

The Green Cincinnati Plan

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Mission

To lead Cincinnati City Government and the larger community toward sustainability and the practice of good environmental stewardship.

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Overview - Sustainability

- Definition: “Meeting today’s needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
- Examples:
 - Using fossil fuels faster than geological processes produce fossil fuel is not sustainable.
 - Discarding natural resources after a single use is not sustainable.
 - Budgeting to spend more money than is received is not sustainable.

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Primary Goal:

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2% Per Year
For 42 Years.

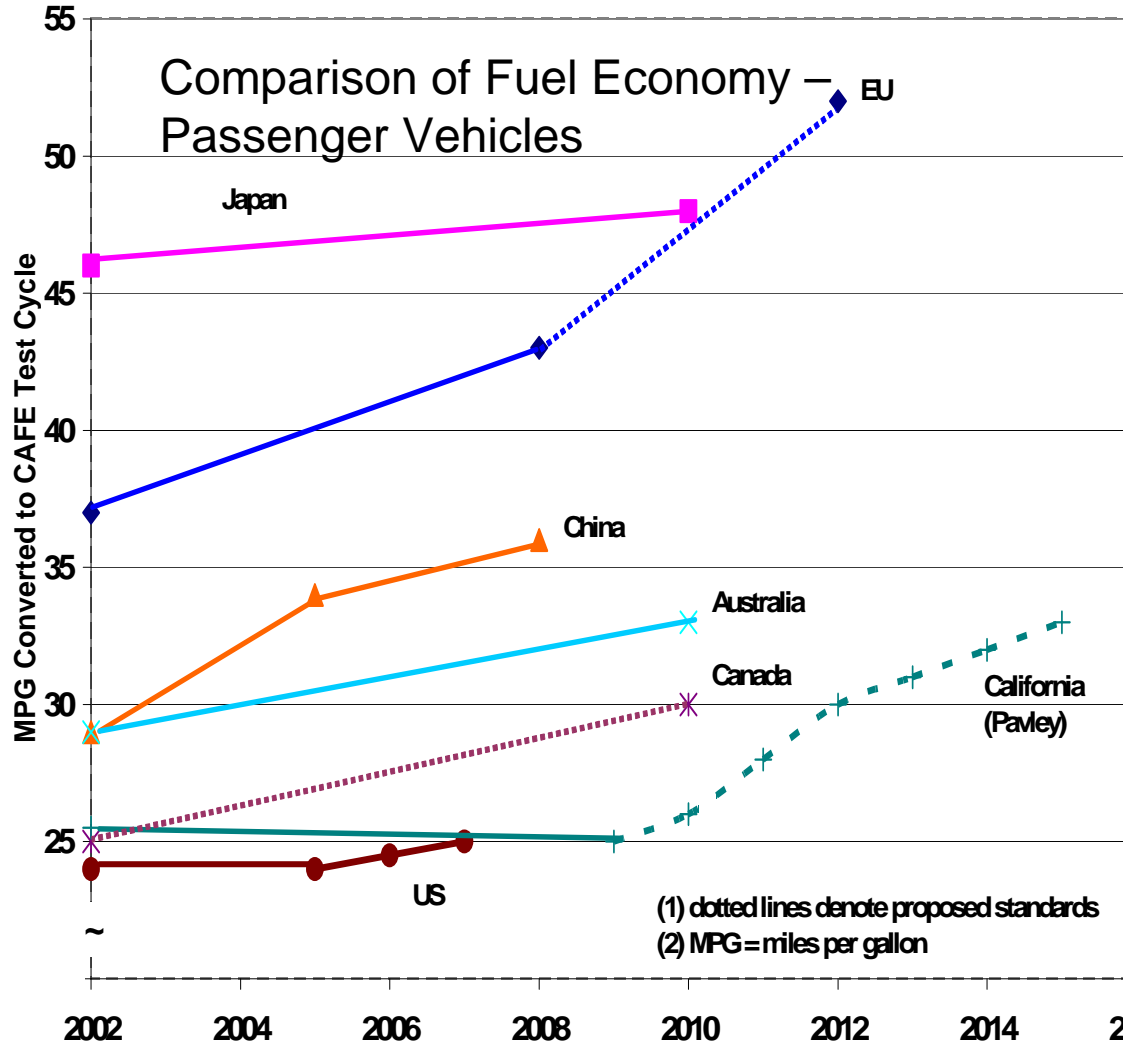
Additional Goals:

