



climate equity plan
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
COMMUNITY MEETING 3
DECIDING MEETINGS 2023

agenda

WELCOME

PLANNING BACKGROUND

- Community role
- Recap

PURPOSE

- Review survey results
- Response to suggested strategies
- What needs clarification

NEXT STEPS

- City Council Presentation 4/7
- Review and response
- Approval in Summer 2023



**PLANNING
BACKGROUND**

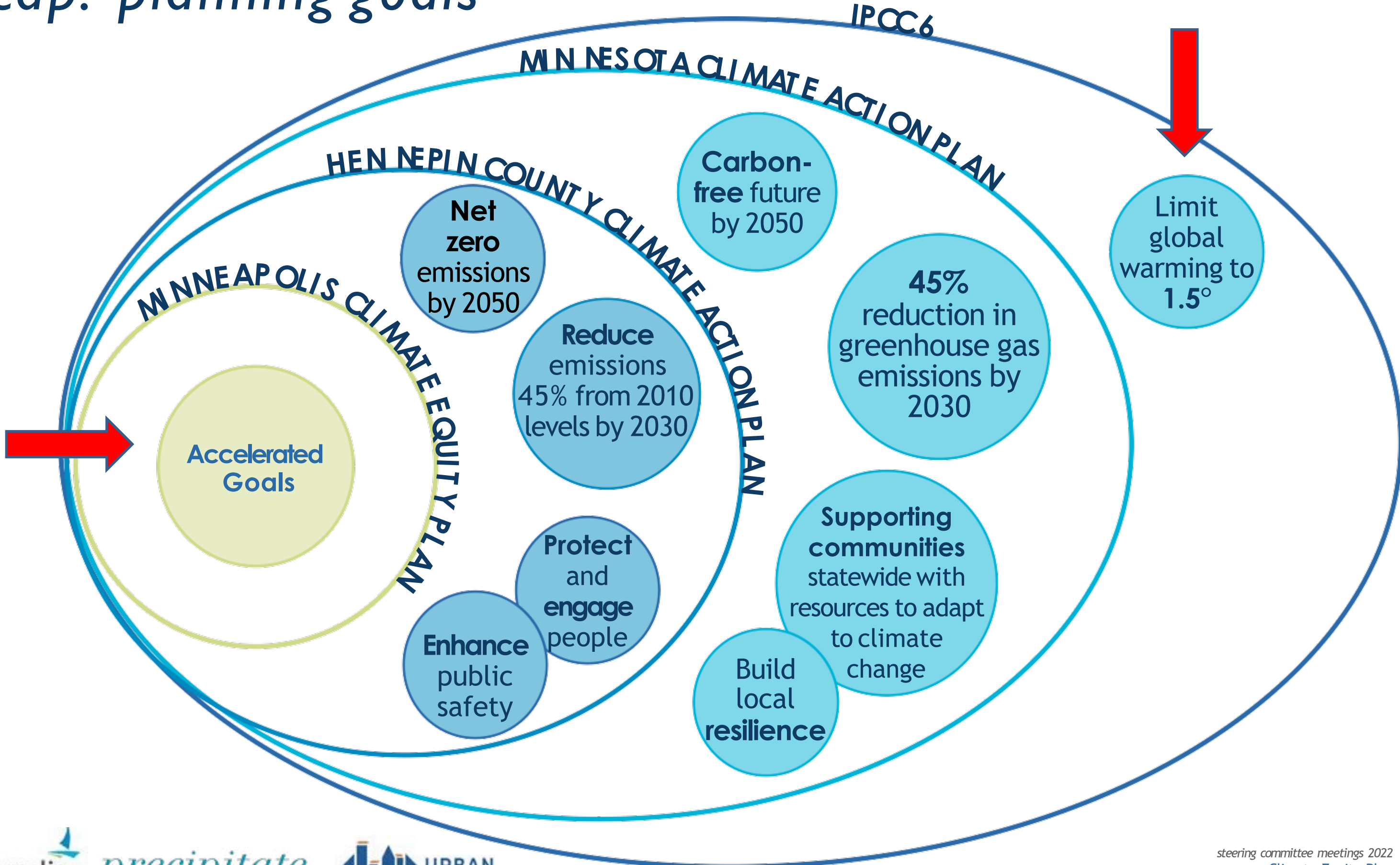
community group roles

- Respond to emerging framework
- Share feedback on suggested strategies and vision
- Center equity

