

Municipal Government Questionnaire

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City and State: _____

Department or office of person completing the survey: _____

(1) During the past several years, your city has engaged in efforts to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions or increase climate protection.

Is your city still involved in any efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

- Yes (****Skip to question #3****)
- No, these efforts have ended (Proceed to question #2)
- No, the city was never involved in this type of effort (**** Skip to question #8 ****)

(2) Why has the city stopped engaging in climate protection efforts? **(Mark all that apply)**

- Changes in elected leadership
- Changes in city staffing
- Changes in public demands and priorities
- Fiscal pressures
- The efforts did not achieve desired results in greenhouse gas reduction
- The efforts did not generate enough cost and energy savings for the city government
- The efforts did not result in the desired economic boost
- The efforts did not produce the desired quality of life improvements
- Other

(over)

(3) How important were each the following considerations in your city’s original decision to become involved with greenhouse gas reduction and/or climate protection efforts?

	Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Assisting in the global effort to minimize world-wide climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing the risk of weather-related disasters (flooding, drought, storms, etc.) affecting your community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interest group or citizen demands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The preferences and priorities of particular city official(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The influence of neighboring or “peer” cities that were involved in climate protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requirements or legislation from your state government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing a reputation as a “green city” in order to attract economic investment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing your city’s ability to attract grants and external funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving local air quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reducing local traffic congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Achieving energy and cost savings for the city government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(4) Which of the following was the single most important motivation for your city’s original decision to become involved with greenhouse gas reduction and/or climate protection efforts?

- Reducing the risk of weather-related disasters (flooding, drought, storms, etc.) affecting your community
- Interest group or citizen demands
- The preferences and priorities of particular city official(s)
- The influence of neighboring or “peer” cities involved in climate protection
- Requirements or legislation from your state government
- Assisting in the global effort to minimize world-wide climate change
- Developing a reputation as a “green city” in order to attract economic investment
- Increasing your city’s ability to attract grants and external funding
- Improving local air quality
- Reducing local traffic congestion
- Achieving energy and cost savings for the city government
- Other

(5) Please indicate if your city has done any of the following: (Answer Yes, No, or In Progress)

	Yes	No	In Progress
Conducted an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from <i>city government operations</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed a Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions from <i>city government operations</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducted an inventory of <i>community-wide</i> greenhouse gas emissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed a Climate Action Plan to reduce <i>community-wide</i> emissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Formally adopted a local Climate Action Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assigned a specific individual or group of individuals the responsibility to manage city climate protection activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Designated money in the city budget to fund climate protection activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Formally engaged with the public or other community stakeholders to develop climate strategies and/or priorities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(6) Has your city attempted to measure the amount of GHG emissions that have been reduced as a result of climate protection efforts?

- Yes
- No

(7) Has your city attempted to measure the following “co-benefits” that may have resulted from local climate protection or greenhouse gas reduction activities?

	Yes	No
Energy savings in city government operations resulting from climate protection efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monetary savings in city government operations resulting from climate protection efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic development influenced by the city’s climate protection efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grants or external monetary awards received to fund climate protection or energy efficiency efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local air quality improvements resulting from the city’s climate protection efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reductions in traffic congestion resulting from the city’s climate protection efforts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(Over)

(8) Please indicate if your city does any of the following in regards to powering its own government operations: (Answer Yes, No, or indicate if the action is being planned or is In Progress)

	Yes	No	In Progress
Produce renewable electricity specifically to power city government operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Purchase electricity from renewable sources (above and beyond what is contained in the standard commercial electricity mix)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Purchase carbon credits or "offsets" to offset emissions from city governments operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(9) Approximately what percent of the city government's electricity needs are met through the purchase or production of renewable energy and/or are offset through the purchase of carbon credits?

- 0%
- 1% - 25%
- 26% - 50%
- 51% - 75%
- 76% - 100%

(10) **Thank you for completing this survey!** We are happy to share its results with you. Please indicate below if you would like to be emailed a summary of its aggregate results.

- Yes, send me the results (Email address: _____)
- No, thank you