



The City of Shaker Heights

## AN HISTORIC GREEN CITY

The City of Shaker Heights has a long standing history of support for protecting, conserving, and enhancing environmental resources. In May 2003, City Council reiterated its commitment by passing legislation encouraging the use of high performance building materials and methods for all new construction and renovations.

### HOW SHAKER SUPPORTS SUSTAINABILITY

#### HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 8 new single-family homes being built in City this year to showcase high performance sustainable technology.
- "Go Green" program: a citywide program providing free technical assistance and rebates to encourage energy efficient improvements to existing homes.
- Green building tips and materials available through City Resource Center.
- Longstanding support of historic preservation.
- Redevelopment of downtown retail area to make more pedestrian friendly.

#### EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES

- Converted light fixtures to fluorescent to reduce energy consumption in main City buildings.
- Energy reduction projects at Thornton Park include an indirect heating system, electrical system upgrades, and more efficient boilers at the pool.
- Collected 3,000 tons of recyclable materials in 2002.
- The City's new firehouse design incorporated several green elements making it eligible for "Recognition of Green Concepts" rating by the US Green Building Council.

#### QUALITY OF LIFE

- City uses earth friendly landscaping i.e. reduced use of herbicides & incorporating native plant materials in beds.
- The use of environmentally friendly cleaning supplies in all City buildings, whenever possible.
- City's Green Space Initiative underway to improve/create new parks & green space.
- City's Storm Water Management Program improves water quality through pollution prevention and runoff control.
- City has received the "Tree City" Award by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 19 consecutive years.

#### PARTNERSHIPS

- The Nature Center & The City: working together to offer free landscape plans for organic/native landscaping for the City's the new group buying program "Shaker Garden Collective".
- Shaker's public schools: organic gardening, recycling, environmental science courses, & energy efficient improvements.
- Shaker's private schools and churches: organic gardens, butterfly gardens, and energy efficient improvements.
- Cleveland Green Building Coalition: key partner in development of new green homes & "Go Green" Program.

For more information on how you can make your home or business more "green", contact the Department of Neighborhood Revitalization at 216-491-1370 or visit us online at [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com)