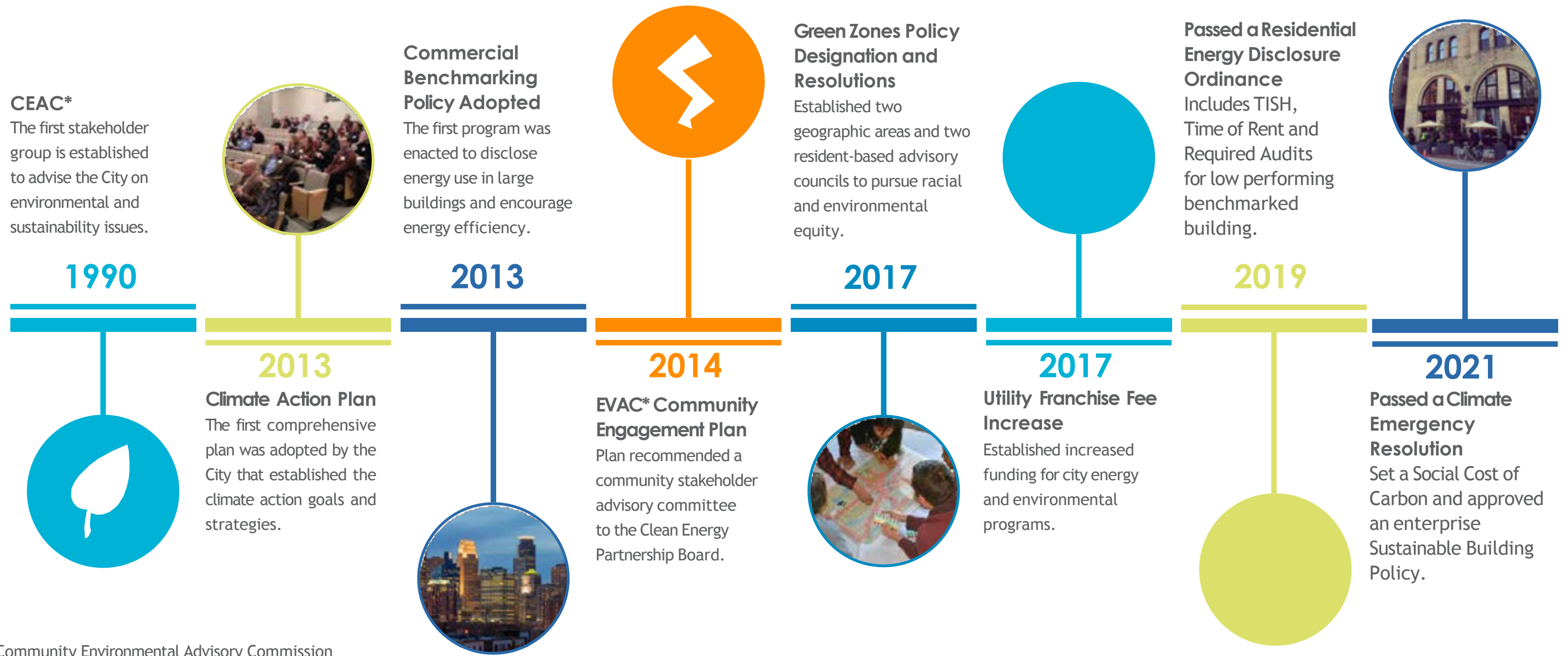
recap: goals for the climate equity plan

- Create a shared vision for Minneapolis Climate work
 - Generate excitement for those who live, work and play in Minneapolis that we can work together to meet our climate equity goals
 - Leverage framework to guide actions of other organizations (Minneapolis Foundation for example)
- Guide future City action
 - Internal department activities
 - Clean Energy Partnership
 - External partnerships
- Advocate for & secure funding
 - Biennial mayoral budget
 - Outside funding sources

