

**Climate Action Advisory Board
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Climate Action and Resilience Plan Update

Vulnerability Assessment – Part of our project scope includes working with ONE Architecture to conduct a vulnerability assessment of town centers and recommend best practices for climate resilient design. ONE has been using GIS and other data to identify vulnerabilities. We also have surveyed business and property owners about what climate impacts they have already seen, the impact to their business/property, and what future climate risks that concern them. In addition to the survey, we invited business owners to stop by during office hours on Wednesday, February 26th where we had a number of visuals of climate risks and best practices from other communities. We had a number of productive conversations during these office hours.

Action Evaluation and Prioritization – KLA has been working with Kate to wrap up the action identification phase and move into the evaluation and prioritization phase. Important milestones and actions include:

- The municipal team has met twice in the last month. These meetings focused on confirming and receiving feedback on the plan elements, potential actions, indicators of success, and evaluation framework. We also worked with the municipal team on building out the structure for the implementation blueprints and started developing the content of the blueprints for some actions. The municipal team will primarily be responsible for using the implementation blueprints to execute on the plan's priorities so it was especially important to work closely with this group to ensure the blueprints are designed to be useful and implementable.
- KLA condensed and revised a large list of ~300 potential actions into a shortlist of about 60 actions, removing duplicates, adding in high-impact strategies and best practices, and pulling out details that might be more suited to an implementation step than an "action". Using an evaluation framework based on our plan's core principles, the consultant team has evaluated this list of actions to provide information and guidance on the potential impact of the actions in the areas most important to Concord. This evaluation is to help us prioritize actions for the final plan.

Community engagement – We've also been working on engaging the community. The shortlist of actions for the plan have been loaded into a Metroquest survey that is now live. The goal of this survey to continue to raise awareness about the plan and receive input on what actions are most important to members of the community. On February 25th, we met with members of the CCHS Green Team who have volunteered to serve as street team members. Their primary focus will be engaging with the community this month to take the survey.

Plan Materials – The following and attached draft plan materials demonstrate where we are in the planning process.

- Fact Sheets – Updated with CAAB and municipal team feedback
- Action Evaluation Summary – Includes evaluation framework used by consultant team to evaluate actions based on Concord's guiding principles. This is intended to serve as information on potential impact to guide the planning team on how to prioritize actions.
- Example Implementation Blueprint – This is a draft blueprint of one potential action for Concord's plan. This is intended to provide a preview to CAAB of the blueprints that will be reviewed and workshopped at the March 18th CAAB meeting.

Plan Format – Below is a rough outline of how the materials in development will come together in the final plan.

- Introduction (IN PROGRESS) – Climate change and how it impacts Concord, description of Concord’s goals and progress to-date (GHG inventory), plan structure and how plan is intended to be used, how actions were identified and prioritized, planning process and community engagement
- Fact sheet (DRAFTED)
 - Goal for element
 - What it includes
 - Achievements to-date
 - Indicators of success
- List of 5-8 priority actions (TBD BASED ON CAAB, MUNI TEAM AND COMMUNITY INPUT)
- Blueprints for each priority action (IN PROGRESS – EXAMPLE PROVIDED)
 - Description of action
 - Climate benefit
 - Champion
 - Implementation steps, including:
 - Timeframe
 - Key partners
 - Funding resources
 - Challenges/barriers
 - Equity considerations
 - Measuring success
 - Engaging the community

Immediate Next Steps – In March we will focus on prioritizing the actions for the plan and building out the implementation blueprints, which will be the bulk of the plan.

- March 4th – Kate will send a survey to CAAB to indicate their choices for priority actions within each plan element. This survey should be completed by Monday, March 9th.
- March 18th – KLA will facilitate the CAAB meeting focused on feedback on draft implementation blueprints. A set of draft blueprints will be shared the week prior and feedback requested from CAAB in advance of the meeting.