

THE CLIMATE TRUST

Promoting Climate Change Solutions

- ★ The Climate Trust is a non-profit working towards a more stable climate. Our mission is to “promote climate change solutions by providing high quality greenhouse gas offset projects and advancing sound offset policy.”
- ★ To date, the Climate Trust has offset 2.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from \$8.9 million invested in offset project contracts-- making us one of the largest and most experienced offset buyers in the U.S. and world markets.
- ★ To realize our vision, the Climate Trust has established three main focuses for its work: Oregon’s Power Plant Offset Program, Advancing Sound Offset Policy, and a Greenhouse Gas Partnership Program.

Oregon’s Power Plant Offset Program

In 1997 Oregon became the first state in the nation to adopt legislation regulating greenhouse gases. The law requires new Oregon power plants to offset a portion of their carbon dioxide emissions. While emitters may choose to offset the emissions through their own investments, all of the regulated power plants have utilized the Climate Trust to achieve compliance. The Climate Trust invests the offset funds it receives from power plants in high-quality projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. The types of projects in which the Climate Trust has invested include: renewable energy, energy efficiency, materials substitution, transportation, and forest carbon sequestration, among others.

Advancing Sound Offset Policy

The Climate Trust is working hard to advance sound offset policy by sharing our experiences as a leader in acquiring, developing, delivering, and managing cost-effective, innovative projects that not only reduce levels of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere, but also provide significant related environmental and social benefits. We actively participating on panels, steering committees and public policy forums concerning climate change policies in the U.S. and abroad to support greenhouse gas offset projects as a market-based solution.



Greenhouse Gas Offset Partnership Program

The Climate Trust provides offset services to power generators, large and small businesses, and individuals to offset their emissions through our Greenhouse Gas Offset Partnership Program. The Partnership Program has commitments from power plants in Massachusetts, and Montana, Nike, and companies from around the world, and individuals. All offsets acquired under the Partnership Program meet the strict standards of the Oregon Offset Program. The Partnership Program is comprised of four elements.

- **Large Emitter Customized Offsets:** The Climate Trust provides customized offset acquisition services for large emitters. Under this program, the offsets can be owned by the client as a corporate asset, and used to meet present and future mitigation requirements.
- **Donate-to-Offset:** A simple and efficient way to satisfy the climate change goals for businesses of all types and sizes. Participants make a tax-deductible donation to the Climate Trust, and we use the proceeds to expand our innovative offset portfolio and retire a specified amount of greenhouse gases for the benefit of the environment.
- www.CarbonCounter.org: The Climate Trust has developed a user-friendly, interactive website that allows individuals to calculate carbon dioxide emissions from their daily activities, and make a tax-deductible donation to offset part or all of their emissions. Offsets are selected from our diverse portfolio of greenhouse gas reduction projects and permanently retired on the purchasers behalf.
- **Employee Offset Program:** The Climate Trust helps employers establish an employee-match donation program with CarbonCounter.org to demonstrate and improve an organization's commitment to protecting the environment.

Why We're Successful

Our success is a result of our business oriented approach. Through partnership and understanding, The Climate Trust has offset more than 2.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from \$8.9 million invested into offset projects – making us one of the largest and most experienced offset buyers in the U.S. and world markets. Our programs are customized to help you effectively meet your greenhouse gas reduction goals.

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