

Minnesota's Climate Action Framework

Climate change is no longer a far-off possibility. Minnesotans across our state are suffering its devastating effects right now – and it will get worse. Fortunately, we can all be a part of the solution. Addressing climate change presents us with a historical opportunity to strengthen our economy, improve our health, and create a more equitable Minnesota for everyone.

To guide this work, Minnesota's Climate Change Subcabinet has released a draft of our state's Climate Action Framework, **and we want to hear from you.**

What is the Climate Action Framework?

The Climate Action Framework sets a vision for how Minnesota will address and prepare for climate change. It identifies near-term actions we must take to achieve our long-term goal of a carbon-neutral, resilient and equitable future for our state.

The Framework is currently a draft.

We are asking Minnesotans help us plan and prioritize how we will address climate change together. We want feedback on how in this plan aligns with the needs of your community.

Minnesota's goals for climate action

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Clean transportation

Transportation represents our greatest opportunity to reduce climate pollution. Our goal is to connect and serve all people through a safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation system.

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Climate-smart natural and working lands

We can manage our natural and working lands to help us address climate change by absorbing and storing carbon, reducing emissions, and sustaining resilient landscapes.

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Resilient communities

Communities experience the impacts of climate change differently and solutions must be tailored to local needs. We can prepare communities with the resources they need to plan and build a more resilient future for themselves.

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Clean energy and efficient buildings

Minnesotans can benefit from investments in clean energy and energy efficiency that will create jobs, lower energy costs, and contribute to a more stable climate.

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Healthy lives and communities

Changes in Minnesota's climate threaten the health of all our communities, but not everyone experiences these impacts equally. We can protect the health and wellbeing of all Minnesotans in the face of climate change.

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Clean economy

Transitioning to a cleaner economy must include solutions that benefit everyone. Minnesota will build an economy that addresses climate change and equitably provides family-sustaining job opportunities.

How was the draft Framework developed?

The Framework builds on years of engagement with Minnesotans on the issue of climate change. Staff from Minnesota's state agencies developed the Framework using expertise, analysis, and public input.

During the summer and fall of 2021, Minnesotans weighed in on the concepts of the Framework through online engagement, stakeholder meetings and government-to-government conversations with the Tribal Nations who share our geography.

A better climate for every Minnesotan

While all Minnesotans are affected by climate change, we are not affected the same way. Those who are already vulnerable due to a range of social, economic, historical and political factors have less ability to prepare for, cope with, and recover from climate change impacts.

Across Minnesota we know that some groups are at greater risk from climate change than others including people of color, older adults, people with disabilities, people in rural areas and those who are socially and economically disadvantaged.

Addressing equity alongside climate change is one of the core principles of this Framework. Throughout the Framework, we show how climate solutions can help all Minnesotans thrive and reduce impacts to the hardest hit communities.

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shape the final
Framework

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Addressing climate change will require all of us to act. We all have a role to play. We encourage you to think about how you, your community, and your organization fit into the Framework and your role in achieving its vision.

Help us shape the final Climate Action Framework by providing your input on this draft:
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The Climate Change Subcabinet will release a final Climate Action Framework in mid-2022.