



CITY OF OSHKOSH JOINS ICLEI AUGUST 2008

In an effort to make the City of Oshkosh, as well as the community of Oshkosh, more sustainable—particularly in the areas of energy efficiency and conservation, and greenhouse gas emissions—the City became a member of ICLEI (aka Local Governments for Sustainability) on 8/26/2008, joining a handful of other Wisconsin cities, including Milwaukee and Madison.

ICLEI is a membership association of local governments and national / regional government associations that have made a unique commitment to sustainable development. This global initiative consists of 1028 local governments, in 66 countries, representing over 400 million people worldwide.

A Worldwide Movement of Local Governments

Through its international campaigns and programs, ICLEI works with local governments to generate political awareness of key issues; establish plans of action toward defined, concrete, measurable targets; work toward meeting these targets through the implementation of projects; and evaluate local and cumulative progress toward sustainable development. ICLEI's campaigns, programs, and projects promote **Local Agenda 21** as a participatory, long-term, strategic planning process that addresses local sustainability while protecting global common goods. Linking local action to internationally agreed upon goals and targets such as Agenda 21, the Rio Conventions, the Habitat Agenda, the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation is an essential component.



A fundamental component of ICLEI's performance-based campaign model is the milestone process. Each campaign incorporates a five-milestone structure that participating local governments work through: (1) establish a baseline; (2) set a target; (3) develop a local action plan; (4) implement the local action plan; and (5) measure results.

Building Sustainable Cities

The movement from Local Agenda 21 to Local Action 21 ushers local governments from general sustainable development planning to working with local stakeholders address inter-related challenges to poverty and sustainability. ICLEI seeks to build **Sustainable Communities and Cities** by enabling local governments to achieve justice, security, resilience, viable economies, and healthy environments. The four initiatives are: (a) [Resilient Communities and Cities](#), (b) [Just and Peaceful Communities](#), (c) [Viable Local Economies](#), and (d) [Eco-efficient Cities](#).

One of the major components of the ICLEI Five-Milestone Process is to gather and enter municipal and community energy and greenhouse gas emission baseline data into a unique ICLEI software system (housed at City Hall in the Planning Department). To help facilitate this process, the City seeks to hire two unpaid UW Oshkosh student interns to do the data gathering and entering. It is expected that the baseline work will take the spring or fall 2009 semester. Completion of all Five Milestones may take two to five years.