

Climate Action Plan



STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT - 11/19/2020

MEETING AGENDA

Objectives

- Recap Meeting 1 and progress to date
- Review and confirm criteria for use in selecting potential strategies and actions
- Evaluate potential strategies and actions to include in the Cape Climate Action Plan

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

1:10 Recap and Reflect on the Process to Date

1:20 Review and Confirm Criteria

1:40 Review and Discuss Climate Action Plan Strategies and Actions

Small Groups

2:30 Break

Small Groups & Full Group Discussion

3:45 Public Comment & Next Steps

4:00 Adjourn

MEETING GROUND RULES

- Attend all meetings and participate actively in discussions.
- Come prepared having read any draft materials in advance of our meetings and having responded to any facilitator's requests (e.g. surveys providing input on materials in advance of meetings).
- Engage in respectful and constructive dialogue with other participants and seek creative solutions that respond to the interests of your own, as well as others', viewpoints.
- Represent and articulate the diverse range of interests and concerns of the constituencies you represent.
- Seek input from constituents, friends and neighbors, and keep them informed about the discussions and proceedings of the meetings.

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Recap and Reflect on the
Process to Date



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PURPOSE STATEMENT

- To identify, study and monitor the causes and consequences of climate change on Cape Cod as a basis to guide and develop science-based policies, strategies and actions that governments, businesses, organizations, and individuals can pursue to:
 - improve the region's resilience to climate hazards; and
 - mitigate climate change on Cape Cod through reducing net regional greenhouse gas emissions in support of the framework and targets established by the Commonwealth.





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FALL

Subregional
Municipal
Working
Groups



Stakeholder
Working
Group
#1



Focus Group
#1



Stakeholder
Working
Groups
#2 and #3

Focus Group
#2

WINTER



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FOCUS GROUPS

Association to Preserve Cape Cod

Barnstable Clean Water Coalition

Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative

Cape Cod & Islands Association of Realtors

Community Development Partnership

Compact of Conservation Trusts

Housing Assistance Corporation

MEETING 1 OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the Climate Action Plan process
- Provide an overview of a range of possible climate strategies, drawn from previous reflections, recent stakeholder meetings and the broader literature review completed
- Identify organizational or network priority issues and actions in the realms of climate adaptation and mitigation
- Reflect on existing organizational and network capacities to act on these priorities and possible support or needs for enhancing action



Working Group Meeting Series



MEETING 1

OCTOBER

Understanding
Problems



MEETING 2

NOVEMBER

Identifying
Solutions

MEETING 3

DECEMBER

Taking
Action

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Meeting 1 Recap

Discuss what is known today about sector contributions to greenhouse gasses and vulnerabilities to future climate impacts

Develop criteria for use in selecting among potential strategies and actions

ADAPTATION

- Ensure that affordable housing isn't developed in vulnerable locations
 - People with fewer resources will have more difficulty with repairs and insurance relevant to flooding and natural disasters
- Better standards for buildings in the floodplain are good but could increase the cost of development
- A conflict of interest between towns' climate planning to address vulnerabilities and the desires and need for a strong tourism industry that relies on beach access

MITIGATION

- Need to ensure efforts to develop more efficient housing aren't counterproductive to producing affordable housing
- Transportation improvements are critical, including new and increased public transit and bicycle facilities, and shifts to EVs
- Increased density of development can reduce sprawl and could provide greater sequestration opportunities through land conservation

- Need for education and outreach to help individuals understand their impact and vulnerabilities and actions they can take

QUESTIONS



DISCUSSION

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Review and Confirm Criteria

CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING ACTIONS

*Compiled from the
feedback of all four
Stakeholder Groups*

Feasibility

- Science-based and data-driven actions
- Responsive to context
- Clarity/ease of implementation pathway

Impact

- Efficiency/effectiveness of action
- Achievement of multiple public benefits
- Planning for future conditions
- Ability to adapt to changing conditions
- Measurability

Cost

- Affordability
- Funding source

Equity

- Meeting the needs of all citizens
- Providing for vulnerable populations
- Who pays?

