

## ICLEI

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (“ICLEI”) was founded in 1990 at the inaugural Conference, the *World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future*, at the United Nations in New York. This conference was attended by over 200 local governments from 43 nations. Their basic premise “is that locally-designed initiatives can best achieve local, national and global sustainability objectives.” These sustainable objectives are to improve air quality, climate and water. Knowing the measurable effect one community can have on a global scale, ICLEI recognized the profound result of the cumulative efforts of local governments.

ICLEI provides technical assistance and training to local governments to implement an effective and cost-efficient plan tailored to achieve local sustainable objectives consistent with internationally agreed goals and targets. This is done through a step-by-step process beginning with generating public awareness, progressing to establishing action plans toward meeting targets through project execution and assessment. “A fundamental component of our performance-based campaign model is the milestone process. Each campaign incorporates a five-milestone structure that participating local governments work through: (1) establish a baseline; (2) set a target; (3) develop a local action plan; (4) implement the local action plan; and (5) measure results.” ICLEI provides software and tools to assist a local government in this process.

A local government can apply for either full membership or associate membership to ICLEI. The cost varies depending on the population of the local government and the gross national income per capita income. Associate membership is also available to local organizations and individuals. The cost of full membership for a local government similar to the local governments the LWVLGA serves is approximately \$600.00.

To learn more about ICLEI, go to their website at [www.iclei.org](http://www.iclei.org).