



As Iowa's capital city, Des Moines is a hub of government action, business activity, arts and cultural affairs. With a City population approaching 200,000 and a metro population of nearly 500,000, Des Moines offers some of the nation's best schools, superb public services, and friendly, caring neighborhoods.

Affordable housing, one of the nation's shortest commute times, and an increasingly diverse population, make Des Moines a wonderful place to live, work and visit.



Mayor T. M. Franklin Cownie

T. M. Franklin Cownie was elected Mayor of Des Moines in 2003. As the leader of Iowa's capital city, Mayor Cownie has taken on both local and national leadership roles.

Mayor Cownie created and led the Mayor's Task Force on Energy and Environment, which brought together representatives from across the community to collaborate on environmental and energy-efficiency issues. This task force ultimately led to the Des Moines City Council adoption of guiding

principles for the city's green initiatives.

Mayor Cownie led the initiative to have the first LEED Certified Building constructed in Des Moines—the Park and Recreation Department's Glendale/West Zone Maintenance Facility

Mayor Cownie is one of only four U.S. Mayors selected as a delegate to represent United States Local Governments at the United Nations COPS 15 Climate Summit held in Copenhagen in December of 2009.

Mayor Cownie has been a keynote and panel speaker at many national environmental events including ICLEI and US Green Building Council. He was an early signer of the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Mayor Cownie has been a long-time proponent of adding hybrid vehicles to the city fleet operations, and it was through his efforts that the city has developed alternative transportation initiatives.

Mayor Cownie has been on the front line of the battle for trees; pushing to increase the urban forest, save trees from destruction, and he led the effort to adopt the new City of Des Moines Tree Ordinance.

City of Des Moines Vision and Mission

THE VISION

We aspire to be the city of choice for ourselves and future generations - beautiful, clean and safe.

We will achieve our vision through a healthy economy, strong businesses, vital neighborhoods, excellent schools, a vibrant downtown, and extensive recreational and cultural opportunities.

We will preserve our City's friendly, hometown atmosphere and celebrate the diversity of its people.

We require innovative governance that is accessible, accountable, and efficient with a system of funding that is fair, affordable, and stable.

CITY OF DES MOINES MISSION STATEMENT

To provide and maintain essential services that meet the collective basic needs of the citizens of Des Moines and to identify and seize opportunities for a higher quality of life.

CITY OF DES MOINES GOAL STATEMENTS (One of 12 Statements)

Sustainable Green Community

Des Moines will be a leader in setting policies and practicing service delivery innovations that promote environmental sustainability. Des Moines will offer safe, reliable, and convenient transportation alternatives that reduce reliance on automobiles and parking facilities.



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