

CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience



Welcome

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Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and Zoom functionality
- Project Context
- Community Benefits Analysis and LIDAC Analysis
- Discussion of LIDAC Impacts
- Open Discussion
- Next Steps



Meeting Purpose

• Provide overview of the benefits and low income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) analysis process.

• Receive input on:

- Which benefits to include in the analysis
- Any "dis-benefits" to consider
- o Other equity considerations
- o Ideas for measuring benefits in general or to LIDACs in particular



Benefits and LIDAC Analyses



Summary of Emissions Sectors and Example Measures

Emissions Sector	Example Measures
Transportation	Support transit-oriented development (T1) Improve and expand public transit (T2) Increase adoption of light duty electric vehicles (T9)
Buildings	Increase energy standards for new buildings (B1) Install non-combustion, high-efficiency thermal technologies (B2)
Electric Power	Expand clean energy generation capacity (P2) Improve process and capacity for interconnecting clean generation (P5)
Natural Gas Distribution	Reduce methane leaks from gas infrastructure (NG2)
Industrial Processes	Reduce emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (I1)
Waste	Divert, reuse or reduce recoverable materials (W1)
Natural and Working Lands	Avoid permanent conversion of existing forests (NWL1) Support climate-smart agriculture and healthy soils management (NWL6)



Approach to Assessing Benefits & LIDAC Impacts

• Quantify Several Benefits:

- Co-pollutant impacts (e.g., O₃, CO, NO₂, etc.)
- Health impacts (e.g., mortality, hospitalizations, etc.)
- Fuel cost savings (e.g., reduced natural gas or gasoline costs)
- **Qualitatively Assess 6 Benefits** to be decided but could include, for example:
 - Job Creation/Workforce Development
 - Ecosystem services
 - Resilience

• Evaluate impact in LIDAC communities

- Quantitative analysis of co-pollutant impacts in LIDACs
- Qualitative assessment of other potential benefits and dis-benefits



Environmental Justice Populations in Massachusetts

- The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) mandates the use of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST). LIDAC Census tracts are identified in the Massachusetts Priority Climate Action Plan: <u>https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-priority-climate-action-plan</u>.
- There are differences between CEJST and Massachusetts' definition of Environmental Justice populations.



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Benefits to Consider

• Here is an initial list of benefits for consideration. Are there other benefits we should consider?

- Air Quality/Co-pollutant reduction
- Public Health and Wellbeing
- Resilience to Extreme Weather
- Job Creation/Workforce Development
- Energy Independence/Grid Resilience
- Energy Affordability
- Housing Costs/Displacement Risk
- Local Partnerships/Local Ownership and Control
- Ecosystem Services
- Other ?



Discussion on LIDAC Impacts



Poll Question: Select Sector(s) For Today's Discussion

• Which sector would you like to focus on today? (choose one)

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Electric Power
- Natural Gas Distribution
- Industrial Processes
- Waste
- Natural and Working Lands



 When you think about actions that reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollutants in this sector, what benefits or impacts come to mind? (open text)



• What key equity considerations should be addressed in this sector? (open text)



Q&A and Discussion



Next Steps



- This PowerPoint and a feedback form will be made available on the OCIR website.
- Please share any additional feedback by May 2nd, 2025 to <u>climate.office@mass.gov</u>.
- Email submissions are preferred, but you may also mail comments to:

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Thank you