



GOVERNANCE: GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIONS

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| Goal 1 | Town government leads by example and is accountable for implementation of the Climate Action Plan. |
| Goal 2 | Climate action beyond town borders supports progress toward Wellesley's climate goals. |
| Goal 3 | Methane emissions from natural gas infrastructure are reduced. |
| Goal 4 | Municipal systems and infrastructure are resilient to impacts of climate change. |
| Strategy: Integrate sustainability into the policies and executive operations of the town. | |
| Action | Change Town Bylaws so that the Sustainability Director reports directly to Executive Director of General Government Services.. |
| Action | Work with IT to establish web-based dashboard to track Climate Action Plan progress to provide information, accountability, and transparency. |
| Strategy: Integrate sustainability and resilience into systems and processes. | |
| Action | Incorporate GHG reductions and other sustainability considerations into the budget process, including capital planning and prioritization. |
| Action | Develop an evaluation framework/tool to assist departments with sustainability analysis of proposed projects and initiatives. |
| Strategy: Engage the community in a town-wide effort to implement the Climate Action Plan. | |
| Action | Launch a program to coordinate community education and engage the public in initiatives to support Climate Action Plan implementation. |
| Action | Continue to enhance climate change and sustainability education through Wellesley Public Schools' curriculum, activities, and operations. |
| Action | Coordinate messaging concerning Climate Action Plan implementation and related sustainability measures with Public Information Officer and relevant town departments. |
| Strategy: Pursue local and regional partnerships and support climate-friendly state rules and policies. | |
| Action | Collaborate with other communities to build local and regional decarbonization efforts. |
| Action | Identify and evaluate opportunities to advocate for state laws and policies that will further Climate Action Plan goals and other sustainability priorities. |
| Strategy: Adopt a triage and transition approach to reducing methane emissions. | |
| Action | Identify and track gas leaks in Wellesley, particularly the highest volume leaks that have the greatest environmental impact. |
| Action | Advocate with National Grid for repair of Wellesley's highest volume leaks. |
| Action | Advocate at state level for repair of highest volume leaks to reduce methane emissions during state transition to fossil-fuel-free alternatives. |
| Action | Educate the public about methane emissions and about safe, fossil-fuel-free alternatives for heating, cooling, and cooking. |
| Strategy: Identify municipal actions to build resilience. | |
| Action | Develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan. |
| Action | Strengthen emergency preparedness and communications to reach the public in Wellesley, as recommended in the Town's 2020 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Summary of Findings Report. |