TAKE A LOOK...

Want to know what we are doing in Columbus to protect and preserve our wonderful city?

LET'S GET GREEN COLUMBUS

WHO WE ARE

Columbus, the 15th largest city in the country, is young, smart and entrepreneurial with a priority on sustainability, a growing creative community, diverse urban and suburban neighborhoods, quality schools, incredible health systems and short commutes. Our proximity to major markets and our excellent quality of life makes Columbus the best place to live, work and raise a family.

And there's more! To learn about other city green initiatives and organizations visit www.GetGreenColumbus.org

Still have questions?
Give us a call at 614-645-7671

WHY IS BEING GREEN SO IMPORTANT?

Recognizing the role a healthy environment plays in creating a city in which people want to live, work and raise a family; Mayor Michael B. Coleman established the Get Green Columbus initiative in 2005. The Mayor's Office of Environmental Stewardship manages the initiative focusing internally on city operations as well as externally partnering with stakeholders from throughout the community.

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR

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COLUMBUS IS HOME TO...

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

- Over 5000 residents and businesses enrolled in the Columbus GreenSpot program who have committed to leading a more sustainable lifestyle.
- The largest Earth Day volunteer effort in the Universe with over 3300 volunteers providing more than 8000 hours of labor in a single weekend.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF LEARNING & INNOVATION

- Places for people to learn about sustainability including the #1 ranked science center, library and zoo in the country!
- The Ohio State University, one of the largest public universities in the country, graduating over 15,500 students annually. OSU boasts the world's fastest electric vehicle and an internationally recognized wetland research park.
- Ranked the #1 greenest fleet in North America by Government Fleet Magazine due to the city's commitment to use cleaner fuels including compressed natural gas, electric and bio fuels.
- Ranked 7th of 102 largest metro areas in the country for economic strength by On Numbers Economic Index in 2012.

OPEN SPACES

- 15,000 acres of city park land contributing to over 28,500 acres countywide.
- Over 32,000 trees planted between 2005 and 2011.
- Internationally recognized Important Bird Area located within walking distance to downtown anchored by the Grange Insurance Audubon Center.
- State and National Scenic River, Big Darby Creek. Named one of "the last great places" by The Nature Conservancy. The Big Darby provides habitat for approximately 100 fish and 40 mussel species.
- The American Community Garden Association headquarters and a growing network of over 250 community gardens supported by the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.
- An expansive regional bikeway network of over 300 miles of trail and over 100 miles of on street facilities. The Olentangy Trail alone boasts approximately 800,000 users annually.
- The Ohio to Erie trail connecting Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. Stretching 300 miles once complete, making it the longest paved trail separated from roads and highways in the country.
- Ranked 29th of 2500 most walkable cities by WalkScore.com.

OUR COMMITMENTS

RECYCLING

- National award winning compost facility which uses yard waste and sludge from the waste water treatment process to create compost as well as to generate electricity and natural gas. In 2011 alone, over 140,000 tons of waste were given a beneficial reuse through these programs.
- At home, residents recycle with a convenient blue cart or at one of over 200 drop box locations.
- The city recycles old asphalt for use in berms, has moved entire bridges to give them new use on trails, salvaged brick from demolition projects to pave downtown streets and more.
- City code requires 25% of construction demolition debris be recycled.

CLIMATE PROTECTION

- US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% below 2005 levels by the year 2030.
- Mayor's Executive Order enforcing anti-idling for city vehicles.
- State of Ohio Energy Portfolio standard requiring 25% of electricity come from advanced sources by the year 2025 creating a favorable business environment for a green economy.

EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

- More than 30 structures have been certified as green buildings using the internationally recognized LEED program throughout the city. Mayor Coleman has committed to building to LEED standards on all city funded projects.
- Vegetated roofs, rain gardens and more are used to capture and filter more than 8 million gallons of rain water annually.

FACILITATING ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

- Three dams have been removed to return local waterways to a more natural state. A fourth dam removal downtown is currently in planning stages.
- The city, in partnership with the state, helps to clean up polluted land through grant funding totaling over $34 million from 2005-2011.