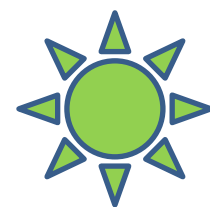
recap: planning goals



recap: timeline of key minneapolis sustainability milestones



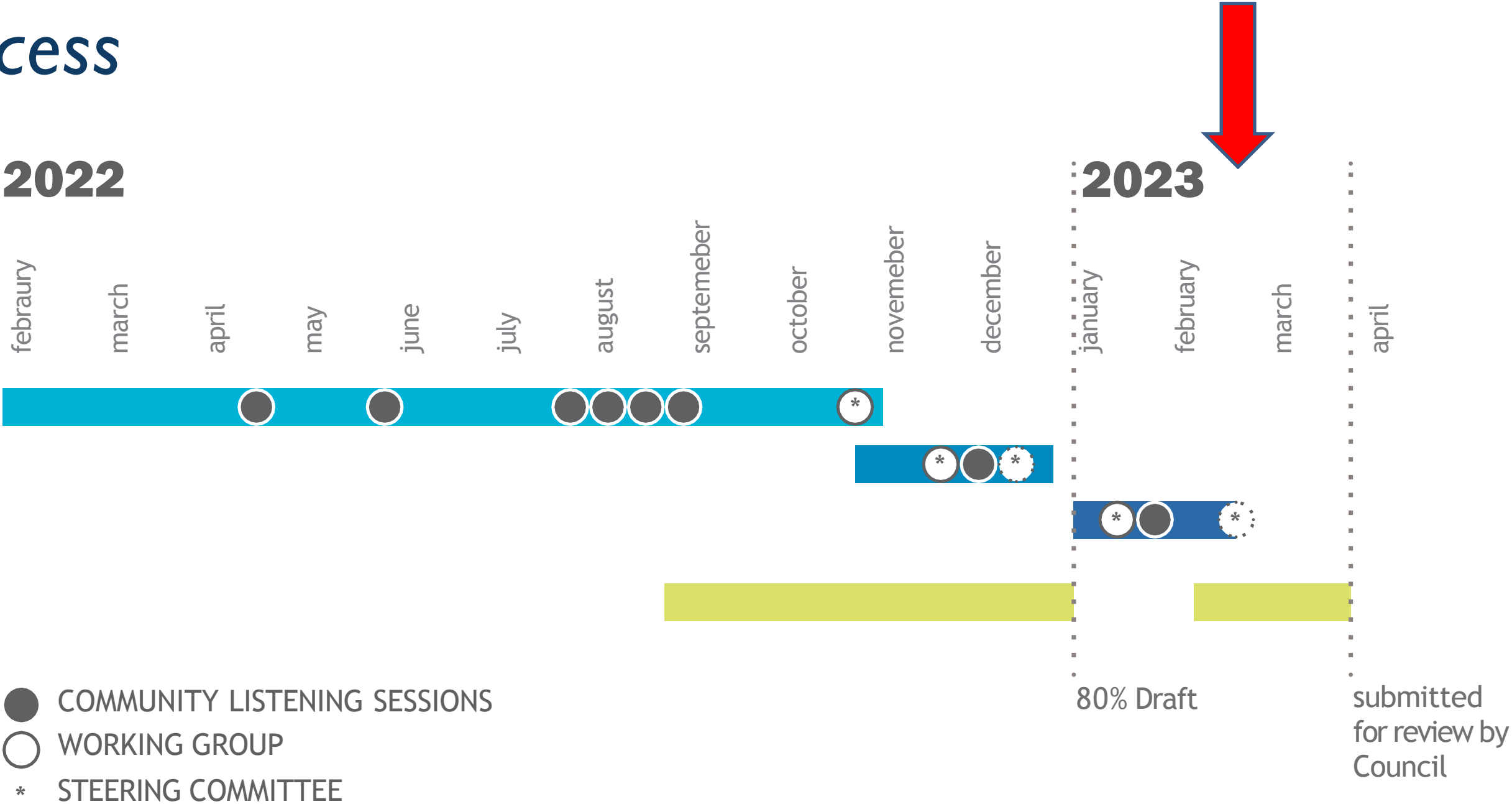
*Community Environmental Advisory Commission
 *Energy Vision Advisory Committee



2023 CLIMATE EQUITY PLAN APPROVED!

recap: process

- 1 LISTENING
- 2 TESTING
- 3 DECIDING
- 4 REPORTING



PURPOSE

online survey results

GREENSPACE

- Many respondents agree that green spaces is valuable for themselves and for the community, right now and in the future

HOUSING / THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Many respondents were interested in making their own homes more resilient to extreme weather and also ensuring that all people have access to affordable, and sustainable housing

MOBILITY

- It is clear that mobility is important to respondents, as both a lever to reduce GHG emissions, and in the opportunity to make a positive difference in people's lives

PUBLIC SAFETY / POLICE

- Safety is a concern for many respondents; and for some we must address public safety before climate change

Approx. 600
responses as of
Feb. 13

community meetings

GREENSPACE

- Many community members want more access to green spaces and enjoy these outdoor spaces for fellowship and gardening.

HOUSING / OWNING AND RENTING

- Community members who owned their homes were interested in making them more energy efficient. Most community members were renters and wanted to find ways to reduce their utility bills.

HEALTH

- Poor air quality and lack of trees were cited as issues that impact health.

