City of Seattle 2005

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AGENDA

A GLOBAL CITY ACTING LOCALLY

Air & Climate Protection

Partner with businesses, neighborhoods and environmental groups to produce a Seattle Climate Action Plan to reduce global warming pollution

Help lead a regional effort to promote clean cars and pass state legislation to strengthen vehicle emission standards

Expand public transportation choices by supporting the Monorail, Light Rail, and the Westlake Avenue streetcar

Improve bicycling and pedestrian opportunities by completing the Burke-Gilman Trail link from the Ballard Locks to NW 60th Street, continuing construction of the Chief Sealth Trail, and initiating a Bicycle Master Plan

Habitat & Clean Water

Restore over 1,000 feet of Lake Washington shoreline, build a natural drainage system in the Pinehurst neighborhood, and take other measures to implement the Mayor's Restore Our Waters Initiative

Identify and pursue opportunities to restore habitat along the Elliott Bay shoreline as part of Central Waterfront redevelopment projects

Conserve 200 acres of land in the Skagit and Cedar River watersheds to protect salmon and bull trout habitat

Increase the number of green roofs in Seattle through incentives, demonstration projects, and public information

"This action agenda protects and restores our environment, enhances the quality of life in our neighborhoods and fosters environmental justice. A healthy urban environment creates healthy communities and a strong economy."

Mayor Greg Nickels

Sustainable Forests

Restore 60 acres of urban forest as part of the Mayor's Green Seattle Initiative

Plant at least 1,500 new trees in neighborhoods and business districts and take other measures to implement the Green Seattle Initiative

Improve forest conditions and environmental quality in the Cedar River Watershed by removing an additional 20 miles of logging roads

Reduce the City's paper use by 15% by the end of 2005 and 30% by the end of 2006, and purchase only 100% recycled printer and copier paper, saving 6,200 trees

Connected & Healthy Neighborhoods

Create healthy, livable urban centers through zoning changes and other measures that promote walkable neighborhoods, affordable housing, mixed-use/transit-oriented development, open space and job creation

Promote green building by private developers through increased incentives and technical assistance, including creation of a Sustainable Development Center

Help restaurants and bakeries improve environmental quality and save money through targeted outreach and services to owners and operators with limited English

Explore development of a sustainable business park in Seattle's industrial area to attract and promote green building and clean energy companies and jobs

Increase recycling by promoting food waste recycling, restricting recycled content in the garbage, and increasing assistance to commercial customers

Encourage more people in Seattle to take care of the environment through a PBS documentary, a community action guide and programs at the library

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Mayor of Seattle

MAYOR'S PRIORITIES

Get Seattle moving
Keep our neighborhoods safe
Create jobs and opportunity for all
Build strong families and healthy communities

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