CITY OF BALTIMORE Climate Action Plan

Understanding the Plan

The Baltimore Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlines goals to help Baltimore reduce city-wide greenhouse gas emissions. The City's CAP was last updated in 2012. It will outline key strategies Baltimore City can take to save energy and reduce pollution from areas including buildings, and energy savings, waste, and transportation. The CAP will help us, as a city and a community, make smart choices to lower pollution, while also working to make our city more equitable and healthy.

The CAP will show where our greenhouse gas pollution comes from, set goals for making less pollution, and pick important actions to make that happen. It will also have a roadmap for taking on key actions. These actions will help make Baltimore a more livable, viable city now and for future generations.

City of Baltimore wants to create a plan that everyone can be part of and benefit from, so please help us spread the word and participate in the public comment period.



Understanding GHG Emissions

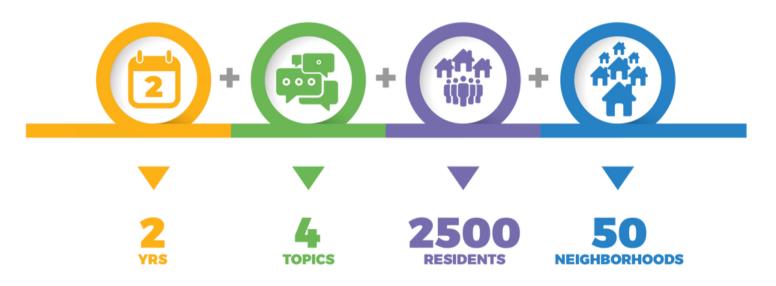
Greenhouse gases trap heat and prevent energy from leaving our atmosphere. These gases mostly result from burning fossil fuels like gas and oil. The gases created from the burning of these resources can last in the Earth's atmosphere for decades and pollute our air and help cause climate change.

In addition to reducing heat-trapping pollution, implementing actions in the plan will result in more benefits to you and the community. A few examples are:

- Making neighborhoods cooler during extreme heat days.
- Reducing your energy bills.
- Improving air quality in your community.
- Promoting biking, walking, or taking transit to your favorite places instead of driving.



A Community of Action!



In October 2021, the City began meeting with the community to help update the CAP. We sent out surveys, hosted in-person and virtual meetings, and attended community events. Since then, 2,500 Baltimore City residents from 50 neighborhoods, businesses, non-profits, and other institutions have been involved in the CAP development. We want to hear from you again this October to finalize a plan that we, as a City and community, will implement to create a healthier, safer, and more resilient City. Everyone has a voice in creating the plan, and everyone will have a role to play in implementing it so we can reach carbon neutrality.

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