EDUCATION

- Many recognize that the climate has changed, but don't know what to do individually and collectively to reduce carbon emissions. They want to know what they can do.

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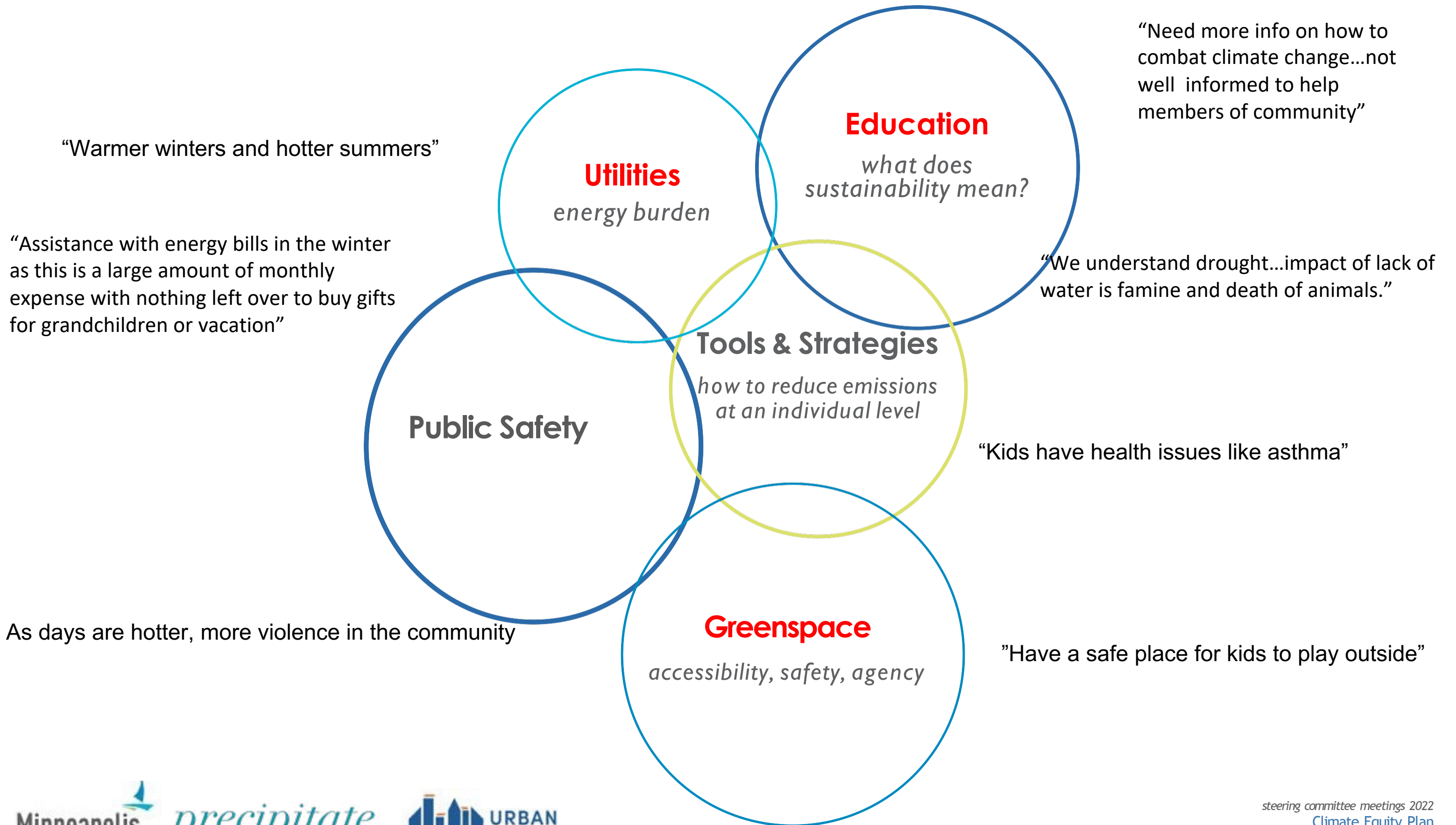
130
17 meetings
as of Feb. 13



what we heard - strengths



what we heard - opportunities



VISION

HEALTH

AIR QUALITY

HEALTHY
FOOD ACCESS

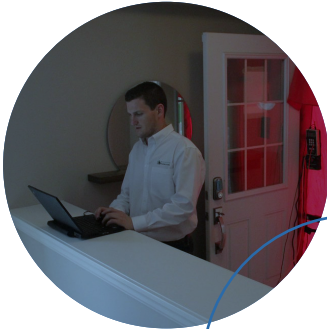


ZERO
DISPARITIES
IN HEALTH
OUTCOMES BY
RACE, INCOME OR
ZIP CODE

SAFE,
WALKING
ACCESS TO
STORES,
SCHOOLS, AND
GREENSPACE

WEALTH

JUSTICE40



X NEW HIGH
PAYING JOBS

REDUCE
ENERGY
BURDEN BY
X%

RESILIENCE

CLIMATE



REDUCE
CARBON
EMISSIONS
30% BY 2025

HEALTH

We imagine a Minneapolis that supports healthy living for all.

