



Natural Capitalism Solutions is creating the Climate Protection Manual for Cities, aimed at U.S. cities committed to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. The goal of the manual is to provide the tools and resources cities need to meet their greenhouse gas reduction goals.

More than 294 Mayors have signed the [U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement](#), a compact initiated by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels. By signing, cities are agreeing to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their communities, and urge state and federal governments to do the same.

Currently, cities looking for resources to initiate a climate action plan are faced with surveying hundreds of different organizations and their web sites or scouring other cities resources to find what they are doing, frequently hidden within city budgets under indirect line items.

NCS is working in collaboration with, [ICLEI](#), [Global Energy Center for Community Sustainability](#) and [Paradigm Nouveau Enterprises](#) to enable all cities to deliver on their commitment.

This Climate Protection Manual for Cities is collaborative, collecting the disparate case studies, best practices, cost/benefit analyses, legislation, technical descriptions and contacts to facilitate Climate action planning and implementation. Target areas include energy efficiency auditing and retrofits, high performance municipal building codes, transportation, investment in green energy, to name a few.

This manual provides a step-by-step guide explaining the successful programs cities can use to implement climate change initiatives depending upon their size, staff support, region and differing entry points in addressing climate protection.

Information in the manual / web site will include but not be limited to:

- Best practices & case studies
- Model ordinances and policies
- The business case for carbon reduction
- Funding opportunities and sources
- Obstacles and opportunities
- Risk management techniques—how cities can cope with high and rising energy prices; how they can cope with restrictions of energy supplies; and how they can cope with regulation that will likely be implemented within the next several years at state, regional or federal levels

This collection of resources will serve as a comprehensive how-to manual for cities who commit to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and will be available both in print form and online. The manual will be free to use and open to the public, enabling climate protection advocates and implementers to access data, articles and each other.