

# GREEN OLYMPICS

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) has promised that the London Olympics in 2012 will be “the greenest games in modern times.” The ODA has set out its three major goals for

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the Olympics including sustainable transport, energy efficiency and minimizing waste. Chief Executive Officer of the

ODA, David Higgins, said, “This strategy is unprecedented” adding, “sustainability runs through all we are doing through the design and construction and venues, the sourcing and use of energy, the reuse of waste materials, and the use of sustainable transport routes such as waterways in the centre of the Olympic Park.”

A special organization called the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 has been created to ensure that each phase of the Olympic project undergoes intense environmental scrutiny. The London organizers contend that it is the first time that such a body has been set up in association with an Olympics Games and promised that the legacy Olympic site will be “the biggest city park in Europe for 150 years.”

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The key parts of the Olympic strategies include reusing or recycling 90 per cent of demolition material, cutting carbon dioxide emissions associated with the Olympic Park by 50 per cent by 2013 and creating 80 kilometers of walking and cycling routes.