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New Sierra Club Report Showcases 10 U.S. Cities Moving To 100% Clean Energy

Report highlights 100% clean, renewable energy pathways for Denton

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DENTON, TX -- Today, the Sierra Club released [a new report](#) showcasing 10 U.S. cities that have made ambitious commitments to be powered with 100 percent clean, renewable energy like wind and solar.

Ahead of the Global Climate Action Summit in September, the report illustrates the progress that cities in the United States are making to lead climate action globally by driving the transition towards 100 percent clean energy, as well as the pathways these communities are pursuing to transition in an equitable way.

More than 75 U.S. cities have now committed to transition to 100 percent clean energy, including big cities like Atlanta, Georgia and small towns such as Abita Springs, Louisiana. At least six U.S. cities have already achieved 100 percent clean energy and are powered today with entirely renewable sources.

This report provides an example for city leaders from Denton and other cities to power their cities with 100 percent clean, renewable energy.

“As leaders from around the world gather in San Francisco this week for the Global Climate Action Summit, one need only look at America’s cities to see how local leadership is having a global impact,” said **Jodie Van Horn, Director of the Sierra Club’s Ready For 100 campaign**. “Cities are taking meaningful steps to realize a vision for healthy, vibrant, and more equitable communities powered with 100% clean energy. A transition to 100% clean energy is within reach, and together we can create a new energy economy that transforms not only how we power our country but also who has power to decide what’s best for our communities.”

This is the third annual case studies report from [Ready For 100](#), a Sierra Club campaign launched in 2016 working in cities across the United States -- [including Denton](#) -- to accelerate a just and equitable transition to 100 percent clean energy.

The cities profiles in this year’s report include: Columbia, South Carolina; Concord, New Hampshire; Denton, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Fayetteville, Arkansas; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Norman, Oklahoma; Orlando, Florida; Santa Barbara, California; St. Louis, Missouri

“The Sierra Club applauds Denton City Council for its leadership -- the council decided to take a closer look at the options and made a smart decision that will save people money on their bills,” said **Cyrus Reed, Conservation Director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club**. “While we opposed the need to build a new natural gas plant, we hope it will be used sparingly and encourage Denton to move away from its use altogether as soon as possible. As this report details, we encourage city leaders and Denton Municipal Electric to transition away from relying on the Gibbons Creek coal plant and encourage the city’s next renewable energy investments to include community solar projects and energy storage.”

View the report here: sc.org/10-case-studies.

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