

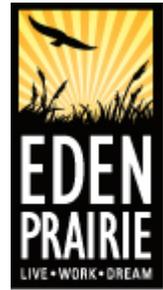
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MAYOR PHIL YOUNG JOINS NATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT, PLEDGING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN EDEN PRAIRIE

Eden Prairie, Minn. — Mayor Phil Young joined colleagues from across America this week for the 2007 Mayors Climate Protection Summit. Hosted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Seattle Nov. 1 – 2, this unprecedented event was aimed to spur local and federal action on climate change.

The two-day event featured keynote addresses by former President Bill Clinton and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York as well as other national and international leaders in the effort to prevent climate change. The U.S. House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming also held a special hearing in Seattle during the summit.

This week's summit was the largest-ever meeting of American mayors devoted solely to climate protection. More than 100 mayors from across the country representing millions of Americans discussed the impact of climate change on their communities and the steps cities are taking to reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

The mayors in attendance participated in a wide range of sessions designed to accelerate local action on global warming, which included real-world solutions for:

- Creating jobs and growing a green economy
- Designing a climate-friendly transportation system
- Reducing sprawl through smart growth
- Building a green city at home and work

The summit presented a unique opportunity to understand how local governments are leading the way on climate protection in the United States and creating solutions in homes, at work and on the road.

Over the past year, the City of Eden Prairie has sought out ways to become more energy efficient through its 20-40-15 initiative. The goal of this initiative is to improve the efficiency in City facilities by 20 percent, increase the fuel efficiency of its vehicle fleet by 40 percent, and accomplish these goals by the year 2015. Those with ideas for how the City can be a better environmental steward can send them to energy@edenprairie.org.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 people located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place live, work and raise a family. In 2006, MONEY Magazine named Eden Prairie the 10th “Best Place to Live” in America.

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