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Review and Discuss Climate
Action Plan Strategies and
Actions



ADAPTATION

Adjustments in human and natural systems that moderate harm or take advantage of beneficial opportunities



MITIGATION

Limiting or preventing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing activities that remove these gases from the atmosphere

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FOCUS
AREAS

14
GOALS

44
STRATEGIES

131
ACTIONS

Literature
Review



Cape Cod Climate Change
Collaborative



Stakeholder
Input

Sector: Housing and Development



Reduce GHG emissions from the built environment



GOAL



Strive towards Net Zero Energy Buildings; Reduce energy consumption in residential buildings



STRATEGY



Retrofit existing residential buildings and houses



ACTION



Utilize incentives, rebates, and MassSave to weatherize and improve energy efficiency of residential buildings



STEP



Housing and Development

3

GOALS

12

STRATEGIES

31

ACTIONS

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

GOAL: Reduce GHG emissions from the built environment

Strategies:

- Strive towards Net Zero Energy Buildings; reduce energy consumption in non-residential structures
- Strive towards Net Zero Energy Buildings; reduce energy consumption in residential buildings
- Promote efficient land use policies that protect the nature and character of the region

GOAL: Reduce GHG emissions from waste management systems

Strategies:

- Increase diversion of waste from landfills in the short-term; eliminate sending waste to landfills in the long-term
- Reduce landfill emissions
- Improve efficiency of wastewater treatment systems

GOAL: Improve and advance the resilience of the built environment

Strategies:

- Address vulnerabilities in public infrastructure
- Identify a uniform approach to managing development in coastal resource areas region-wide
- Retrofit buildings located within climate hazard areas
- Address vulnerabilities in the road network
- Relocate vulnerable buildings and structures
- Ensure regional policies promote long-term infrastructure resiliency

2 SMALL GROUPS

Breakout 1: Retrofitting buildings and infrastructure

Breakout 2: Policies & Regulations for Future Development

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIONS

Breakout 1: Retrofitting buildings and infrastructure

Breakout 2: Policies & Regulations for Future Development

GOAL

Reduce GHG emissions from the built environment

STRATEGY

Strive towards Net Zero Energy Buildings; reduce energy consumption in non-residential structures

ACTIONS

- Ensure new commercial, industrial, and publicly funded construction is built to maximize energy efficiency*
- **Retrofit existing commercial, industrial, municipal and other public buildings***
- Expand the *Solarize Our Town* program to all Cape communities*
- Accelerate the decarbonization of industrial uses and processes*

STRATEGY

Strive towards Net Zero Energy Buildings; reduce energy consumption in residential buildings

ACTIONS

- **Retrofit existing residential buildings/houses***
- Support Home Energy Scorecards
- Ensure new residential construction is built to maximize efficiency

GOAL

Improve and advance the resilience of the built environment

STRATEGY

Address vulnerabilities in public infrastructure

ACTIONS

- Explore remedies to state regulatory barriers that delay or prevent solutions to resiliency problems
- Develop guidance on planning for long-range sea level rise scenarios
- ***Assess and correct vulnerabilities in utility infrastructure***
- ***Conduct vulnerability assessments of municipal facilities***

STRATEGY

Identify a uniform approach to managing development in coastal resource areas region-wide

ACTIONS

- Adopt uniform regulations region-wide to limit new development and redevelopment in the floodplain and vulnerable areas
- Develop regional sediment management plans
- Look at remedies to the challenges of private property ownership in coastal hazard areas
- Consider a coastal District of Critical Planning Concern

GOAL

Improve and advance the resilience of the built environment (cont.)

STRATEGY

Retrofit buildings located within climate hazard areas

ACTIONS

- Elevate buildings
- Floodproof or retrofit buildings to withstand flooding
- Support on-site renewable energy generation

STRATEGY

Address vulnerabilities in the road network

ACTIONS

- ***Improve stormwater management through culvert retrofits and other stormwater best management practices***
- Assess low-lying roads and take appropriate action

GOAL

Improve and advance the resilience of the built environment (cont.)

