



Westwood Joins Global Covenant of Mayors in Commitment to Ambitious Local Climate Action

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Westwood, MA – (December 4, 2023) – The Town of Westwood has signed on to the [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy](#), the largest alliance for municipal climate leadership across the world. Westwood is committing to the long-term vision of supporting voluntary action to combat climate change, which includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving resilience to the unavoidable impacts of climate change. The Selectboard approved the decision in September.

Participation in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) requires Westwood take stock of local greenhouse emissions and the current effects of climate change; create an action plan that includes clear and ambitious CO2 reduction targets, resilience strategies, goals to improve access to sustainable energy; and provide regular reporting on the progress made.

In September, Westwood also established its [Climate Action, Resiliency and Sustainability \(CRS\) Plan](#) and convened a Climate Action Taskforce comprised of town officials and town staff. Town Administrator Christopher Coleman said Westwood’s ambitious local climate and energy efforts are part of a transition to a low-emission and climate resilient environment that will benefit the health of the community and lay the basis for a prosperous economic future.

“Participation in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy reinforces Westwood’s commitment to its people and its businesses,” said Coleman. “We continue working to make Westwood a sustainable, healthy place where people want to live and where businesses can prosper. The actions we take at a local level will have a global impact, improving our town and helping create a better world for tomorrow and for generations to come.”

Co-chaired by UN Secretary-General Special Envoy for Climate Action Michael R. Bloomberg and European Commission Vice President Frans Timmermans, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy brings together the commitments of 12,800 cities in more than 140 countries and six continents, representing more than 1.2 billion people. By 2030, Global Covenant cities, towns, and local governments could account for 2.4 billion tons CO2e of annual emissions reduction, matching yearly passenger road emissions from the U.S., China, France, Mexico, Russia, and Argentina combined.

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