



WWF'S EARTH HOUR LIST

BACKGROUND **Monday, March 21, 2011**

#3 - Montréal, Québec

Score: 6.2/10

Montreal holds third place in The Earth Hour List. WWF congratulates Montreal on its leadership on climate change and looks forward to many improvements the city can continue to make.

Highlights of Montréal's activities

- Montréal aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community by 30% of 1990 levels by 2020.
- Montréal's Energy Fund, with \$3 million at its disposal, covers all municipal investments by the corporate departments and boroughs that generate energy savings for the administration.
- The city's new urban plan is based on increased densification and revitalization of centre-city neighbourhoods, coupled with development clusters around mass transit and active transportation hubs.
- The Metro (subway) has more users than any other Canadian city, with more than one million users per day on weekdays. The Société de transport de Montréal has also increased bus operating hours by 6.8% and increased its fleet of buses significantly.
- Montréal is home to nearly 5,200 hectares of public green space. This includes some 2,164 hectares of local parks, mini parks, green islands, ornamental parks and public gardens. In addition, there are 2,467 hectares in the major parks network. Another 470 hectares includes protected areas such as wetlands and woods in the public domain, while the Botanical Garden accounts for some 70 hectares. There are 97 community gardens in the various boroughs, one of the largest such networks in Canada.

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