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Dear Mayor Leppert, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Greene, and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Director Eastland,

Environmental improvement is achieved through cooperative action. Rebuilding Together Greater Dallas is pleased to partner with the City of Dallas, US EPA, and NCTCOG to work towards implementing sustainable practices that help improve Dallas' air quality. Through the Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative, Rebuilding Together Greater Dallas pledges to support one or more of the following project categories:

- Enhancing central city livability
Brief project description:
Proposed measurement of results:
- Promoting green buildings and developments
Brief project description: Use green rehab practices and materials in the home repair, rehabilitation and modification services we offer to increase the efficiency with which existing buildings use energy.
Proposed measurement of results: Green buildings can reduce energy use by 30-50%, carbon emissions by 35%, water use by 40% and solid waste by 70%. We plan to provide focused green rehabilitation for 20-50 homes in 2009, 50-100 homes in 2010 and 100 homes per year each consecutive year or for the life of the funding. Air quality benefits and emissions savings can then be estimated.
- Implementing and promoting renewable energy/energy efficiency
Brief project description: Provide and promote weatherization, energy efficiency and education on energy efficient living.
Proposed measurement of results: Same as above.
- Reducing emissions from stationary and area sources
Brief project description:
Proposed measurement of results:
- Reducing air emissions from off-road equipment
Brief project description:
Proposed measurement of results:

As members of the Dallas community, we recognize our responsibility to be good environmental stewards and manage our environmental impacts in a way that provides for a sustainable future. We look forward to building a sustainable Dallas with you.

Sincerely,

Jill Lucien
Executive Director
Rebuilding Together Greater Dallas

The **Dallas Sustainable Skylines Initiative** is a joint effort with the primary goal of implementing sustainable practices to help improve Dallas' air quality. Through Initiative-guided voluntary projects, the Initiative aims to achieve measurable environmental benefits--particularly the reduction of air emissions, but also the significant improvement of water and land quality--while simultaneously contributing to the vitality of the Dallas economy and the quality of life of Dallas' citizens. In the longer term, the Initiative aims to create a successful and reproducible program that serves as a model for other cities.