

## STOP ECOCIDE: CHANGE THE LAW

ECOCIDE is *serious loss, damage or destruction of ecosystems*, and includes climate and cultural damage. We believe ECOCIDE should be recognised as an atrocity crime at the International Criminal Court - alongside Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity.

ECOCIDE has severe impacts on all of Earth's inhabitants, not just humans. We need to expand our collective duty of care to protect the natural living world and all life. International ECOCIDE crime is a law to protect the Earth.

This is about realigning law with a higher moral code: *first do no harm*.

### A POWERFUL WAY TO CHANGE INDUSTRY DIRECTION

Climate negotiations have failed to prevent escalating harm to the natural world. Existing civil law cannot prevent serious ecological and climatic harm resulting from current industrial practices and new untested technologies.

Only a criminal law can stop investors from backing ecocidal practices, and insurers from underwriting them. Persons of superior responsibility - CEOs and government ministers - become individually criminally responsible for ECOCIDE which they recklessly cause or contribute to e.g. by issuing permits or licences.

### SIGN UP TO BECOME AN EARTH PROTECTOR

By becoming an Earth Protector, you help fund the legal support required while creating visibility and momentum for this crucial amendment to international law.

If you happen to be a frontline environmental activist, signing up will also provide you with proof that you are taking peaceful action as a **conscientious protector** not a criminal. i.e. to prevent harm not to cause it.



**EARTH**  
PROTECTORS

We all know in our hearts that serious harm to our Earth is wrong - it is already a matter of **conscience**.

Now it is time to make it a matter of **law**. **Join us**.

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# HOW TO BECOME AN



# EARTH PROTECTOR TOWN



## What is an Earth Protector Town?

Earth Protector Towns (EPT) are a global collaborative movement of Towns to protect the Earth, using an interactive process including specific goals and guidelines.

In declaring itself an Earth Protector Town, a Council undertakes to collaborate and cooperate with communities, local government bodies, businesses and other organisations to protect land, wildlife, air, soil and water. The Town is also endorsing the campaign to amend the Rome statute and declare Ecocide\* a crime at the International Criminal Court (ICC)

## How is the Earth Protector Town different?

What we offer the Town Council is essentially the opportunity to be part of the movement to change the international law and to change the world; top down and down up. The framework will be by nature wholistic, as well as participatory allowing for dialogue between Councils globally, and collaboration with participating business and NGOs. This is the time we need to act together and bring change. A movement of towns around the globe has exponentially more impact than one town acting on its own.

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## What does my town have to do to become an Earth Protector Town?

There are five goals for Earth Protector Towns:

- 🌱 Produce a strategy and a date to achieve a carbon zero future
- 🌱 Practice the movement from sustainable to regenerative living wherever possible
- 🌱 Protect and enhance eco-systems, habitats and species in and around the town
- 🌱 Pioneer the reduction and elimination of single use plastic
- 🌱 Promote awareness of climate and ecological emergencies

The Council pledges that any future investment decisions consider the environmental practices of the institutions involved, as well as existing legal requirements on public investments.

These goals form a framework for a steering group to audit, plan and monitor the activities and projects which will help to protect and enhance the environment in and around the town.

## How do I get involved?

The pilot project is already underway, and the framework is evolving. Get in touch with us to register your interest. The framework will launch on 22nd April 2020 and will be shared for towns across the world to use.

In the meantime, you could create a steering group for your town to look at what's currently being done and audit the activities of the Council to see where any improvements can be made.

Has your Council declared a climate emergency and committed to become carbon neutral by 2025?

Are there other things your Council is doing that you'd like to tell us about?

**Contact us at [hello@EarthProtectorTowns.earth](mailto:hello@EarthProtectorTowns.earth) to join the conversation visit [www.EarthProtectorTowns.earth](http://www.EarthProtectorTowns.earth)**



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