

Environmental Initiatives

Dallas understands that doing business in a sustainable way enables the City to provide services more efficiently. For decades, the City of Dallas has demonstrated a commitment to environmental responsibility and innovation in running the city.

- One of the first major U.S. cities to pass a comprehensive green building standard for both residential and commercial buildings (2009).
- First U.S. city to implement the ISO 14001 certified environmental management system (2008).
- 41% of the city vehicles are alternative-fueled or hybrids.
- 40% of the city power is renewable energy, primarily wind power.
- McCommas Landfill captures methane gas, and an Enhanced Leachate Recirculation system accelerates decomposition extending the landfill's life.
- Per capita water demand has decreased 35% from 1998 to 2010.
- Energy efficiency upgrades in municipal buildings have saved over \$5.3million.
- Residential recycling reached 62% participation in 2010, increasing waste diversion by 28% to 44, 713 tons.

Accolades

- Smarter City for energy initiatives (National Resources Defense Council, 2010).
- Top ten purchaser of sustainable electric power (EPA, 2011).
- Tenth in number of Energy Star rated buildings in the city (EPA, 2010).
- Pilot city for EPA's Sustainable Skylines 3 year partnership (2007) evaluating sustainable issues and programs for metro areas.



The new Trinity Audubon Center is a LEED Certified environmental education facility.

Community Sustainability

Bicycle Advocacy and Complete Streets The 2011 Bike Plan Update combines public input and professional recommendations to improve bicycle infrastructure. Community support and public policy are creating plans for Complete Streets that provide space for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.

Public Transit Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) provides bus and light rail service through Dallas and 12 surrounding cities. The Green Line's 28 mile addition in 2010 makes DART the second largest light rail network in the U.S.