engagement invitation
CLIMATE EQUITY PLAN
city of minneapolis 2022

THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS HAS A GOAL TO ACHIEVE NET-ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS* AND IMPROVE THE DAILY LIVES OF RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY OUR CHANGING CLIMATE.

* WHAT ARE CARBON EMISSIONS?
carbon emissions trap heat in our atmosphere and are mostly caused by heating, cooling, and lighting our buildings, appliances, driving, cleaning our water, and disposing of solid waste.

We don’t have all the answers.
We need your help to meet these ambitious goals.

To get engaged:
• email us at sustainability@minneapolismn.gov
• visit our website www.minneapolismn.gov/climate-equity

JOIN US ON Wednesday, July 27 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Plymouth Stevens House, 1500 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis Apartment Complex Community Room

LISTEN
MAY 2022 - JULY 2022
have conversations to understand hopes, priorities, and concerns of residents around climate action and equity

FORM STEERING COMMITTEE
FORM WORKING GROUPS
IDENTIFY PLANNING GOALS
AUGUST 2022

TEST
SEPT 2022 - OCT 2022
share findings from the ‘listen’ phase and receive input on possible strategies

DECIDE
NOV 2022 - JAN 2023
share strategies from the ‘test’ phase and receive feedback on final strategies
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE POLICY & ACTION
The City of Minneapolis is creating a new Climate Action and Equity Plan that puts people first in our race to save the planet. The work will update the 2013 Minneapolis Climate Action Plan to reflect a decade of change and additional planning and community-led efforts. The 2013 Climate Action Plan has been the guiding document for climate policies and action for City enterprise and community wide, with many programs and policies directed by its vision.

The new plan will be a guide for policy and program design supporting science-based greenhouse gas reduction goals and economic and community benefits associated with clean energy investments. This updated plan will be considered for adoption by City Council in Spring 2023 and will be the policy document that the City will follow for climate action.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Everyone who lives or works in Minneapolis is invited to participate in the creation of this plan. We each bring a unique perspective to the issues and opportunities presented by climate change, and we acknowledge that some are more likely to be impacted by our changing climate. We center voices from Black, Indigenous, communities of color, immigrants, older and younger adults, people with disabilities, and under-resourced residents. Will you join us in this important work?

Working groups and steering committee will form in August 2022 after initial listening sessions identify goals and objectives for this work. Please email sustainability@minneapolismn.gov if you would like to participate in a working group.

LISTENING SESSIONS
• Share your hopes for the future, observations on current issues, and needs from the City to inform a new plan that designs a socially just platform to work toward zero carbon emissions
• Be a part of these foundational conversations — to not only inform what we plan but how we plan it and who benefits

PEOPLE: All who live and/or work in Minneapolis are welcome
COMMITMENT: Come as you are able to any or all of the three phases: initial listening, testing ideas, and deciding

WORKING GROUPS
• Review relevant existing plans in the context of climate change, identifying the gap from current plans to where we need to be in order to meet these more ambitious climate targets
• Identify policies and strategies that will support the plan
• Offer suggestions to refine established goals that may have not been explored

PEOPLE: Mix of technical and community experts
COMMITMENT: Minimum three meetings: initial workshop, progress check-in, and final sign off on recommendations

STEERING COMMITTEE
• Serve as a sounding board and guiding voice for the duration of the planning process, ensuring that the work is headed in the right direction, and bringing together varying viewpoints
• Share insights to ensure that the plan achieves carbon goals and benefits all Minneapolis residents
• Ensure that we meet our targets equitably

PEOPLE: Mix of technical and community experts (12 members)
COMMITMENT: Monthly meetings through the duration of the planning process

MINNEAPOLIS SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION MISSION & VISION
VISION: Achieve an environmentally just, resilient, low-carbon and equitable City
MISSION: We collaborate with residents to advance environmentally just policies that achieve deep carbon emission reductions, repair past environmental injustices perpetrated upon Indigenous, Black and Communities of color, and create solutions for a sustainable, inclusive economy.