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Welcome to the first Climate Action Newsletter. After a quiet start over the summer, ClimateActionOrg.org is looking ahead to a busy fall as more and more cities are joining. This newsletter will provide you with information about new features, new cities that joined, and articles about some of the interesting projects already up on the map.

It is our goal to become a hub for information sharing between cities around the world on policies and initiatives related to climate change prevention and adaptation.

we are continually working on improving the map and we encourage you to let us know if you have ideas for new features or improvements. [Please forward](#) this e-mail to people you think would have interest in our initiative.

Best regards,

The Climate Action Map Team.

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### Danish National Map Launched

Local Government Denmark has launched its national Climate Action Map. Local Government Denmark (LGDK) is the interest group and member authority of Danish municipalities. It is voluntary to be a member of LGDK, but nevertheless all 98 municipalities are members. The mission of LGDK is to safeguard common interests of the municipalities, assist the individual municipality with consultancy services and in addition ensure that the local authorities are provided with up-to-date and relevant information.

There are already 9 Danish cities on [ClimateActionMap.org](http://ClimateActionMap.org) and more will follow soon.

[Featured City: Barcelona](#)

The Danish Map can be seen at



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If you are city or municipality who wants to showcase your climate action initiatives on ClimateActionMap.org just follow this [link to register](#). It is free. You can even get a local

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## US National League of Cities signs agreement with ClimateActionMap.org



The US National League of Cities recently signed an agreement with ClimateActionMap.org. The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents.

The agreement means that the NLC now has a national map using ClimateActionMap.org's system to showcase the many local climate solutions being implemented throughout the US.

*"This is an exciting project, and should be a very powerful tool for cities. Elected officials have already been expressing a tremendous level of interest in the Climate Action Map. Local governments will be able to graphically represent their efforts to their communities, reinforcing that cities have been the leaders and the innovators in the U.S. in addressing climate change. The map will also serve as a tool for cities in managing their relevant programs, and it will create an unparalleled, user-friendly research opportunity to share information among cities in a region, across the country, and around the world."*, says Donald Borut, Executive Director of NLC.

The US Map can be seen at

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## Featured City - Phoenix USA

The City of Phoenix is the first US city to join ClimateActionMap.org. The City of Phoenix is the fifth most populous city in the US with a population of more than 1.5 million inhabitants. As the issue of climate change moved into the forefront of global concerns, Phoenix has demonstrated its leadership by focusing resources on this important issue. Phoenix is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to help ensure a sustainable future. Many of the programs being implemented address reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through resource conservation, recycling, pollution prevention, green buildings, land use and planning, and innovative technologies. [Visit Map](#)

## Featured City - Greensburg, Kansas, USA

On May 4th, 2007 the community of Greensburg, Kansas was destroyed by a powerful EF-5 tornado, the largest ever recorded. The twister leveled 95% of its homes and buildings and took 12 lives. Shortly after the storm, the people of Greensburg made the decision to rebuild as a national model for eco-friendly building practices and "green" living.

Projects range from private single and multi-family residential homes to commercial and civic buildings. As of August 2009, there are 4 buildings certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum, as well as 4 commercial buildings attempting LEED Platinum certification, and 1 attempting LEED Gold certification. Construction has also begun on a 12.5 megawatt wind farm which will consist of 10 wind turbines and be able to supply

map with your own logo and color scheme to use on your own site. Want to see what it looks like? Visit [Barcelona's custom map](#) for an example .

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As a national partner you will get your own

electricity to all of the town's homes and businesses. [Visit Map](#)

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## Featured City - Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen is the Capital of Denmark and the country's largest city. It is also the host of the UN COP 15 meeting in December, 2009. The vision for Copenhagen is to be the climate capital of the world, with a 20% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2015 compared to 2005. The city wants to become completely CO2-neutral by 2025 as the first capital in the world.

