

## **Climate Protection -- Final distributed December 2010**

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Climate Protection Committee is to ensure that the Town take meaningful steps to mitigate global climate change, in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

The five steps in compliance include:

1. Undertaking a greenhouse gas assessment
2. Setting a goal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that is consistent with the Kyoto Protocol.
3. Preparing a climate action plan to achieve the goal
4. Implementing the climate action plan
5. Measuring impact of the action plan on greenhouse gas emissions.

The Climate Protection Committee receives guidance from and provides advice to the Town Council on how to comply with the U.S. Mayors' Agreement and works with volunteers and Town staff to implement relevant activities.

### **Completed**

Developed Energy Audit and Improvements Assistance Program

Signed Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

IV.4.B

Developed Chevy Chase Challenge

Developed Step Up to the Challenge Walk-a-thon

Conducted Greenhouse Gas Assessment/Survey

Distributed Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

Purchased renewable energy credits for Town streetlights

Initiate Town-specific Bike Day

### **Ongoing**

Monitor emerging/best community practices and educate residents

II.5.A.1-2

Create programs to educate residents about environmental issues

IV.1.B

Abate environmental threats--in conjunction with Environment committee

Encourage active transportation through an annual event

### **Priority Tasks for '10-'11**

Use best practices

Encourage Climate Control Block Parties

Increase uptake of audits and home energy upgrades

### **In Progress--from July committee report**

Green Homes subcommittee preparing proposal to identify incentives for building greener in Town

Improved communications strategy