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MAYOR PAWLOWSKI TOUTS ALLENTOWN AS GREEN CITY

Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski has outlined some of his administration's environmental initiatives.

At a press conference last week to report the findings of a study on the economic benefits to Pennsylvania of a new federal energy and climate bill, the Mayor said "greening" the city is a priority.

"Since taking office, I have been looking to increase efficiency, reduce our costs and improve our environment by searching for greener technology," the Mayor said. "Specifically, we have converted all lights in city buildings to florescent. We have switched all traffic signals to LEDs.

"Last summer, partnering with Air Products and Chemicals, the city began a program to improve fuel economy through less gas consumption. The city fills all the tires in its 600 vehicle city fleet with nitrogen. The benefits of nitrogen include improved fuel economy and handling of vehicles, and increased tire longevity, which conserves environmental resources."

Mayor Pawlowski said other city green initiatives include more fuel efficient police vehicles, which have led to an overall 19 percent

mileage increase. He also cited a private company's plan to locate an energy plant at the city's sewage treatment facility that would turn sludge into electricity, and the Bennett Toyota project that will transform the Exide Battery brownfield site.

"My vision is for Allentown to become an Energy Center of Excellence; an example for the state and the nation in bringing efficient and green technologies for the benefit of the city and our residents."

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