The city is energy efficient with city wide district heating systems, while nearly 40 % of citizens cycle to work or their educational institution every day. The electricity-generating windmills, located in the sea outside the city, save 76,000 tons of CO2 emissions annually. [Visit Map](#)

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## Featured City - Barcelona, Spain

Barcelona is the Capital of the Autonomous Region of Catalonia and the second largest city in Spain. Barcelona was the first city outside of Denmark who joined ClimateActionMap.org.

In 1995, the city of Barcelona signed the Aalborg Charter, and like thousands of towns and cities around the world, it decided to embrace the principals and values of sustainable development as a part of its governmental strategy. The Aalborg Charter and other international agreements signed by the Barcelona City Council, have spurred the city on to promote the development of its local Agenda 21 programme whilst simultaneously implementing sustainability criteria in municipal services and activities. [Visit Map](#)

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## Honorable Mentions: Holstebro and Kalundborg Municipalities in Denmark.

Don't forget to visit Holstebro and Kalundborg Municipalities in Denmark. Both municipalities are at the forefront of sustainable development and climate action initiatives.

Kalundborg's Industrial Symbiosis cluster is one of the most innovative and Environmentally friendly industry clusters in the World. The concept Industrial Symbiosis was conceived in 1961 in Kalundborg, featuring the world's most famous structured exchange of resources where one industry's residue is another industry's resource. Here water, energy and other industrial residues are exchanged across company boundaries. [Visit Map](#)

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## Tech Tip: View Climate Action projects in Google Earth.

One really nice feature of ClimateActionMap.org is the ability to see projects in Google Earth. Viewing projects in Google Earth allows for a completely different viewing experience with 3D terrain and buildings.



To view the projects in Google Earth, all you have to do is:

1. Download the free Google Earth Application at [earth.google.com](http://earth.google.com)
2. Go to [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102756500914&s=28&e=001xnv\\_hVdp3Tg874Cusum1iWU4UrCZzQIGIZzd55s2jKib9d6HD6QV60dYCSeCMGupEhZLbqKMKOcE7CG\\_O2HgQzMtwM\\_xxyN3A5FOW1zYySJlqXBrT\\_oVfDbdsjkQT3XlkTuuo7sMJfUjpRvQgzBYA==](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102756500914&s=28&e=001xnv_hVdp3Tg874Cusum1iWU4UrCZzQIGIZzd55s2jKib9d6HD6QV60dYCSeCMGupEhZLbqKMKOcE7CG_O2HgQzMtwM_xxyN3A5FOW1zYySJlqXBrT_oVfDbdsjkQT3XlkTuuo7sMJfUjpRvQgzBYA==). If your browser asks you to install a plugin, you can tell it "No"
3. At the bottom of the page click the link that says "*Click here to download the*

customized national map to use on your own site. You will also be featured as a national partner on our global website.

*ClimateActionMap.org Google Earth file."*

To view the projects in Google Earth, simply download and install Google Earth and open the downloaded "ClimateActionMap.kml" file in Google Earth.

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### **Tech Tip: Get your own customized local map.**

When your city signs up for a free user account you also get a free customized local map. You just need to upload your city logo and choose a background color. The system will automatically generate a map just for you. You can read more about how it works by following this [link](#). You can see an example of a local map by clicking on the picture.



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### **See ClimateActionMap.org at the following events:**

[Open Days 2009, EU Committee of Regions, Brussels, Belgium. October 3-6, 2009.](#)

[Congress of Cities, San Antonio, Texas. November 10-14, 2009.](#)

[The Copenhagen Climate Exchange, Copenhagen, Denmark. December 3-6, 2009.](#)

[United Nations Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark. December 7-18, 2009.](#)

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**Sincerely,**

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### **About Climate Action Map**

ClimateActionMap.org was created to communicate the thousands of local climate initiatives to a global audience. Sharing our knowledge and expertise globally is fundamental if we want to address climate change in a serious and timely manner.

The mission of the Local Climate Action Map is to educate, inform and inspire governments, communities and businesses about the innovative climate action activities taking place at the local level all over the world using cutting edge web-based geo-spatial visualization tools.

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