

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets in Santa Clara County and Benchmark Cities

Jurisdiction		Baseline Year	GHG Reduction Targets ¹						Carbon Neutrality	
			2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045		2050
Santa Clara County Cities	Cupertino	2010	15%			49%			83%	
	Los Altos	2005	15%							
	Los Altos Hills	2005		30%						
	Los Gatos	2008	15%							
	Milpitas	2005	15%							
	Mountain View (current)	2005	15-20%	26%	37%	48%	58%	69%	80%	
	Mountain View (proposed)	2005	15-20%	33%	47%	59%	68%	75%	80%	2045
	Palo Alto ²	1990			80%					
	San Jose	1990	4% (by 2021)		36%		70%		80%	
	Santa Clara	2008	15%			55%				
Sunnyvale	1990			56%				80%	2050	
Benchmark Cities	Asheville, NC ³	2007	26%	36%	46%	56%	66%	76%	80% (by 2047)	
	Berkeley, CA	2000	33%						80%	2050
	Boulder, CO	2005							80%	
	Cambridge, MA	1990	20%							2050
	Columbia, MO	2015				35%			80%	
	Evanston, IL									2050
	Fort Collins, CO	2005	20%		80%					2050
	Santa Monica, CA	1990			80%					2050
Somerville, MA									2050	

¹Greenhouse gas reduction targets are expressed as a percentage reduction in absolute emissions levels below the baseline year.

²Palo Alto was also one of the Benchmark Cities in the Sustainability Program Assessment.

³In 2007, Asheville adopted a goal of reducing GHG emissions by a constant amount, equal to 2% of 2007 emissions, each year until they reach a total 80% reduction below their 2007 baseline. If the annual targets are met, this would achieve an 80% reduction no later than 2047.