



MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

MUNICIPAL STRATEGIES FOR CARBON NEUTRALITY

City of Providence update

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Providence Climate Justice Plan



The City of Providence's

CLIMATE JUSTICE PLAN

Creating an equitable, low-carbon, and climate resilient future.



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- Adopted in 2019, prior to 2021 Act on Climate
- Guide to carbon-neutral city by 2050, centering frontline voices
- Early-on implementation: Providence Community Electricity launched in 2023 and Resiliency Hub Network pilot development
- Embedding the Plan across municipal government: comprehensive plan and interdepartmental work



ENERGY-FOCUSED STRATEGIES





Fall 2023: Building Energy Reporting Program (BERO)

Requires building owners of large commercial, institutional, and multifamily buildings to report their energy use to the City for public disclosure. Tiered implementation and enforcement approach, starting with municipal properties May 2024.

Implementing BERO

- 1st in Rhode Island, although energy reporting ordinances are common in New England and nationwide.
- Beyond working with EPA and Rhode Island Energy:
 - Benchmarking tool ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and utility data for properties automatically populating





Providence pledges to be America's first 'climate jobs city'

12 October 2023

by Sarah Wray

Providence, Rhode Island has adopted a **resolution** to establish itself as "America's first climate jobs city."

Carbon Neutrality In Municipal Buildings by 2040

Mayor Smiley signed the Energy Efficiency and Carbon Neutral Goals for Municipal Buildings ordinance, marking a historic commitment by Providence to combat climate change and enhance quality of life.



CLIMATE RESILIENCY

STORMWATER

PVD TREE PLAN

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Climate Ready PVD

Building climate resilient communities now and for generations to come.



THANK YOU

City of Providence