STRATEGY

Relocate vulnerable buildings and structures

ACTIONS

- *Move buildings and infrastructure out of the floodplain*

STRATEGY

Ensure regional policies promote long-term infrastructure resiliency

ACTIONS

- None identified yet

BREAK



Return at 2:35

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIONS

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Breakout 2: Policies & Regulations for Future Development

GOAL

Reduce GHG emissions from the built environment (cont.)

STRATEGY

Promote efficient land use policies that protect the nature and character of the region

ACTIONS

- ***Advance sound land use policies within the RPP that promote development within activity centers and reduce sprawl, encourage and reward re-development and discourage new clearing of forested lands***

RELATED TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY & ACTIONS

STRATEGY

Encourage more efficient land use patterns

ACTIONS

- Mix land uses where possible
- Promote infill and adaptive use development
- Promote Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
- Focus Growth in Activity Centers
- Consider undevelopment where appropriate

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BREAKOUTS

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Breakout 2: Policies & Regulations for Future Development



Community

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GOALS

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STRATEGIES

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ACTIONS

COMMUNITY

Goals

Strategies

GOAL: Improve broad public knowledge and understanding of climate change impact programs

Strategies:

- Increase education and communications about climate change mitigation options
- Increase education and communications about climate change adaptation options

GOAL: Accelerate adoption of emissions reduction strategies and actions across regional and local governments

Strategies:

- Where suitable, identify and adopt regional goals and policies that help advance mitigation strategies and actions
- Create mandates for municipal mitigation actions
- Increase capacity within municipal staffs; provide outside technical assistance

GOAL: Increase data collection and access

Strategies:

- Identify more granular, town-specific data of GHG emissions

GOAL: Ensure the health, safety, and equitability of mitigation and adaptation solutions

Strategies:

- Assess opportunities for green economy to create jobs with livable wages

GOAL: Establish strategic partnerships to advance shared goals

Strategies:

- Foster collaborations between levels of government
- foster collaborations between the public and private sectors

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Public Comment

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Next Steps



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Meetings

DEC - MARCH

Topics include global climate issues, greenhouse gas reduction strategies, adaptation and resiliency planning, equity and climate change, communication...

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Small Project

Showing how school communities can take action and impact climate

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Applications and Selection

- One-page letter of interest and teacher's reference
- Applications Due by December 1st
- Program is intended for a small group of students from grades 9-12.
- Selection will be based on regional geographical distribution, grade level distribution, quality of letter of interest, and teacher reference

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE ISSUES?

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT?

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO EFFECTIVELY CREATE CHANGE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Become A Climate Ambassador

The Cape Cod region is working hard to prepare for climate change and student voices matter! The Cape Cod Commission is seeking students in grades 9-12 who want to develop a better understanding of climate change, learn what actions can be taken individually and collectively, and prepare to be a community leader.

LEARN MORE >>

THE CAPE COD COMMISSION IS SEEKING STUDENT VOICES FOR THE CLIMATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

What to Expect

- ≈ Six virtual meetings from December 2020 to March 2021
- ≈ Meetings will run between 2 and 2 ½ hours
- ≈ Discuss and learn about global climate issues, carbon reduction strategies, resiliency planning, equity and climate change, and more
- ≈ Get creative by developing a small project on how school communities can impact climate
- ≈ Meet new friends, make a difference and raise awareness of climate issues!

How to Apply (Applications due by December 1st)

Please submit a one-page letter to frontdesk@capedcodcommission.org and let us know why you're interested in climate change and what you hope to learn or accomplish by being part of the Climate Ambassador Program. Submissions must also include a teacher reference.

ABOUT: The Climate Ambassador program is intended for a small group of students from grades 9-12. Selection will be based on regional geographical distribution, grade level distribution, quality of letter of interest, and teacher reference.

CLIMATE HAZARDS
put vulnerable populations at risk, can cause loss of life, damage important infrastructure, and impact a community's economic, social, and environmental well-being

A 4°C TEMPERATURE RISE
can lead to disrupting precipitation patterns and increased frequency and intensity of some extreme weather events

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