

Heat Islands

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What Communities are Doing to Reduce Heat Islands

Many state and local governments have taken steps to reduce heat islands. Examples include voluntary initiatives, such as demonstration projects, incentives, outreach and education, and awards; and mandatory policies, such as ordinances, comprehensive plans and design guidelines, zoning codes, building codes.

EPA maintains a [Community Actions Database](#) of existing heat island initiatives, searchable by region, activity type, and more.

Many communities are working to address [Heat Islands and Equity](#). See [Equity Examples](#).

[Chapter Five](#) of EPA's *Reducing Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies* provides



Policy Efforts

China, Europe, India, Pakistan, USA, Singapore, Africa

Policy efforts include procurement, resolutions and landscape ordinances, comprehensive plans and design guidelines, zoning codes, green building programs and standards, building codes, and quality requirements.

Policy Formulation

Policy implementation

Policy Enforcement

Strategies for coping

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