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**West Chester BLUER** is an ad-hoc, volunteer committee whose mission is to support making the Borough a more energy-efficient community. By 2015 we aim to reduce our greenhouse gas pollution 10% lower than our 2005 levels. We must be sure West Chester attains a more sustainable economic and environmental future. Municipal and County governments, businesses, nonprofits, and YOU – our residents – have a responsibility to protect the safety and security of our community and its residents.

## **We're making GREAT progress! Did you know that because of our efforts:**

- We now have a measure of WC Borough's carbon footprint – just in 2005 we (that's you, too) generated 221,583 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> – the equivalent of nearly 23 *million* gallons of gasoline per year.
- We developed a Green Home Guide to help improve the energy efficiency of our homes and the things in it that use electricity since 40% of our total emissions come from heating/cooling, lighting, and running appliances in residential homes.
- Borough Council voted into law to provide zoning incentives to private commercial buildings designed to earn ENERGY STAR, making our municipality one of the first in the nation to do this.
- Borough Council unanimously approved the purchase of wind energy for all of the Borough's power needs. By 2012, 60% of the Borough's municipal building electric use will be produced by clean, renewable wind energy – getting to 100% by 2014.
- We've sponsored free breakfasts for local business owners to learn how to save money by using energy more efficiently.
- We've presented awards to area businesses for their efforts at energy efficiency.
- We developed a checklist to guide commercial building and multi-family housing project permit applicants.

**NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**(Please turn this over to see what you can do)**