

# EPA Regional Office-led assistance programs

- Community-focused
- Integrate or “bundle” across programs, agencies, and jurisdictions
- Recognition for positive performance is important
- Provide an effective way to link HQ assistance programs

# EPA-New England Community Energy Challenge

<http://www.epa.gov/ne/eco/energy/energy-challenge.html>

- ***The Community Energy Challenge is an opportunity for municipalities across New England to identify simple and cost-effective measures that increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use while reducing air pollution and saving money.***
- **Step 1. Take the Pledge.**
  - Agree to assess energy use in your community's schools, municipal buildings or wastewater facilities.
  - Set a target for reductions (at least 10% lower than your baseline)
- **Step 2. Assess energy use.**
  - Use ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager
  - Track energy use per square foot, costs, greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Step 3. Understand opportunities for efficiency**
  - Use ENERGY STAR resources like the [Building Upgrade Manual](#) and work with organizations across the region to identify opportunities for energy efficiency and renewables.
- **Step 4. Recognize successes**

**176 cities and towns in New England are currently participating**

# EPA-Region 2 Green Team

(<http://www.epa.gov/region02/greenteam/>)

## **New Meadowlands To Be Green Stadium**

**SustainableBusiness.com News  
6/2/2009**

When the NFL's New York Jets and New York Giants kickoff their 2010 seasons, they won't just have a new stadium to call home, they'll be playing in one of the greenest venues in sports.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Meadowlands Stadium Company, the stadium's principal owner, Monday signed a memorandum of understanding that outlines plans to incorporate environmentally-friendly materials and practices into the construction and operation of New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

- Helps developers incorporate more sustainable construction, operation and maintenance practices into their projects through voluntary agreements (MOUs).
- Foci:
  - Improve energy and water efficiency
  - Increase recycling and reduce waste
  - Incorporate the use of clean vehicles and fuels
  - Use environmentally-friendly building materials, maintenance products and landscaping practices
  - Save Money
- Since 2006, the Green Team has signed agreements with:
  - [DestinyUSA](#)
  - [New York Mets](#)
  - [Montclair State University](#)
  - [St. John's University](#)
  - [Cushman and Wakefield](#)
  - [Monmouth University](#)
  - [New Meadowlands Stadium \(New York Giants / New York Jets\)](#)
  - [Raritan Valley Community College](#)
  - [Stony Brook University Hospital](#)
  - [Rutgers University](#)
  - [Hartz Mountain Industries, Inc.](#)
  - [North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System](#)

# Dallas Sustainable Skylines: What is it?

[www.sustainableskylines.org/dallas](http://www.sustainableskylines.org/dallas)

<http://www.epa.gov/sustainableskylines/sscities.html>



First LEED-Silver Habitat for Humanity homes in Dallas

- 7 projects in 5 categories
  - Central city livability
    - Urban heat island/stormwater mitigation
    - Green taxis
  - Green buildings and developments
    - Low-cost green homes
  - Energy efficiency/renewable energy
    - Do building energy efficiency, deploy renewables, do GHG emissions inventory
    - Educate
  - Stationary/area sources
    - TCEQ SAV + program
  - Off road sources
    - Alternate-powered lawn equipment
- 3-year public-private partnership
  - City of Dallas, NCTCOG direct; EPA-R6, EPA-OAQPS advise
  - additional \$3.7 million available from other public, private, NGO
  - 28 partners, with more pending
  - Goals:
    - Achieve quantifiable air emissions reductions
    - Establish sustainable practices in City operations

In the first 2 years (2007-2009), DSSI partners reduced 610,545 t CO<sub>2</sub>, 1,438 t SO<sub>2</sub>, and 414 t NO<sub>x</sub>