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**When it comes to the environment, Dallas is  
“taking the bull by the horns”**

*City ranks in top 25 in the nation for sustainability*

DALLAS, Sept. 1, 2006 – According to SustainLane “the City of Dallas is moving forward with some Texas-sized plans to become a more sustainable, human-scale city.”

The on-line community and media company dedicated to promoting sustainability recently ranked Dallas number 24 out of the top 50 most sustainable cities in the nation in its 2006 Sustainable Cities Ranking. The rankings are based on a city’s ability to meet future challenges, maintain healthy air and drinking water, manage public transit, develop a strong economy, and cope with unpredictable events.

Possibly the most promising point for the highest ranked city in the Metroplex is that Dallas earned a score of number one and was identified as a “Sustainability Leader” in the Knowledge Base category. This category is primarily based on a city’s plan for sustainability (Environmental Management System) and the department(s) dedicated to the management of environmental and sustainability functions. Other noteworthy items highlighted in the report included Dallas’ progressive land use plan, Forward Dallas! and the city’s promotion of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) buildings.

“This is the first year Dallas was ranked in the survey and we are very happy with the results,” said Assistant City Manager Jill Jordan. “The City Council made a commitment to environmental leadership when they adopted a formal environmental policy and formed the Office of Environmental Quality. That same commitment is reflected daily by city employees who desire for us to be a leader in environmental management.”

Other Texas cities ranked included Austin (16), San Antonio (21), Houston (39) Arlington (41) and Fort Worth (46). The full report can be viewed at <http://sustainlane.com/article/895>.

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