



The Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative

A New Partnership for Dallas

As a constantly growing area, a city the size of Dallas faces many environment-related challenges. In keeping with its ongoing commitment to improve the environmental quality of life of its residents and visitors, the City of Dallas has embarked on a new partnership with the North Central Texas COG and the U.S. EPA.

The Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative is a joint effort whose primary goal will be to adopt sustainable practices to help improve Dallas' air quality. Often times, these same efforts can also have additional positive environmental impacts. Subsequently, water and land quality benefits are also to be expected.

Benefits to Dallas for Action on Air Quality

Being an EPA Sustainable Skylines partner means that Dallas is working to achieve environmental sustainability. Benefits to being a partner include the following:

- Reduced population pollutant exposure
- Enhanced livability in the city
- Economic growth with state-of-the-art environmental protection
- Potential for credit under the Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan program
- Positive publicity

Activities

As a sustainable Skylines partner, Dallas will complete, within a three-year period, at least one project under five major categories of sustainable actions. City of Dallas staff, along with NCTOG and EPA staffs, have identified the following categories of potential projects to initially perform together:

- Enhance central city livability
 - Mitigate the urban heat island and reduce stormwater runoff
 - Replace existing fleets of taxis and rental cars with ultra-low or zero-emitting vehicles
- Promote green buildings and developments
 - Assist in constructing highly energy efficient, affordable homes with partners
- Implement and promote renewable energy/ energy efficiency
 - Complete an air emissions reduction strategy for the City of Dallas and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy measures
 - Perform various outreach efforts to promote renewable energy/energy efficiency, focusing on two different sectors: large retail companies and schools
- Reduce emissions from stationary sources/area sources
 - Reduce air emissions at Dallas area industries using TCEQ's existing Site Assistance Visit+ Program
- Reduce off-road emissions
 - Replace small gasoline and diesel powered off-road equipment (example: Leaf blowers and landscaping/lawn-care equipment) with electric powered equipment