

## **Paris to Pittsburgh: What's Next?**

1. Visit the official website: <https://www.paristopittsburgh.com/> to:
  - a. Join the conversation about climate action
  - b. Learn more about ways to get involved
  - c. Learn more about the narrator and how the film was made
  - d. Read what others are saying about the film
2. Visit <https://www.walkingmountains.org/resources/climate-action-collaborative/> to:
  - a. Take the Climate Action Pledge to reduce your environmental impact
  - b. Learn about what Walking Mountains and the Eagle County Community is doing to combat climate change
  - c. Read and download the Climate Action Report
  - d. Find resources on how to talk about & discuss climate change
  - e. Learn ways to get involved in the local community
3. Watch other documentaries
  - a. *An Inconvenient Truth* and *An Inconvenient Sequel* to learn more about how climate change is impacting our world
4. Support Government and Policy Change benefiting the environment
  - a. Support and act on emission and waste reduction goals
  - b. Support the transition to renewable/clean energy
5. Take local action
  - a. Volunteer at local environmental organizations
  - b. Donate to environmental groups

### **Did You Know? Questions and Answers**

- **Topics**

- **Renewable Energy**

- What are the most important actions I can take to reduce my own carbon footprint?
  - Purchasing renewable energy credits or your own source of renewable energy such as rooftop solar can reduce your carbon footprint by 51.3 lbs annually.
  - The second most carbon-reducing choice you can make is carpooling twice a week per year. This reduces carbon by 38.9 lbs annually.
- Aren't sources of renewable energy more expensive?
  - No, by 2020 it is estimated that onshore wind and solar PV will become cheaper than even the cheapest fossil fuel source of energy, which is usually coal.
- Doesn't the industry only create a few jobs compared to the fossil fuel industry?
  - No, in fact solar and wind industries are creating jobs faster than any industry in the American economy, and you can now go to school focused on these technologies. It is estimated that there are 4 million renewable energy related jobs, and this number grows everyday.
- Can we truly reach 100% renewable energy?

- Yes we can, and Costa Rica has run on 100% renewable for at least 300 days straight at one point. In addition, over 90 US cities have taken pledges to commit to 100% renewable by certain dates. Visit <https://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100/commitments> to learn more.
- **Food**
  - Does food really impact climate change?
    - Food affects everything, from water to soil to the atmosphere, changing our food system will be necessary to adapt to a changing climate.
    - In addition, food systems are responsible for one quarter of all greenhouse gases globally each year
  - What food is the most impactful?
    - Beef and Lamb generate the most emissions in our food supply. This also does not include the impact they have on space, water, or soil quality.
  - What are some of the most important actions I can take to help food systems and supplies?
    - Eating less meat can reduce your personal carbon footprint the most. This does not mean going vegan or vegetarian, it just means consciously eating less meat in your daily life.
      - Plus, it can be fun to try new recipes that involve more fruits and vegetables
        - Buying locally sourced foods significantly reduces the carbon footprint of your meals because the food has to travel less distance to get to your dinner table.
      - In addition, this helps the local economy by giving money back to local farmers and businesses.
- **Waste**
  - Is recycling and composting really that important for climate change?
    - Yes, according to a study done by the Climate Action Collaborative, Recycling and Composting can save 3.3lbs and 10.5 lbs of carbon per year, respectively.
    - Not to mention, this also helps the environment by preventing the extraction and production of new materials, and helps our economy transition to a more circular, sustainable one for the future.
  - Does recycling actually get recycled? What about China?
    - Yes, the Eagle County MRF has an outlet for every recyclable material they currently accept. Even though China has stopped accepting our material, all of the recyclable material from the Eagle County MRF is sent to different processing facilities in the contiguous United States, where it can be turned into a usable material again.
  - I don't know how to recycle or I am scared to get it wrong.
    - The Eagle County Waste Wizard App was developed to adapt to changing times and allow for Eagle County to increase recycling rates and decrease contamination.
    - The Waste Wizard can be downloaded here <https://apps.apple.com/app/id1435504049> for Apple products and <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.walkingmountains.recollect.waste> for Google products.
    - Also, visit: <https://blog.walkingmountains.org/climate-action/eagle-county-recycling-guide> for a quick, easy guide to learn how to recycle correctly in the Eagle Valley Community.