Save Energy; Save Natural Resources; Create
Jobs; Improve the Economy; Improve Public
Health; Save Money

Green Cincinnati Plan

- Contains 82 Specific Recommendations
- Recommendations Are Clustered In 6 Topics:
 - Transportation
 - Energy
 - Waste
 - Land Use
 - Food
 - Advocacy

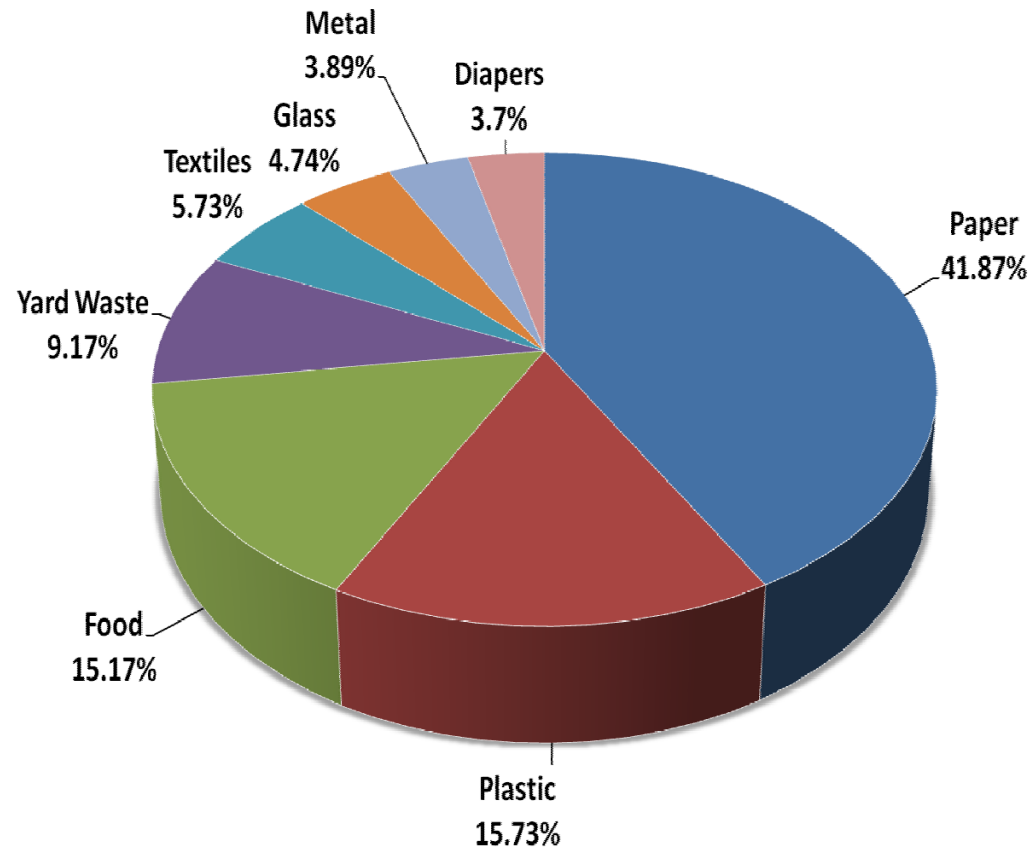
Transportation



Waste Management



Trash by Volume in Landfills



Land Use



Food



Advocacy



Implementation Plan

- Permanent Steering Committee
- A Champion for each Recommendation
- Oversight/Staff Support from OEQ
- Funding From Multiple Sources
- Continuous Improvement/Regular Reporting to Council

Budget Implications

- Many Recommendations are Low Cost or No Cost
- Funding Comes From Multiple Sources
 - City Budget
 - Private Sector Partners
 - Grants & Foundations
 - State & Federal Programs
- EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant
 - Funds Sustainability Coordinator through 2012
 - Funds Communication Campaign to Promote Voluntary Actions

Benefits

- Climate Protection
- ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
- Energy Conservation
- Energy Security
- Improved Air Quality
- Job Creation
- Improved Public Health



What you can do!!!

- Take your own next step toward sustainability.
- Encourage your friends and family to join you.
- Encourage your employer and coworkers to go green.
- Volunteer with a Green Organization
- Champion 1 of the Plan's Recommendations.
- Other Ideas?



Questions?