

Call for Members

Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council

Cool Cities Steering Committee

The **Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council** is seeking members to join our Cool Cities Steering Committee.

If you are interested or know someone who may be, please provide a letter of interest and qualifications to Lisa Grayson Zygmunt, Cool Cities Coordinator, c/o LMT, 1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067 or email to lgrayson@rdinc.net, by June 6, 2007.

Background

On March 21, 2007, The Lower Makefield Township Supervisors voted to sign the **U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**. The agreement recognized that many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies.

The LMT Cool Cities Committee is charged with developing a plan and strategy to reduce the Township's use of energy and production of greenhouse gases. The committee will work with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Sierra Club Cool Cities Program to explore approaches to promote smart energy solutions, including, but not limited to activities such as:

1. Inventory global warming emissions in Township operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
2. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy
3. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
4. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
5. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
6. Increase recycling rates in Township operations and in the community;
7. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

Questions? Please contact: Lisa Grayson Zygmunt, lgrayson@rdinc.net