

Community Climate Action Assessment Worksheet

The goal of this worksheet is to help your group identify clear goals, assets and actions in order to get the greatest climate benefits from your work. After completing this worksheet, you can then refer to the Community Association Climate Action Toolkit to begin taking concrete action and/or to help acquire funding.

What priorities does your Community Association (CA) have in the year ahead that have a climate change aspect? How can climate considerations be better emphasized in existing or new work?

Does your group have existing programming in the following areas?

1. Food Security

- Community Gardens
- Garden Share Programs
- Farmers Markets
- Community Food Programs (such as Market Greens, Fresh Food Basket, Free Table, FreshRoutes, or Good Food Box)
- Food Waste Diversion Programs
- Community food Education (e.g food literacy classes, community cookbooks)

2. Energy Sustainability

- Energy efficiency: facility, Infrastructure, program (e.g. solar arrays, cooperative energy purchasing, etc.)
- Sustainability Committee
- Green Energy Education Programs and Incentives

3. Wastestream Management

- Waste Education & Action Programs (e.g. Zero Waste Night, Waste Reduction Workshops, community blogs, articles and newsletters)
- Community Waste/Recycling Facilities (eg. Hazardous waste drop/electronics, City community clean up day, recycling/shared compost area, etc.)
- Repair Cafes and workshops

4. Active Transportation

- Planning Committees (e.g. Mobility Committee)
- Action Committees (for effective ARP engagement)

5. Community & Land Engagements

- Daycare Programs
- Flea & Antique Markets

- Complementary Currency Program
- Planning Committee for public realm improvements

6. Other

Please list: _____

Now circle each of your existing programs that reduce, or could reduce, greenhouse gas emissions or build resilience in the community to respond to climate change issues. Maybe they are reducing energy waste through efficient transportation or generating energy, for example.

Then, use another colour to circle the programs that are the highest priority for your organization in the year ahead.

Identify the program with the most appealing climate-related benefits.

Now below, for climate action within the program identified above, what resources does your group already have to support this work? Check any that apply below;

Resources

- Volunteers
- Facility or Gathering Space
- Garden or Green Space
- Paid Staff
- Existing Committees
- Funding Sources / Revenue Structure
- Neighborhood Interest
- Newsletters, or Community Communication Methods
- Community Skills (e.g. farmers/policy specialists/builders/professionals/care-takers etc.)
- Established Networks
- Defined Annual CA Goals and/or Work Plan
- Community Climate Action Plan
- Community Emergency Response Plan
- Board of Directors
- Established Organizational Structure (Director, President, Secretary, Treasurer)

What type of project or activity is best aligned with your programming and climate resilience?

What is the most important thing missing to achieve this?

To address this challenge, please refer to our resources and the [Community Association Climate Action Toolkit](#) to identify and compare priorities and benefits.

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