

What is ICLEI?

ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is a membership association of local governments committed to advancing deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and achieving tangible improvements in local sustainability. Since its inception in 1990, ICLEI has grown to include nearly 1,000 local governments throughout the world, more than 550 of which are in the United States.

ICLEI provides technical assistance and analytical tools and methods to assist local governments in measuring emissions and identifying and acting upon emissions reduction opportunities, enabling local governments to set and achieve emissions reduction goals. Through this work, ICLEI helped local governments reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 23 million tons, along with 43,000 tons of local air pollutants, in 2005 alone. This translates into about \$600 million in annual cumulative savings, largely on energy expenditures.

ICLEI will continue to empower local governments to achieve their climate and sustainability goals by ongoing evolution of its tools and resource offerings, the development of a national network of local governments working for sustainable development, and through the establishment of comparative performance benchmarks for local action.

How to Become a Member

Step 1: Complete a membership application providing background information regarding the local government and designating three liaisons—an elected official, a staff member and an internal media contact—to communicate with ICLEI about available and emerging resources and opportunities. The application can be found at <http://www.icleiusa.org/join/>.

Step 2: Pay first installment of annual dues upon receipt of an invoice from ICLEI, or along with your application.

Step 3: Adopt a resolution to participate ICLEI's Five Milestone Methodology within the first six months of membership in order to affirm your community's commitment to climate protection work. Each member is encouraged to modify the resolution to match local circumstances and priorities.

Population	Annual Dues
1 to 50,000	\$600
50,001 to 100,000	\$1,200
100,001 to 200,000	\$1,750
200,001 to 300,000	\$2,250
300,001 to 500,000	\$2,750
500,001 to 750,000	\$3,500
750,001 to 1,000,000	\$4,500
1,000,001 to 2,000,000	\$5,750
2,000,001 to 4,000,000	\$7,000
Over 4,000,001	\$8,000

Step 4: Get started with your climate protection work by involving stakeholders, publicizing your membership, and starting Milestone 1, the inventory of energy use and emissions.

For more information about ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability or to become a member, please visit www.icleiusa.org or contact membership-usa@iclei.org or (617) 960-3420.

ICLEI TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

ICLEI Tools & Resources

The Network

ICLEI USA is an association of local governments and acts as the facilitator of a robust network of more than 550 local governments leading efforts to achieve climate protection and sustainability. Participation in the ICLEI Network allows local government representatives to share and learn from each others' climate action challenges and successes.

Online Member Forums & Peer Networking

The ICLEI USA online Member Center allows you to post questions and ideas directly to the real experts—your peers—or to search for other ICLEI USA Liaisons across the country based on their name, employing jurisdiction, job title, or region.

National, Regional, and State ICLEI Networking Meetings

Opportunities to connect face-to-face with peers from around your region and the country, along with experts in the field of local climate protection.

Clean Air and Climate Protection (CACP) 2009 Software

Premiere local government emissions analysis software tool for estimating current and projected greenhouse gas and criteria air pollutant emissions associated with electricity, fuel use and waste disposal through municipal and community-scale emissions inventories. The software has just been updated to match the requirements of the Local Government Operations Protocol.

Government Operations Inventory Data Collection Forms & Calculators

Following the Local Government Operations Protocol, a series of data collection forms (some with built-in calculators) that assist local governments in estimating emissions from stationary sources, mobile sources, power generation, solid waste and wastewater facilities. Designed to work in tandem with CACP 2009 or can be used separately.

Communications and Outreach Guide

A comprehensive messaging primer and guide designed to support local government constituent and media outreach efforts, including press release and editorial board letter templates and guidance on educating and engaging all sectors of the community in climate protection activities.

Implementation Guidebooks

A series of measure-specific implementation guidebooks to assist local governments in designing and implementing the following emissions reductions programs:

- Solid Waste Management
- Revolving Energy Loan Fund
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Transportation & Land Use Toolkit

A resource guide to aid local government leaders and other community stakeholders in developing more sustainable transportation systems.



Example Inventory Reports, Local Climate Protection Resolutions, Action Plans and Ordinances

A list of links to example documents detailing each stage of the climate protection process, including policy language on a wide range of relevant topics

Climate Resiliency/Adaptation Guidebook

A complete guide to assessing vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and developing strategies for mitigating those impacts.

Urban Forestry Toolkit

Comprehensive guide consisting of fact sheets on the benefits of urban forestry, case studies of successful municipal programs, guidance on including urban forests in local climate action plans, overview of tools available for urban forest management and analysis, and links to further resources.

Local Climate Protection Case Studies

A series of guides on targeted topics documenting how local governments are implementing a range of emissions reduction strategies both within municipal operations and throughout their communities.

Internship Toolkit

A guide to recruiting and managing interns to help increase capacity to complete emissions inventories and advance targeted climate protection initiatives.

Tools & Resources Under Development

Climate & Air Pollution Planning Assistant (CAPPA)

Powerful decision support tool designed to help local government officials select the best mix of strategies for meeting emissions reduction goals based on local values and circumstances and the shared experience of peer local governments (EPA supported tool).

Sustainability Planning Toolkit

A comprehensive toolkit to assist local governments with developing full-scale sustainability plans. The toolkit will feature ICLEI's new Sustainability Planning Five Milestones, templates, checklists, best practices, case studies, model ordinances, and a database of sustainability initiatives (in partnership with the New York City Mayor's Office).

STAR Communities Index

A national, consensus-based framework for gauging the sustainability and livability of U.S. communities (in partnership with U.S. Green Building Council and the Center for American Progress, scheduled for 2010 release).

Inventory Narrative Report Templates

Narrative report templates for community and local government operations inventories (based upon LGOP reporting requirements). These serve as communication devices to report inventory results and methods to local leaders and citizens.