GET INVOLVED:

1) ATTEND AN UPCOMING SUMMIT!
Mayor Jackson hosts an annual Sustainability Summit for the community to report on progress made and to co-create an agenda for our sustainable future.

2) JOIN A WORKING GROUP!
Working groups are comprised of individuals, organizations and businesses working together throughout the year on projects, programs and policies to make Cleveland more sustainable.

3) LEARN HOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CAN TAKE CLIMATE ACTION!
The Cleveland Neighborhood Climate Action Toolkit is designed to assist you and your neighbors to take climate action and improve your quality of life. Access the toolkit by visiting: www.SustainableCleveland.org/toolkit

Sustainable Cleveland is a community of people from every walk of life working together to reshape Cleveland into a vibrant livable city with thriving businesses and a flourishing natural environment.

Learn more, do more at
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at home

- Schedule a home energy audit
- Unplug electronics and turn off lights when they are not in use
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with CFLs or LEDs
- Purchase ENERGY STAR® rated appliances
- Shop at farmers’ markets
- Join a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program
- Learn to preserve food to eat more locally year-round
- Sign the Power Pledge to support LEEDCo’s offshore wind project
- Assess the potential of renewable energy at your home by using the PVWatts tool
- Prevent food waste and compost your food scraps
- Review City recycling guidelines to understand what materials can be recycled and how to recycle them
- Take reusable bags to the grocery store
- Donate clothes to your local thrift store or charity
- Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) properly to avoid polluting Lake Erie
- Install a rain barrel, rain garden, or permeable pavement
- Install low-flow water fixtures
- Don’t litter! Most litter ends up in our local waterways
- Reduce the miles you travel by car by consolidating errands, walking, taking transit or riding a bicycle
- Have at least one car-free day each week
- Take your friends and family to sustainability related events and workshops
- Attend arts and cultural performances that incorporate sustainability and support neighborhood development

at work

- Schedule a commercial energy audit
- Join the COSE Energy Choice Program, Cleveland 2030 District, and other initiatives focused on making energy efficiency easy for businesses
- Adopt a workplace policy to turn off computers at the end of the day
- Offer a CSA onsite for employees
- Set a goal for purchasing local food for your cafeteria
- Host a local food potluck at your workplace
- Conduct a feasibility study to understand the potential for on-site renewable energy development
- Explore financing mechanisms to fund renewable energy development with no or minimal up front cost
- Join the EPA’s Green Power Partnership
- Print double-sided
- Conduct a waste audit
- Use a reusable mug; pack lunch in a reusable container
- Implement a workplace program for recycling and composting, and make these programs easy to use
- Install a rain cistern, rain garden, permeable pavement, or a green roof to capture and treat stormwater
- Install low-flow water fixtures
- Sponsor a beach cleanup
- Offer RTA Commuter Advantage to employees
- Become a Bicycle Friendly Business
- Offer preferential parking for carpools or efficient vehicles
- Start a green team in your organization
- Network with other business leaders through the Corporate Sustainability Network, Sustainability Circles, and other initiatives

in your community

- Promote existing programs that provide residential energy efficiency education and incentives
- Participate in a neighborhood level energy efficiency or green building challenge
- Join or start a community garden or school garden
- Organize a canning party, potluck, or local food club to share recipes, food and garden tips
- Bring a dish to the Annual Citywide Potluck
- Educate your friends and neighbors by letting them know that advanced and renewable energy can and does work in Northeast Ohio
- Purchase renewable energy through aggregation, supporting local projects if feasible
- Make zero waste events the standard in your community
- Explore composting food and yard waste on a neighborhood scale
- Organize a neighborhood rain barrel workshop
- Install a rain garden in your neighborhood
- Organize a beach cleanup
- Organize a carpool, car share or bike share program
- Join a block club
- Volunteer at an association in your neighborhood that improves the quality of life where you live
- Join or create a “friends of” group to adopt a park or greenspace and keep it free of litter
- Talk to local schools about integrating sustainability into pre-K through college curriculum
- Know the seniors and vulnerable people in your community and have a plan to check on them during heat waves and other emergencies