

The C40 Climate Positive Development Programme

I. The Programme

About

- The C40 Climate Positive Development Programme was launched in partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative and the US Green Building Council in 2009. It is the flagship Programme of C40's Sustainable Communities Initiative, and works closely with a related network of C40 cities that support the Programme's goals and agenda.
- Climate Positive was created to meet the pressing dual challenges of rapid urbanization and climate change. Through a set of real-world projects that serve as urban laboratories, the Programme aims to create a model for large-scale urban communities that reduce greenhouse gases to the extent technologically and economically possible, and manifest the highest standards of sustainability and climate resilience.
- The concept of Climate Positive is to get "beyond carbon neutral". Each Climate Positive Development Partner has made a voluntary commitment to achieve net-negative on-site operational greenhouse gas emissions related to energy, waste and transportation in the projects they are developing. This is accomplished through ambitious on-site emissions reductions and by more than offsetting any remaining emissions through investments that reduce emissions in the surrounding community. Thus, upon completion and once operational, these projects will have a climate positive impact.
- Climate Positive Development projects serve as an important urban laboratory showing what is possible, identifying critical collaborations between developers and their city government counterparts, and creating a case for holistic planning and development that both improves the local environment, creates jobs, and improves local quality of life.
- Achieving Climate Positive status is a journey marked by four stages of recognition. Those accepted into the Programme advance through the recognition stages on the basis of verifiable progress in planning and construction, as well as the submission of Programme-specific documentation.

Participants

- The Programme is currently working with 18 Development Partners across six continents. These represent outstanding or unique urban development projects located in: Melbourne and Sydney, Australia; Palhoça, and São Paulo, Brazil; Toronto and Victoria, Canada; Ahmedabad and Jaipur, India; Pretoria, South Africa; Seoul, South Korea; Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen and Sonderborg, Denmark; London, U.K.; and Portland, San Francisco, and Oberlin, Ohio in the United States.
- [Victoria Harbour, Melbourne, Australia](#)
- [Barangaroo, Sydney, Australia](#)
- [Parque da Cidade, São Paulo, Brazil](#)
- [Pedra Branca Sustainable Urbanism, Palhoça, Greater Florianópolis, Brazil](#)
- [Dockside Green, Victoria, BC, Canada](#)
- [Waterfront Toronto, Lower Don Lands, Toronto, ON, Canada](#)
- [Nordhavn, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)
- [ProjectZero, Sonderborg, Denmark](#)
- [Godrej Garden City, Ahmedabad, India](#)
- [Mahindra World City, Jaipur, India](#)
- [Menlyn Maine, Pretoria, South Africa](#)
- [Magok Urban Development Project, Seoul, South Korea](#)
- [Stockholm Royal Seaport, Stockholm, Sweden](#)
- [Royal Albert Basin, London, UK](#)
- [Elephant & Castle, London, UK](#)
- [Treasure Island Development Project, San Francisco, CA, USA](#)
- [The Oberlin Project, Oberlin, OH, USA](#)
- [EcoDistricts, Portland, OR, USA](#)
- Nearly half of the projects are building upon brownfield sites that require environmental remediation to clean up prior industrial contamination. Many projects are also engaged in water preservation and recycling, green space preservation, and adaptation measures to guard against sea level rise and flooding.
- Together, the Climate Positive projects will reduce the emissions impact of more than one million people, and represent the avant-garde of sustainable urban development.

Service Offering

- Climate Positive provides a Framework for the advancement of projects through the Programme's four recognition stages. At each point along this journey, the Programme facilitates knowledge-sharing between Development Partners and related C40 networks; hosts learning programs and webinars; convenes private sector firms to produce tools for project use; increases project visibility through various media channels; and facilitates access to technical experts and other partners.
- C40 is a network of large and engaged cities from around the world committed to implementing meaningful and sustainable climate-related policies and programmes locally that will help address climate change globally. C40 works in an aligned partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) Cities programme of the William J. Clinton Foundation. CCI Cities became the delivery partner of C40 in 2006. The closer alliance between the two organizations --- announced in the spring of 2011 -- brings significant resources and infrastructure that enhance and accelerate their historic activities and positions the combined effort as one of the preeminent climate action organizations in the world. To learn more please visit <http://www.c40.org/>