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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO ADVANCES CLIMATE PROTECTION

The Lake Oswego City Council on May 1, 2007 voted to fight global warming at home by joining ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and taking actions that will save energy, save money and make the community a safer and healthier place to live.

"This is a chance for us to address economic sustainability, energy use and the environment together as a single issue," said Judie Hammerstad, Mayor. "We are excited to be part of the solution and to join other local governments from across the country in promoting sensible climate action."

"Global warming has impacts not only on the rest of the world, but on our community. Water shortages and more powerful storms are some of the predicted impacts that could affect our community. The primary cause of global warming is energy use and we have a responsibility to reduce our part of the problem," said Frank Groznik, City Councilor.

Lake Oswego is now one of more than 250 U.S. local governments participating in ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

Through its work with ICLEI, Lake Oswego will establish a baseline inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, set a target for reducing emissions, and develop a long-term plan of action to achieve the target. Examples of actions and policies the City can adopt include recycling, energy efficiency in municipal facilities and operations, and promoting ride sharing and other transit options that reduce car use.

"We welcome Lake Oswego as part of the solution. The actions your community takes to reduce global warming and air pollution will have many benefits for residents, including improved public health, air quality, and quality of life," said ICLEI Executive Director, Michelle Wyman.

ICLEI is a membership association of local governments dedicated to the prevention and solution of local, regional, and global environmental problems through local action. Visit their website at www.iclei.org/us.