



## **Dayton selected by national philanthropy for sustainability initiative**

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Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., announces Dayton is one of 25 U.S. cities chosen by Bloomberg Philanthropies to join a three-year initiative designed to dramatically expand efforts to build a low-carbon, resilient, and economically thriving community.

Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities (BASC) will assist local governments including the City of Dayton in leveraging historic levels of federal funding to incubate and implement transformative local sustainability solutions.

BASC will provide deep support in confronting the overlapping crises of climate change and racial wealth inequity through solutions in the buildings and transportation sections. Partnerships with PolicyLink, Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, and the Natural Resources Defense Council will support the effort.

By participating in the \$200 million Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities program, Dayton will receive a Bloomberg Philanthropies-funded innovation team (i-team) with up to three dedicated staff with expertise in data analysis, insight development, human-centered design, systems thinking, and project management to bolster the City's capacity in driving progress on climate mitigation and promoting equitable outcomes.

Dayton will also receive multi-year, in-depth, customized policy and technical assistance in collaboration with community-based organizations to mobilize public, private, and philanthropic investments.

"Dayton has already taken big steps to implement sustainability solutions, and our successes are serving as a foundation for more and deeply meaningful work," Mayor Mims said. "We are very grateful to Bloomberg Philanthropies for recognizing our progress and supporting our work for effective and equitable climate action."

Anticipated solutions implemented through the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities could include developing affordable energy-efficient housing, investing in electric vehicles and infrastructure, and expanding access to clean energy, among other activities.

In addition to Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, and Akron are Ohio cities selected by Bloomberg Philanthropies for the BASC initiative.

With over \$400 billion in federal funding available to local governments through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, BASC aims to help cities access and implement the historic funding for critical local projects, especially in disadvantaged

communities historically overburdened by pollution.

Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities is the newest Bloomberg Philanthropies initiative to support local climate action in the United States. In 2019, Bloomberg Philanthropies launched the American Cities Climate Challenge to provide resources and support to 25 of the largest U.S. cities to scale proven high-impact urban climate solutions in the buildings and transportation sectors.

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