

Neighbors: Ithaca Carshare rolls past 1,000 members

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The act of sharing, as most people first experience as small children, is not always easy. Now in its third year of operation, Ithaca Carshare has managed to make that act seem simple, welcoming its 1,000th member in early 2011.

The nonprofit is a template of logistics and common sense, explains member Elizabeth Harrod.

"Carsharing encourages you to plan ahead and to combine trips, and it also means you don't ever have to worry about taking a car to the shop," she said.

The Ithaca Carshare fleet includes 12 cars and a truck. Carshare credits its new Easy Access plan, designed for limited-income households, as a way to provide reliable transportation to Ithacans of all income levels. Federal grant funds have helped significantly reduce rates to members within eligible income limits.