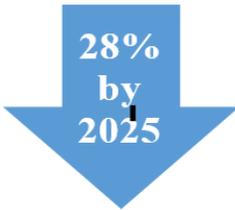


ST. LOUIS REGIONAL EMISSIONS REDUCTION COMMITMENT

*A St. Louis Regional Partnership to Strengthen the Economy,
Improve Public Health, and Advance Climate Action*



Reduce emissions 28%
below 2005 levels by 2025



Reduce emissions 80%
below 2005 levels by 2050

We have come together as a partnership of St. Louis regional businesses, governments, institutions, and organizations to affirm the importance of the greenhouse gas reduction targets in the Paris Agreement and to commit to local action to address climate change.

Efforts to mitigate climate change will lead to tangible economic benefits to the St. Louis region. Due to advancements in energy efficiency and renewable energy, many greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies already lead to rapid payback periods and significant long-term savings. Investments in emissions reduction will result in job creation in existing green tech industries and the creation of a green innovation community of entrepreneurs developing new technologies, services, and products in our region. Increasingly, large companies are choosing expansion locations based on their ability to access clean energy as well as the livability and sustainability of the communities. Leading on climate mitigation is a critical strategy to keep the St. Louis region competitive.

Perhaps most importantly, successful emissions reduction will improve public health and quality of life for residents in our region. Cleaner air, water, and soil, are strongly linked to lower asthma rates, improved educational attainment, improved productivity, and lower absenteeism.

As we begin to see impacts of a changing climate in the St. Louis region, we realize that failing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will harm our communities, result in significant costs to adapt to a changing climate, and exacerbate existing racial and socio-economic disparities. Climate change is already resulting in more severe weather events such as flooding, heat waves, and droughts which imperil lives, slow the economy, and damage homes, businesses, and infrastructure. Such events disproportionately impact the most vulnerable members of our community, including the elderly, sick, young, and the poor.



Adopting and achieving a St. Louis regional greenhouse gas reduction target will require leadership from all sectors of our economy. Due to the varying degree of current emissions reduction efforts in the region, OneSTL and its partners will provide ongoing peer-to-peer learning, technical assistance, and coaching opportunities to meet the targets outlined below.

We, the undersigned, endorse the establishment of St. Louis regional greenhouse gas reduction targets of 28% reduction below 2005 levels by 2025 and 80% reduction below 2005 levels by 2050. We recognize that achievement of these goals will require actions from and collaboration between all sectors and all communities in our region. To that end, we will:

- Adopt, publish, and begin efforts to achieve specific greenhouse gas reduction targets for our own institutions, businesses, governments, and organizations that contribute to the regional goal within one year of signing this letter. While some St. Louis regional entities have already made major commitments to reduce their emissions that far exceed the regional goal, we recognize that many other entities are only initiating their efforts.
- Support collaboration, best-practice sharing, and peer-learning by identifying a point person(s) within each of our institutions, businesses, governments, and organizations to lead internal greenhouse gas reduction efforts and to partner with others throughout the St. Louis region towards the realization of the regional GHG reduction goal.
- Invite and encourage our peers in business, government, institutions, and organizations to join the St. Louis regional effort and the global effort to address climate change, improve public health, and grow the green economy by signing on to this commitment.