HOW TO MAKE A

CLIMATE-READY CITY

How can cities lead the way in **preparing for a changing climate?**

As the planet warms, **cities are on the front lines of climate change**, from rising heat and flooding to growing pressure on energy, water and infrastructure. Yet cities are also uniquely positioned to act.

A climate-ready city works toward two essential goals: helping communities withstand the impacts of climate change while ensuring that future urban growth produces fewer emissions. By embedding climate action into governance, infrastructure, jobs and community leadership, cities can **turn climate ambition into practical solutions** that protect residents and shape a more resilient future.

Projects featured:

Oslo Climate Budget, by the **Climate Agency of the City of Oslo**
Oslo, Norway

Women's Action Towards Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor, by the **Mahila Housing SEWA Trust**
Ahmedabad, India

Eskişehir Urban Development Project, by the **City of Eskişehir**
Eskişehir, Turkey

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From Climate Goals to Climate Action

In Oslo, the **Climate Budget** folds emissions targets into **the city's annual budgeting process.** Every department must measure progress and show how policies and investments will cut carbon, making climate readiness part of routine governance across sectors, from energy and waste to transport and construction. Oslo's integrated approach is now being replicated across Norway and tested by cities around the world.

Oslo, Norway

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

Schoolyards As Climate Infrastructure

In New York City, **Green Community Schoolyards** turn barren asphalt playgrounds into multi-use green spaces that **divert stormwater and cool neighborhoods.** Designed with students themselves, these sites provide improved functionality to schools, the city and communities, serving as outdoor classrooms and public spaces after hours. The model is being replicated in cities with varying ecologies across the United States.

New York, USA

MAHILA HOUSING SEWA TRUST

Women on the Frontlines of Climate

In Ahmedabad, **Women's Action Towards Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor** trains women in informal settlements to **lead local climate action.** Community members map heat and flood risks, then work with technical experts and city officials on practical fixes like cooler roofs and improved drainage. Their input now shapes official heat and monsoon plans for the city, with similar efforts underway in six other cities.

Ahmedabad, India

CITY OF ESKIŞEHIR

Industrial Corridor to Green Heart

In **Eskişehir,** the city tackled flood risk by restoring the polluted Porsuk River and separating wastewater from the waterway. A new tram, pedestrian streets and parks then helped cut traffic pollution and **bring more green space into daily life.** Together, these investments turned a once-fouled industrial river corridor into the foundation for a new city identity, oriented towards the future.

Eskişehir, Turkey