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Medford Releases Full Draft of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

The release of the full plan follows the Executive Summary published earlier this month.

Community feedback sought on the full plan via online survey.

MEDFORD — Following the release of the [Executive Summary](#) earlier this month, the City of Medford is pleased to present the full draft of its [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#). This plan is a culmination of the city’s ongoing climate and adaptation efforts, developed together with city staff, residents, businesses, organizations through workshops, focus groups and in-person events, led by the Medford’s Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability.

The Plan is a roadmap for the City’s future operational plans, guiding policy initiatives and laying out key steps that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050, and includes 32 strategies across four focus areas: **Buildings & Energy, Ecosystems & Natural Environment, Public Health, and Transportation.**

“Integrating climate considerations and planning to all of our work is critical to our resiliency efforts not just locally, but globally, and this plan will help us do just that. I am thankful to our amazing team in the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability for working so hard to finish this plan just a few short weeks after we released the Executive Summary. Now, we want to incorporate community feedback to be sure our plan is as strong, action-oriented, and sustainable as possible,” said Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn.

The City is collecting community input through January 2022 to help inform the final plan. Input can be submitted through an online form, available at <https://forms.gle/2d6jwb1m3Xu3ucndA>.

“I’m very excited to enter this stage of widespread community review on this important document that will guide our efforts for the next ten years,” said Alicia Hunt, Director of the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability. “While it’s called a ‘climate plan,’ it touches every aspect of municipal governance and development and wouldn’t be possible without widespread collaboration.”

The plan sets new goals for future efforts, like expanding renewable energy sources, providing tools for property owners and tenants to prepare for climate hazards, as well as expands on

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ongoing work like protecting and growing our tree canopy, investing in stormwater maintenance, addressing food insecurity and increasing local food system resilience.

After a period of public comment, the City will begin to adopt policy ideas identified in the plan to meet its net zero goal such as expanding diverse housing options to meet the needs of all residents, setting net zero energy and resiliency standards for new municipal construction, expand local renewable energy sources, mitigate flooding using nature-based solutions such as rainscaping and making a substantial investment in stormwater infrastructure and sewer-system management.

The development of the Plan was made possible in part by a Planning Grant and an Action Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources' Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, particularly with early planning and development, and outreach and engagement with under-represented populations.

You can view the full plan at www.medfordma.org/departments/planning-development-sustainability. To submit feedback, visit the online form at <https://forms.gle/2d6jwb1m3Xu3ucndA>

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