



District of Columbia
Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions
Environmental Performance, Climate, and Sustainability Pledge

WHEREAS, the Government of the District of Columbia is committed to protecting public health and the natural environment in the city through numerous programs and initiatives; and



WHEREAS, Mayor Vincent C. Gray has designated advancing sustainability in the District of Columbia as a strategic priority and has established the goal of making the District of Columbia the most sustainable city in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the District of Columbia and the Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions within the District recognize the importance of promoting sustainability practices, including increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gases to combat climate change; and



WHEREAS, the Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions in the District of Columbia are committed to being good stewards of the environment and recognize the opportunity to take additional meaningful and measurable steps to demonstrate environmental leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions in the District of Columbia are collectively committed to aiding the District's efforts to be the most sustainable city in the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE,



(name of member)

hereby joins the District of Columbia Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions Environmental Performance, Climate and Sustainability Pledge committing to efforts that will advance the goals outlined below.



 **Energy & Buildings**

- ☑ Strive to have all major renovations or new construction on site include an environmental performance building standard such as Energy Star, LEED Certification or relevant international standard
 - ☑ Strive to reduce energy consumption and increase use of renewable and cleaner energy
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 **Transportation**

- ☑ Encourage its local workforce to make use of city's mass transit system, carpooling and eco-friendly modes of transportation
 - ☑ Strive for a more eco-friendly and fuel efficient vehicle fleet
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 **Water Conservation**

- ☑ Strive to reduce potable water consumption and stormwater runoff
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 **Waste Reduction**

- ☑ Strive to reduce landfill waste and improve landfill diversion
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 **Eco-Purchasing**

- ☑ Strive to have cleaning supplies, programs, and procedures that comply with relevant eco-friendly standards such as EPA-Energy Star, USDA or LEED
 - ☑ Strive to have ongoing consumable and durable goods purchases that comply with relevant eco-friendly standards such as EPA-Energy Star, USDA or LEED
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 **Jobs & Community**

- ☑ Contribute to the community of the District of Columbia by supporting forums, workshops, symposiums and other events aimed at exchanging policy, research and best practices on environmental performance, climate and sustainability
 - ☑ Strive to work with and contribute to the District's efforts to educate the area's youth in environmental sustainability
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 **Training**

- ☑ Encourage facilities management and staff to gain knowledge of best practices and environmental, building, and energy sustainability certification
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 **Reporting & Action**

- ☑ Contribute, when able, to annual sustainability performance metrics for city-wide reports
- ☑ Contribute, when able, to the District's efforts to benchmark the energy and water performance of all major buildings within the city
- ☑ Establish institutional mechanism(s) for advancing and achieving the commitments in this Pledge
- ☑ Participate in forums/meetings to share and update progress on goals outlined in this Pledge

(please indicate other commitments here)



The signatories of this charter hereby agree to form a collaborative venture within the DC Greening Embassies Forum between the Diplomatic Missions and International Institutions within the District of Columbia and the District Government to pursue and promote programs, policies and projects aimed at advancing environmental quality, economic vitality and social equity in the District of Columbia.

In Recognition of the Pledge (Mayor Vincent C. Gray)

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