- Violence is reduced and kids can play outside
- All residents have access to clean air, water, and soil
- Respond resiliently to extreme weather and other threats
- Communities thrive and folks feel safe walking to the grocery store, parks, work.
- Everyone has access to nature and receives the health benefits of nature.
- Residents are free from health and safety concerns.
- Community gardens provide local, healthy, and fresh food
- No disparities in health status and outcomes tied to air and water quality among residents based on socio-economic, demographic and zip codes.

"[I want to see] more green space that's safe. [Currently] kids have to go somewhere else to play because of the violence."

-Little Earth community member

"[We] want gardens back to grow fruit, vegetables, flowers, Thai chili peppers as there is no local place to buy these things and it's an expensive trip to St. Paul to shop"

-Lao community member

WEALTH

We imagine a Minneapolis where wealth is built for all in a mindset of abundance not scarcity, and past injustices are righted.

- All residents have ability to invest in renewable electricity projects that lead to reduction in electricity cost.
- Combined cost of housing and energy does not exceed 30% of an individual or household's income, for homeowners and renters alike.
- New good jobs are created that pay well and empower workers.
- Everyone can participate in and benefit from the new green economy. Wealth is built for Black, Indigenous, communities of color.
- Small businesses and the local economy thrive.
- Community is empowered through access to education and resources.

"Affordable housing, good jobs, neighbors that help one another, clean efficient transportation and accessible opportunities, and people excited about the future."

-survey respondent

CLIMATE

We imagine a Minneapolis where we live within our fair share of carbon targets and respond resiliently to growing climate impacts

- We live within our fair share of carbon emissions targets.
- Community is resilient, adaptive, and empowered in the face of climate disruption.
- Our grandchildren will experience snow.
- The Mississippi will have enough flow so we have drinking water.
- Lakes freeze and cold winters kill pests
- We have enough rain and predictable temperature to grow community gardens.
- Pollinators and animals thrive in healthy habitats that include native plants, and reduce storm water runoff.

"Climate issues are coming quicker and faster"

-Little Earth community member

"I hope we continue to feel a strong sense of community, and that we feel more resilient and comfortable than we do now in this time of climate crisis. I want to know that all of my neighbors are invited into a just transition and a safer, more stable climate future."

-survey respondent

framework goals of the climate equity plan

- Residential/Electrification
- Commercial/Industrial
- Energy systems
- Greenspaces
- Transportation
- Circular Economy

suggested strategies: residential/electrification

- Demonstration projects

City of Minneapolis Environmental Justice Micro Grant”

<https://nrrc.org/healthy-urban-living>

- Programs for energy reduction

Utility bills not greater than 30% of income

Incentives for energy efficient buildings for landlords

- Creation of educational guides

Basic climate understanding (Climate Equity Plan)

Pursue energy efficiency through rebates and incentives

suggested strategies: greenspace

- Public infrastructure
 - Widened sidewalks with tree canopy*
 - Edible boulevards*
- Reduced environmental toxins
 - Filter and shade*
- Public Safety and Wellbeing
 - Gathering/recreational/gardening*
 - Eyes on the street*
- Affordable housing
 - Aesthetic quality of trees and vegetation*
 - Reduced energy costs - shading*
- Creation of green jobs training and mentorship

strategies from community

- *In the winter, we cook more with the oven to keep the house warm and wear more clothes.*
- *We grill outside in the summer to keep the house cool.*
- *We turn off the lights when not using in a room.*
- *In the summer, we pull the shades on the windows to keep the house cool.*
- *We conserve dish washing water by filling the sink.*
- *Change our lightbulbs to LED.*
- *Cover windows with plastic to keep out cold*

*“We all live with the objective of being happy;
all lives are all different and yet the same.”*

Anne Frank

NEXT STEPS

next steps

- City Council Presentation on 4/7
- Review and respond through QR Code
- Community Celebration - Summer 2023
- Approval of Climate Equity Plan - Summer 2023



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INSIGHTS!