



2012 Sustainable Tennessee Agenda - Policy & Practice Priorities

Tennessee's natural resources form the backbone of our way of life, our economy, and the health of our communities. Growth and development, infrastructure, industrial processes and extraction of natural resources can be managed to improve the sustainability of Tennessee's people, places and economy. More than 750 Tennesseans and 250 organizations have worked to develop the Sustainable Tennessee Agenda since the coalition formed in 2007. Leaders of statewide conservation groups, businesses and other agencies met in August 2011 to create the 2012 Sustainable Tennessee Agenda and Priorities. Emphasizing the need to grow the green economy and green jobs, conserve natural infrastructure and promote safe, healthy communities, quality growth and sustainable energy, Summit attendees agreed on and drafted the Sustainable Tennessee 2012 Agenda along with the following priorities. The Agenda will be posted at www.sustainabletn.org.

2012 POLICY PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR TN LEGISLATURE & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

1. Pass the TN Scenic Vistas Bill to ban Mountaintop Removal Mining practices.
2. Support growth of clean energy markets, energy conservation and green jobs.
3. No new nuclear power plants and no nuclear waste to TN landfills.
4. Pass a resolution requiring TVA to have a renewable portfolio standard.
5. Restructure Air Control Board to improve representation of health and quality of life concerns.

2012 PRACTICE PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

1. Conduct home energy audit (goal is 700) then join your local Climate Action Team and/or become a Climate Protection Advocate through the [TN Climate Protection Campaign](#).
2. Recycling, composting and waste reduction.
3. Improve/increase food security/local & sustainable production.
4. Support and use state and local parks & greenways; and develop and increase awareness of blueways (water "trails" with launch access and other points of interest).
5. Join, support and promote the TVA [Green Power Switch](#) program for home, school and business.



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