

List of initiatives

- Replacement of toilets with water-saving models
- Adoption of a by-law requiring new buildings to be equipped with low-flow shower heads, faucets, and toilets
- Publication of a guidebook of responsible practices for the efficient management of energy and consumables
- Repairing the CCCJS roof and replacement of windows
- Introduction of a preventive maintenance program
- Availability of an ecocentre for residents
- Public awareness campaign about grass-cycling
- Sale of compost bins and increased awareness of household composting
- Installation of compost bins for businesses and institutions
- “Zero-waste” events organized by the municipality
- Implementation of a public transportation system
- Implementation of a carpooling forum
- Limited urban sprawl and increased awareness among residents about active transportation within the city
- Distribution of shrubs to residents
- Creation of the Montagnes Vertes nature reserve
- Insulation of building shell and replacement of windows at city hall
- Replacement of the oil boiler at city hall by a more efficient system
- Installation of programmable thermostats at city hall
- Replacement of lighting systems at city hall by eco-friendly bulbs and tubes
- Replacement of the CCCJS oil boiler by a more efficient system
- Implementation of energy-saving measures at the municipal garage
- Use of rain water harvested from the roof of city hall for public works not requiring clean drinking water
- Subsidy program for the purchase of rain barrels
- Advertisement of water-saving measures on billboards, in local newspapers, and on the municipality’s Web site
- Implementation of a leak detection and repair program
- Adoption of appropriate landscaping practices for existing and newly maintained spaces
- Eco-driving training for municipal employees and awareness campaign to reduce vehicle idling
- Implementation of a tool to monitor the fuel consumption of municipal vehicles
- Creation of a directive on fuel consumption criteria for the purchase of new vehicles
- Awareness campaign among residents to reduce vehicle idling
- Incentive for the improvement of the ecological footprint of the Mont Sutton ski centre and related real estate projects
- Replacement of sodium street lights with LED street lights
- Implementation of a biomethanization project at the Cowansville landfill