

Agenda
Climate Action Plan Steering Committee
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020
2 p.m.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting #4



2:00 p.m. Steering Committee Meeting Notes

1. Overview of Climate Action Plan work (15 mins)

- The Office of Sustainability did an overview of the climate-related webpages on the jcmakeitgreen.org website.
 - i. **Jersey City Climate Action** - Overview of Jersey City's climate efforts to date, with links to all relevant City plans: <https://jcmakeitgreen.org/climate-action/>
 - ii. **CAP 2020 Public Process** - Detailed overview of the Climate Action Plan and our public process: <https://jcmakeitgreen.org/cap-public-process/>
 - iii. **Climate Action Steering Committee and Working Groups** - Descriptions of our Working Groups and Steering Committee, with links to all meeting notes and agendas: <https://jcmakeitgreen.org/climate-action-steering-comm/>
- Survey 1 results are available [here](#).
- Updated timeline: The draft of the Climate Action Plan is scheduled to be released for public comment in fall 2020. The final report will be presented to council in winter 2020/2021.

2. Items for review (20 mins)

- After receiving feedback from the Working Groups, the Office of Sustainability refined the action items and the corresponding implementation tables for the energy, transportation & land use, and waste sectors. The Equity & Outreach Working Group was tasked with assessing each of the action items using the equity considerations as outlined in the Climate Equity document.

a. Implementation Tables

- [Energy](#)
- [Transportation & Land Use](#)
- [Waste](#)
- [Appendices](#)
- The supporting documentation should be used as you review the implementation tables.
 - **Appendix A:** Implementation Strategies
 - **Appendix B:** Co-benefits Assessment
 - **Appendix C:** Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Tiers

- **Appendix D:** Action Item Prioritization Process

b. Action Items

- **Energy:** discuss items E-3 & E-16 and Objective 2
- **Transportation & Land Use:** discuss items T&LU-20 & 21
- **Waste**
- 63 action items in total
 - Energy = 20 actions
 - T&LU = 25 actions
 - Waste = 15 actions
 - Equity = 3 actions
- The Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) was asked to review the action items and provide feedback. Special attention should be given to the following items:

Energy Action Items

- **E-3:** By 2025, all buildings over 25,000 square feet must meet certain energy efficiency standards (e.g. Energy Star) or reduce carbon emissions by 20 percent by certain trigger events, and not use fuel oil or propane as a heating source.
 - **Question for CASC: How do you feel about this approach?**
- **Objective 2:** Reduce energy usage and carbon emissions in new homes, multi-family buildings, commercial, and industrial buildings.
 - **Discussion for CASC: potentially include several actions as part of new requirements for site plan checklists.**
- **E-16:** Require that all buildings that receive city funding meet energy efficiency standards. {including LEED, PassiveHouse, ENERGY STAR, or Living Building Challenge}
 - **Question for CASC: What other certifications should we consider?**

Transportation & Land Use

- **T&LU-20:** Establish policies to optimize urban freight movement, such as regulating the time of delivery on certain corridors, establishing urban freight consolidation centers, and curbside delivery zones.
 - **Question for CASC: How can we realistically implement this action?**
- **T&LU-21:** Incentivize clean delivery of goods by major distributors and companies and encourage use of utility bikes.
 - **Question for CASC: How can we realistically implement this action?**

c. **Climate Equity**

- The Climate Equity draft will have its own section in the Climate Action Plan document. This piece explains how equity was incorporated into the action items. See the “Equity Considerations” in the document.
- Staff requests that the CASC provide comments on the following sections: Climate Equity Objectives, Equity Action Items, and Recommendations for Equitable Implementation.

3. **Next steps (20 mins)**

a. **Feedback on items for review by September 24**

- **Staff is seeking feedback and comments on the above items (agenda item #2) from the Steering Committee. Comments may be provided through this [form](#) or via email at makeitgreen@jcnj.org. Comments are requested by September 24.**

- Please provide feedback on the action items (energy, transportation & land use, and waste), the implementation tables (energy, transportation & land use, and waste), and the Climate Equity draft.
- **Comments are requested by September 24. Please use the following Google Form to submit your feedback:**
<https://forms.gle/4aGY2EVPxz6Xd9W28>

b. **Outreach and engagement recommendations**

- Suggestions should be submitted through the same Google Form.

4. **Q&A session (20 min)**

During the session, please submit your questions through the chat box or “raise your hand.”

General Comments

- Soraya Hebron: Regarding the Equity Action Item #1, there is an existing group called the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board which meets every fourth Thursday of the month. They would be interested in reviewing any documentation.
- Alan Miller: Alan is particularly interested in the equity piece and he will discuss it with others in the NJDEP.
- Sonia Dublin: Sonia is interested in discussing the draft action items with the Office of Sustainability.
- Amanda Nesheiwat: HCIA is focusing on education and recycling at the moment, so this is an exciting opportunity to partner with Jersey City.