

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**Affordable Housing Policy Committee Report**, City of Columbia, dated 2-28-08.

[www.gocolumbiamo.com/Planning/Commissions/AHPC/index.php](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Planning/Commissions/AHPC/index.php)

## CLIMATE PROTECTION

In 2007, Mayor Darwin Hindman signed the Climate Protection Agreement.

[www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/](http://www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/)

In 2005, the Conference unanimously endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, an initiative launched by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels in which by 2012, mayors commit to reduce emissions in their cities to 7 percent below 1990 levels.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Downtown Columbia is the city's center of cultural affairs and the unfolding urban design of downtown will present new cultural affairs opportunities. The mission of the Office of Cultural Affairs is to enhance the vitality of the city and the quality of life for all citizens by creating an environment wherein artists and cultural organizations can thrive.

[www.gocolumbiamo.com/Arts/index.php](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Arts/index.php)

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Much of Columbia's historic preservation work has occurred in the downtown area defined in this report. The Historic Preservation Commission investigates and recommends to the Council the adoption of ordinances designating protection areas as having "special cultural, historic, archaeological, community or architectural value as 'notable property', 'landmarks' or 'historic districts'; keeps a register of all properties and structures which have been designated as 'notable property', 'landmark' or 'historic districts'; and informs and educates the citizens of Columbia concerning the historic, archeological and architectural heritage of the City."

[www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Commissions/hpc.php](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Commissions/hpc.php)

## PARKS & RECREATION

Outdoor activities ranging from the Roots 'n Blues Festival to sitting in the pocket park at Ninth and Walnut streets are important to downtown life. Downtown parks play major recreative role in Columbia and will continue to be a priority.

[www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/index.php](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/index.php)

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

A Columbia renewable-energy task force prepared a report describing efforts to date.

[www.gocolumbiamo.com/WaterandLight/Documents/2009RenewReport.pdf](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/WaterandLight/Documents/2009RenewReport.pdf)

## BUSINESS

**Chamber of Commerce:** The mission of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce is to lead our community, drive commerce in our region and advance community and regional collaborations, thereby enhancing the quality of where we live, learn, work and play.

[www.columbiamochamber.com](http://www.columbiamochamber.com)

**Regional Economic Development Inc.:** Economic Development is critical in the current global economic environment. The Regional Economic Development office is often the first stop for a new Columbia Business.

[www.columbiaredi.com/index.php](http://www.columbiaredi.com/index.php)

### TRANSPORTATION

Transit is important for moving in-and-out of the city, as well as easily getting around downtown and across the city. For more information on:

- Air travel: [www.flymidmo.com/](http://www.flymidmo.com/)
- Bus transportation on Columbia Transit & Paratransit:  
[www.gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/Transportation/](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/Transportation/)
- Pednet, a coalition to improve bicycling and walking opportunities in Columbia:  
[www.pednet.org/](http://www.pednet.org/)