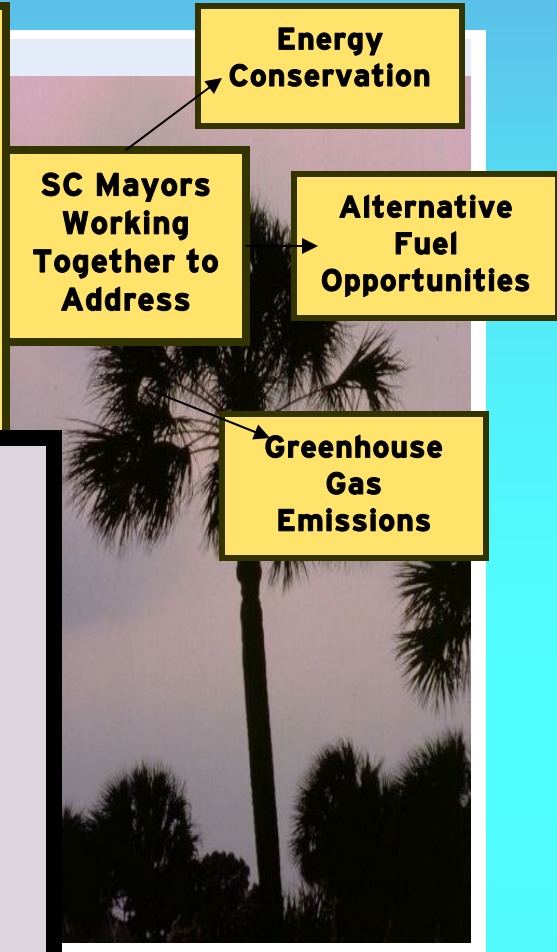




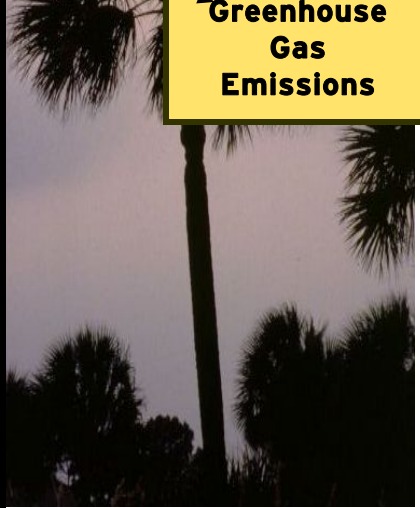
South Carolina Mayors for Climate and Energy Leadership

The South Carolina Mayors for Climate and Energy Leadership is a group of mayors representing more than 480,000 South Carolina residents. In partnership with the National and South Carolina Wildlife Federations and the South Carolina Climate Network, these mayors hope to have organized a bipartisan cadre of elected officials willing to encourage the establishment of more comprehensive climate change policies in Washington D.C. and Columbia, S.C. The United States is currently at a tipping point - where raising awareness about climate change has turned into an urgent call for action. The SC Mayors for Climate and Energy Leadership recognize that working to reduce the impacts of climate change is a moral step imperative for the safety and well being of our children and their future, and the long term security of our nation.



Participating Mayors:

Bill Barnet of Spartanburg
 Joseph Riley of Charleston
 Avery Wilkinson of Cayce
 Bob Coble of Columbia
 Frank E. Willis of Florence
 Knox White of Greenville
 Floyd Nicholson of Greenwood
 Tom Peeples of Hilton Head Island
 Doug Echols of Rock Hill
 Carl Smith of Sullivan's Island
 Joe McElveen of Sumter
 Bruce Morgan of Union



"We're beginning to come to grips with a phenomenon that's real. And political solutions will soon follow the polling." - United States Senator Lindsey Graham (S.C.)

"When it comes to the course South Carolina takes, I think we have a real opportunity to lead in terms of determining the effects of climate change on our state, and what we can do to impact it." - South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford

"More and more Republicans [are] willing to stop laughing at climate change [and] are ready to get serious about reclaiming their heritage as conservationists." - United States Senator Bob Inglis (S.C.)

"Local governments are in a unique position to be able to implement local action that will lead to real reductions in energy use, but also to demand that our state and federal leaders take the critical issue of climate change and energy dependence seriously. These are among the most important challenges of our time, and now is the time for South Carolina's leaders at the local, state and federal levels to take steps to make us a leader on this issue." - Joseph Riley

- Global Climate Change Concerns:**
- More frequent and severe storm events
 - Increased health risk such as disease
 - Flooding
 - Sea level rise
 - Water supply disruption
 - Agricultural crop yield changes
 - Forest Productivity Shifts
 - Water and air quality degradation
 - Threats to coastal areas, tourism, and infrastructure
 - Harmful impacts on wildlife including shifting migratory patterns and habitat loss
 - Significant impact on South Carolina's economy and quality of life

What the South Carolina Mayors for Climate and Energy Leadership support:

Governor Sanford's Executive Order *(Issued February 16, 2007)*

The Governor's Executive Order established a Governor's Climate, Energy and Commerce Advisory Committee to review possible climate change impacts in South Carolina and formulate strategies to address those changes put forth, including the submission of a Climate, Energy and Commerce Action Plan to the Governor by March 2008.

Advisory Group's Objectives:

- Provide a comprehensive review of the ecological and economic impacts of global climate change in the state.
- Propose ways to expand and improve the use of renewable energy resources.
- Present recommendations encouraging energy conservation that reduce energy costs, energy independence and harmful environmental impact.
- Review technological advances relating to buildings, infrastructure, and energy sources that may create economic opportunities and enhance energy efficiency and independence.
- Compile a comprehensive inventory, forecast and source list of statewide carbon dioxide and other emissions, presenting recommendations on reducing emissions.
- Determine the economic benefits and feasibility associated with any recommended actions.

Opportunities:

- Make our homes and workplaces more energy efficient
- Enhance energy security and affordability
- Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other sources
- Spur greater resource productivity and business innovation
- Provide cost savings
- Improve air quality and public health
- Enhance economic development, job creation, and quality of life in South Carolina
- Implement climate relevant recommendations to enhance South Carolina's position and participation in national and global markets and advance the State's leadership in the development and application of new efficient technologies and practices, and allow South Carolina to enjoy greater competitive advantage.

McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act of 2005

Would limit, from 2010 on, the total greenhouse gases (GHG) emitted by the U.S. electricity generation, transportation, industrial, and commercial sectors to the amount emitted in 2000 - covering 85% of the overall U.S. emissions.

Climate Friendly Technologies

"If we can conserve energy, reduce greenhouse emissions and move to alternative sources, we ought to," Inglis said. "It certainly won't hurt the environment and we can take those actions."
"Democrats are for alternative energy; Republicans are for alternative energy. The Congress is ready; the President is ready. So let's do it." -- Inglis

"I think the winning combination for this debate about climate change is to bring on the hybrid folks who are worried about national security. Get them involved and let them know the benefits to the climate if you did it, as well as national security. Take the re-energizing of the nuclear industry and make that part of this debate because without clean sources of fuel you really never get to where you want to go. So I'm a big proponent of recycling spent fuel and making the fuel cycle more efficient and increasing our nuclear footprint, as well as having emission controls on the utility industry. I think if you did all three things at once you'd have a more comprehensive solution. And you would have different political groups coming together to get this thing over the finish line. You just can't do it in isolation." – Lindsey Graham

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