

# The City of West Des Moines



West Des Moines is an affluent city in Polk, Dallas, and Warren counties in the U.S. state of Iowa. The United States Census Bureau estimated that 53,889 residents lived there in 2008.

West Des Moines is the second-largest city in the Des Moines metropolitan area and the ninth-largest city in Iowa. It ranked 94th in *Money* magazine's list of the "100 Best Places to Live and Launch" in 2008. It is one of Iowa's largest and wealthiest cities and one of Des Moines's richest suburbs.

## Mayor Steven K. Gaer



Mr. Gaer is Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel with R&R Realty Group. This is his second term as Mayor. From 1996-2003 Mr. Gaer served eight years as a West Des Moines City Councilmember. He has also served on the WDM Capital Improvement Plan Committee, the West Des Moines Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence, and as an officer for the West Des Moines Development Corporation.

Mr. Gaer earned his B.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1983 and JD from Drake University Law School in 1986. Married to Sally, he has two children.

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## Striving After Sustainable Solutions (SASS)

Excerpt ([full version](#))

### SASS Vision Statement

The City of West Des Moines provides an excellent quality of life, a high level of public services, and a climate that encourages responsible development now and in the future.

The City achieves this vision by:

- Embracing efficient and effective practices;
- Engaging the community and responding appropriately to its needs; and
- Ensuring that its decisions consider economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility.

The City will measure and communicate its progress to maintain awareness of and demonstrate the viability of these activities.

### Progress

The SASS team chose to concentrate on three areas for the first phase of the program:

1. Energy Efficiency
2. Employee Training
3. Communication

### Energy Initiative

Objective: Promote conservation and efficient use of energy including heat, electrical, and fuel for City facilities and equipment.

### Training Initiative

Objective: to define sustainability for City of WDM employees, and to promote awareness and acceptance of sustainability issues and actions.

### Communication

Communication is an ongoing part of the initiative. The primary goal is to communicate the city's efforts and progress to the public and respond to their needs and suggestions.

