



THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA

POSITION PAPER

The Garden Club of America supports independent, academic, peer-reviewed scientific research as the basis for formulation of responsible public policy and legislation, as well as appropriate funding to ensure quality results

GCA SUPPORTS STRATEGIES TO SLOW GLOBAL WARMING

The Garden Club of America recognizes the serious reality of global warming. GCA is committed to preserving the worldwide system of plant diversity, which is increasingly threatened by climate change. Global warming compels GCA to educate its members and the public about the causes and consequences as well as ways in which to respond. Plants form the basis for human life as the producers of oxygen and as the basis of the food chain; without plants, life on earth is not possible.

Therefore, The Garden Club of America supports:

- Peer reviewed independent scientific study of global warming phenomena.
- Public education and open discourse on the subject of global warming.
- Federal, state and local legislation as well as individual initiatives to control greenhouse gases.
- Federal, state and local initiatives to slow global warming.
- Initiatives to protect oceans, which produce over two thirds of the world's supply of oxygen and over half its biological production.
- Initiatives to support sustainable forests, which help ensure clean air and watershed protection.
- Adaptation strategies for human, animal and plant communities.
- Exploration of the positive economic opportunities that will become available through research and development of new technologies.

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.