouse Gas Inventory* as a baseline, open discussions with Pittsburgh's municipal employees, businesses, community members, and universities spurred *Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan* creation.
- The *Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan, Version 1.0* set a City-wide goal to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20% by 2023**.
- In August 2008, Pittsburgh City Council unanimously adopted the *Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan* as a guiding document.

Who Is Leading?

The Pittsburgh Climate Initiative (PCI) is charged with guiding implementation of the *Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan, Version 1.0*. PCI organizational partners include the following:

- Management: **Green Building Alliance** - Coordinates the Pittsburgh Climate Initiative and manages measurement and verification of overall PCI greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
- Municipal: **City of Pittsburgh and ICLEI** - Creating more sustainable City operations.
- Community: **PennFuture** - Addressing community climate activities through "The Black and Gold City Goes Green" initiative, which was introduced in March 2009.
- Business: **Sustainable Pittsburgh** - Leading the Business Climate Coalition.
- Translation to County Level: **Pennsylvania Environmental Council** - Working directly with Allegheny County on a greenhouse gas inventory of County municipal operations.
- Higher Education: **Green Building Alliance** - Convenes the Higher Education Climate Consortium (HECC), which actively engages all Pittsburgh region colleges and universities to collaborate, share information, and set goals so that the organizations comprising HECC align with the City of Pittsburgh's overall greenhouse gas reduction goal.

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What's Happening Now?

The Pittsburgh Climate Initiative partnership addresses the major sources of Pittsburgh's greenhouse gas emissions while taking advantage of existing organizations' efforts to affect similar or related change.

- The Pittsburgh Climate Initiative includes both policy and program activities in all sectors.
- Each sector is first focused on short and medium-term recommendations from the *Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan*.
- In March 2009 PennFuture launched *The Black and Gold City Goes Green* campaign to promote community emissions reductions, and the Business Climate Coalition held its inaugural meeting.
- Green Building Alliance is currently quantifying the impact of accomplished recommendations to establish the City's progress toward its goal of **20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2023**.

