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Bothell City Council Commits to Being Carbon Cool - Carbon Reduction and Energy Independence Plan Adopted

Bothell, Wash. - At its June 10 meeting, Bothell City Council adopted a resolution to develop a Carbon Reduction and Energy Independence Plan (<http://www.ci.bothell.wa.us/dept/CM/SustainCool/index.html>) that signifies the City's commitment to serve as a leader in climate protection and to reduce City energy costs. The resolution officially launches the City's new program, ***Bothell CO₂OL***, and directs the City Manager to pursue and provide Council with recommendations concerning the development and implementation of a Carbon Reduction and Energy Independence Plan in phases, with its first programs to be introduced in September 2008. Earlier this year, the Bothell City Council identified the development of green building incentives for the private sector development as one of its top priorities for 2008.

Bothell Mayor Mark Lamb applauded the Council's passage of the Carbon Reduction and Energy Independence Resolution: "The environment and our economy are being damaged by our nation's addiction to polluting and nonrenewable energy resources. The ***Bothell CO₂OL*** initiative will help our City lead by example and through incentives when it comes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I encourage our citizens to learn more about this exciting program and help us work towards a clean, sustainable and energy independent future."

"The City of Bothell has always been deeply committed to the safekeeping of the environment and is also widely recognized as a center of education and of scientific research. It is a natural leap for the City of Bothell to accept the carbon reduction challenge as a value by which the City will do business," explained City Manager Bob Stowe. "By promoting carbon reduction practices and enjoying the associated energy cost savings on a local government level, Bothell contributes to the global effort to reduce the negative impacts of climate change."

The City has started to inventory business practices that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and has begun to develop programs with a goal to reduce those impacts, setting targets to for emission reduction

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consistent with best practices from around the country and the world. An annual report to the City Council will provide routine updates on carbon reduction and financial savings. Additionally, the Resolution sets in motion City actions to include, but which are not limited to:

- Creating policies and procedures to reduce carbon emissions from City of Bothell facilities, fuels, fleets and operations.
- Developing incentives to encourage the use of green building materials and operating systems in new construction by the private sector.
- Developing and implement department climate protection plans, including policies, procedures, targets and benchmarks for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption in all City departments.
- Establishing an outreach program to educate the community on how they can reduce their individual carbon footprints.

To further solidify its commitment to this effort, City of Bothell recently joined ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) - Local Governments for Sustainability, an international association of local governments and national and regional local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. This organization provides the City access to technical support and carbon counting tools that will help it to evaluate the best practices for reducing carbon while saving money. Bothell joins more than 815 cities, counties, towns, and associations with ICLEI to collaborate on international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programs.

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