

# COOL 'HOOD CHAMPS

## Climate Action Pathways

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### 1. Placemaking & Stewardship

**Creating shareable public spaces.** Public spaces such as streets and alleys can be reclaimed with amenities like pollinator corridors, rain gardens, and other community assets like social gathering areas. A local example is the Pollinator Patch near Renfrew Ravine. This is a part of the Butterflyway Project at the David Suzuki Foundation.



### 2. Sustainable Energy Upgrades

**Home retrofits, block level energy audits, and renewable energy alternatives.** Upgrades can include improving insulation, double or triple glazing windows, installing solar panels, and installing a white roof. You can also consider switching from oil furnaces or natural gas to air source heating/cooling pumps. A local asset for retrofitting is the CleanBC Better Homes Program.



### 3. Active Transportation

**Walking, running, and biking in place of driving.** Consider integrating active transportation into your day-to-day! Advocating for bike lanes, greenways, and walkable cities helps build active transportation networks. Carpooling, taking public transit, and switching to electric vehicles also reduces carbon emissions. A local asset for active transport is the Arbutus Greenway.



### 4. Sustainable Lifestyles

**Individual behaviour changes** that will lower your carbon footprint. Changes can include reducing your plane travel, buying more local products, and reusing and recycling products. One local initiative that promotes sustainable lifestyles is The Thingery, a lending library filled with items for communities to share, reuse and repair.



### 5. Gardens & Trees

**Enhancing green spaces** by stewarding existing trees, planting new trees on private land, and practicing healthy, sustainable gardening. This can include planting food gardens, pollinator-friendly gardens, and native plants to support biodiversity. If gardens and trees replace lawn area, that's a bonus! A local example is the Copley Community Orchard.



### 6. Neighbourhood Connections

**Building social cohesion and capacity** to address impacts of climate change. Build connections by talking to your neighbours, volunteering or campaigning as a group, and organizing block parties and other local gatherings. A local example is the Great Grandview Garage Sale, a community garage sale that takes place once a year.

