

**CITY OF PHOENIX  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION  
PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

<b>City Action Based on EQC Recommendation</b>	<b>Year</b>
Developed Sustainable Guiding Principles for incorporation into General Plan and other key city efforts.	2010-2011
Developed EQC Website	2010
Developed Bicycle Listserv	2010-2011
Approved formation of Bicycle Subcommittee to facilitate bicycle awareness.	2009
WSD initiated Point-of-Use Water Softener and Treatment Study.	2008
Renewable Energy Goal of 15% by 2025 adopted by City Council.	2008
Approved EQC Bylaws.	2008
Web site created for community outreach of city renewable energy projects.	2007
The City Manager's Energy Management Task Force approved the inclusion of the life cycle cost analysis, subject to department approval, for energy saving equipment and systems on major city construction projects.	2003
Residential and commercial energy efficiency standards adopted by the city.	2002 – 03
Environmental Indicators added to Manager & Executive Performance Achievement Plans.	1999
City employee parking incentives expanded for use of alternative fueled vehicles.	1999
Fireplace Ordinance to require that installation of new wood burning stoves and fireplaces is restricted to appliances certified by the EPA as low-emission devices; eventually adopted county-wide.	1996 – 99
Revised Hillside Ordinance and review process to improve enforcement and education.	1996 – 98
Environmental Directory developed.	1996
Mayor's Environmental Awards incorporated two new categories (Infill Projects & Energy Resource Efficiency).	1996
Helped to create Pollution Prevention Program.	1995
Assisted on Backflow Ordinance including inventory and inspection program.	1994 & 1997
City Well Shutdown Policy.	1994
Pollen ordinance prohibiting the sale or planting of pollen producing olive or mulberry trees.	1994
Lead Notification Plan to inform public about potential for lead contamination in household water pipes.	1994
Fluoridation of Phoenix Water Supply.	1994
Environmental Court docket adopted by Municipal Court on environmental cases.	1993
General Plan incorporated EQC edits and comments on Environmental & Conservation Elements.	1992 – 96 2000 – 01
Smoking Ordinance to ban smoking in Phoenix restaurants.	1992
Environmentally preferable procurement policy adopted.	1991
Recycling outreach program (Consumer Preference Program) to educate consumers on the commodities that are most easily recycled and beneficial to the Phoenix Recycles Program.	1991
Air quality resolution adopted leading to creation of air quality advisor position.	1990 – 91
Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) Policy to reduce the use of CFC's at City facilities.	1990

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<b>Initiatives Endorsed by the EQC</b>	
Update and implementation of city's Bicycle Plan and "Complete Streets"	2010-2011
City application to League of Arizona Bicyclists for Bicycle Friendly Community Rating	2010-2011
City application to U.S. Department of Energy Solar America City Grant.	2007
Staff climate change resolution to join ICLEI and hire a consultant to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory.	2007
Phoenix's solar project permitting process.	2007
Patriot's Park redevelopment incorporating sustainable design elements including renewable energy.	2007
2006 Bond Program. Required funding to ensure that city buildings will be built to LEED "basic" standards.	2006
Brownfields application for \$400,000 grant proposal to assist in environmental property assessments related to the Light Rail Transit project.	2003
Brown Cloud Summit report measures and encouraged Task Force participants to seek additional options and new technologies to improve the visibility and protect public health.	2001
Skunk Creek Watercourse Ordinance to establish a Flood Hazard and Erosion Management Zoning District.	2001
Growing Smarter Plus & Citizens Growth Management Initiative	2000
Sonoran Desert Preserve & Parks Initiative	1999 –2000
Bikeway Development	1999 –2000
Brownfields program to provide incentives to finance cleanup of contaminated properties.	1995
<b>Initiatives Studied by the EQC – No recommendations made to date.</b>	
<b>Bicycle Safety (i.e. "3-foot" passing Law A.R.S. 28-735)</b> – Residential education/awareness	2010-2011
<b>Phonebooks</b> – Researching efforts to reduce unwanted phonebooks/opt out.	2010-2011
<b>Salinity</b> - Studying the issue of the impact of residential water softeners on salinity in the water supply.	2005 – 2008
<b>Water Resource Planning</b> – Received information on city's water resource planning and water conservation programs. Studied city of Scottsdale Turf Removal Incentive program.	2004 – 07
<b>Pharmaceutical Disposal</b> – Studied the proper procedures for disposing of personal care products and pharmaceuticals. Continue periodic updates.	2003 – 07
<b>Recycling at City Golf Courses</b> – Studied options to promote recycling at city golf courses. Pilot program at the Maryvale Golf Course did not prove successful.	2003 – 06
<b>Prohibit Smoking in All Public Buildings</b> – State Law in 2007	2003
<b>Restriction of Noise Levels from Motorcycles</b> – To improve the "sound environment" on City streets from motorcycles.	2003
<b>Recycled Paper Subcommittee</b> – Studied the city's procurement of chlorine-free, recycled paper. Determined that stringent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations eliminate 96 percent of the chlorine in the paper bleaching process.	2002 – 03

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<b>Green Building Program</b> – Reviewed Scottsdale’s program and recommended addressing issue at a later date when Phoenix can commit resources for a similar program.	1998 – 99
<b>Building Materials Reuse Program</b> – Reviewed options for a program to provide a mechanism for businesses to donate items, warehoused by LA Shares, and provide to non-profit organizations.	1997
<b>Temporary Power Connections</b> – Studied options for mandating the use of temporary power connections to eliminate the use of generators at construction sites. Ordinance not developed due to voluntary efforts by AZ Public Service and Homebuilders Assn. of Central AZ.	1996 & 2003

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