

About the Climate Protection Committee

Created in 2006 when the Mayor (Bill Hudnut) signed the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement. Our purpose is to assure that the Town meets its commitment to the U.S. Mayors' Agreement by implementing the Chevy Chase Challenge, our Town's climate action plan, approved December 2008 by the Town Council.

Current members Daniel Button, Julia Craighill, Susan Gordon, Carla Graeff, Betsey Haddad, Betsy Johnson, Andy Knaus, Patty Larson, Judith McGuire (Chair), Marcie Meditch, Elizabeth Mumford, Suzanne Parnet, Christine Real de Azua, Dian Seidel, Stuart Sessions, Michael Whelan

Town Council Liaison: Rob Enelow

Town Staff Liaison: Warren Rizzi

Meetings: 4th Tuesday of the month

Working style After the Town Council passed the Chevy Chase Challenge (12/08), the CPC's working style changed. Rather than doing most of our work in monthly meetings, as previously, the working groups now do most of the work implementing the programs and projects specified in the CHCHCH and the annual plan of work and budget. The working groups report to the CPC which provides a forum to solicit input and discuss proposals. The CPC solicits input and resources from and provides guidance to the Town Council on matters under Climate Protection Committee's domain. The CPC works collaboratively with the other Town Committees to fulfill the Chevy Chase Challenge (in particular with Environment on "green" goods and practices and increasing tree planting; with Public Services on streetlights and solid waste disposal; with Community Relations on public events).

The Climate Protection Committee working groups would welcome new volunteers who are interested in working on specific projects. Many working groups would like to attract volunteers with specific skill sets. The table below describes the mandates of the working groups and the kinds of volunteers they would like to attract:

Working Group	Mandate	Looking for volunteers with the following skills
Home energy efficiency	Helping homeowners improve home energy efficiency through home energy audits followed by improvements to the building envelope, heating and cooling systems, and hot water.	Do it yourselfers, building professionals, generic volunteers

Climate Corps	Home energy advisors that provide useful information on reducing energy consumption with small non-capital changes in the home	Trainer, youth leadership development, generic volunteers
Green homes	Encouraging new building in town (new homes, additions, substantial renovations) to be as energy efficient and sustainable as possible	Real estate appraiser
Transportation	Encouraging residents to reduce vehicle miles traveled in cars by encouraging public transportation, carpooling, walking and biking.	Generic volunteers, commuters, event planner
Communications	Providing useful and motivating information to residents in a compelling manner; communications support to the other working groups	Media specialists, creative people, marketing professionals
Monitoring and Evaluation	Tracking progress toward the goal and providing feedback to the Town	Number crunchers, energy data aficionados

Each member of the CPC is assigned to at least one working group and each working group member is a de facto member of the CPC. All CPC members are invited to the monthly meetings but not required to attend because it is expected that they will devote considerable volunteer time to their working group(s). Each working group is expected to send updates and at least one member to the monthly meetings. The agenda of the monthly meeting is determined by working groups and the Chair.

The working group activities for FY10 are described in the table on the next page.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Climate Protection Committee, Work Plan FY 09-10						
2		Home energy efficiency	Climate Corps	High efficiency new homes	Transportation	Communications	Monitoring and Evaluatuion
3	2009						
4	March		Complete handbook		Start Step Up to the Challenge	On-line updates on walkathon; Zero Energy Home March 2 (talk)	Set up monitoring system
5	april	Propose summer climate corps			Conclude Step Up to the Challenge; Award Ceremony	Online updates on walkathon; Tip of the Month	
6	may	Start climate block parties; Eric Coffman, MoCo DEP talk on energy efficiency rebates	Pilot home check-ups; train summer Climate Corps interns			Results of walkathon; tip of the month	
7	june	How to make your A/C more effective and economical (talk);	Home checkups by summer interns			Finalize communications plan; Tip of the Month; prototype website; video training and contest	
8	july		Home checkups by summer interns			"Booth" and parade units at July 4th picnic; Tip of the Month	
9	august		Hhome checkups by summer interns				
10	sept				carpool initiative	Town report card; Tip of the Month	
11	october	Greener house tour			Vehicle miles traveled contest	Berliner, Carr and others: update on energy efficiency and solar programs (panel); Tip of the Month	
12	november	Show and Tell audits and retrofits				Tip of the Month	
13	december	Weather stripping hands on workshop; Winter utility bill contest starts (until end of Feb).		Draft proposal to Town Council		Tip of the Month; launch website	
14	2010						
15	jan	Hands on workshop: how to apply for energy efficiency rebates				Tip of the Month	Design midterm evaluation
16	feb	Workshop for home remodelers and contractors concerning energy efficiency upgrades				Tip of the Month	
17	march					Tip of the Month	
18	april				Bike Day	Tip of the Month	
19	may					Tip of the Month	