

Project Charter
Milwaukee Climate & Equity Plan

Prepared for the
City-County Task Force on Climate & Economic Equity
(CCTFCEE)



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I. PROJECT INFORMATION			
Co-Sponsors	City of Milwaukee Milwaukee County		
CCTCCEE Co-Chairs	Alderman Nik Kovac Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde		
CCTFCEE Members (Steering Committee)	(Approved by Common Council) Pam Fendt, Julie Kerksick, Ted Kraig, George Martin, Janet Meissner Pritchard, Pamela Ritger, Erick Shambarger, and Rafael Smith, August Ball, and Linda Frank, subject to revision by Council appointment		
Project Manager	Erick Shambarger City of Milwaukee, Environmental Collaboration Office eshamb@milwaukee.gov 414-708-9187		
Working Groups	Working groups comprised of CCTFCEE members, representatives from relevant government agencies, business, and academia, and other community stakeholders. Workgroup sign-up form is here . Working groups are open to public stakeholders who are committed to advancing climate and equity action in the public interest.		
Project Public Facing Website	milwaukee.gov/ClimatePlan		
File Sharing	Project Manager or Working group chairs will distribute documents through Legistar and by email. Members can send suggested revisions to the document author directly without copying others, or suggest edits at publicly-noticed meetings. All meetings of workgroups must be properly publicly notices.		
Project Charter Version	Version #	Date	Comments
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II. PURPOSE & GOALS
<p>Milwaukee as part of planet Earth faces grave threats from climate change, which is caused by the release of greenhouse gas emissions from excessive use of fossil fuels and land use changes that reduce biodiversity and carbon sequestration. In addition, Milwaukee has pronounced racial disparities that could be exacerbated by climate change. Low-income communities face environmental hazards at a higher rate. In the face of these threats and challenges, Milwaukee has the opportunity to chart a course that supports a new clean energy economy while creating new opportunities for people of color to more fully and equitably participate in the economic life of Milwaukee.</p> <p>As directed by the City of Milwaukee Common Council and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, the Climate and Equity Plan will “address the ongoing climate crisis, ensuring Milwaukee meets the obligations set by scientists for necessary greenhouse gas reduction, and mitigating racial and economic inequity through ‘green’ jobs” (Common Council File 190445 and County Board File 19582).</p> <p>The Climate and Equity Plan will provide a roadmap for achieving two goals:</p>

- Reduce Milwaukee’s community-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 45% by the year 2030 and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner.
- Reduce racial and income inequality in Milwaukee by assuring that greenhouse gas reduction investments and policies create the maximum number of permanent living wage green jobs for people who live in the most impoverished neighborhoods with limited economic opportunity.

Research suggests that green jobs are higher paying than comparable occupations, have lower barriers to entry than other similar professions, and are more accessible to people without high educational attainment¹. Thus, by integrating equity goals with climate planning, Milwaukee will be better positioned to maximize the economic and social benefits of these investments.

III. SCOPE

Plan recommendations will focus on strategies that **directly reduce** the causes or impacts of climate change and advance racial and income equity in Milwaukee, including:

Executive Summary

- Importance of Climate and Equity Action in Milwaukee
- Concise summary of Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Wedge diagram to demonstrate how proposed strategies yield 45% carbon reduction goal
- Selection of major equity indicator to improve, such as number of family-supporting jobs for people of color
- Summary of major strategy proposals
- Implementation and on-going reporting

Chapters

Climate Change Mitigation Recommendations and Strategies:

- (1) Large Scale Transition to Renewable Energy on the Grid
- (2) Commercial Buildings
- (3) Residential New Housing Strategy
- (4) Residential Retrofit Strategy
- (5) Sustainable Industry
- (6) Transportation and Mobility

Climate Change Adaptation Strategies:

- (7) Land Use, Urban Agriculture, and Reforestation/Greening of Milwaukee
- (8) Adaptation and Climate Resilience
- (9) Waste and Sustainable Consumption

¹ Brookings Institution, 2019.

(10) Green Jobs: [Each Chapter will include a review of related jobs and equity related to that strategy. This Chapter will be included if the workgroup identifies a single major new jobs initiative and work done to map out green job pathways]

(11) Financing: *[Each Chapter will include a financing discussion. A separate Financing Chapter will be included only if the Committee agrees to promote a major new revenue source to fund climate work.]*

(12) Implementation, Accountability, and Reporting

Each chapter will provide background information on the topic and be structured to focus on **one big, fully developed strategy solution**. The strategy must contain the following elements:

- Lead organization that will have agreed to implement the strategy, plus additional stakeholders that can support the policy
- Estimated greenhouse gas savings by 2030. Strategies should also set the stage for additional reductions beyond 2030 with an eye toward net zero energy by 2050.
- Discussion of how the strategy will reduce racial disparities or create economic opportunities, especially for people of color; Workgroups will complete the “Equity Impact Statement” for recommended strategies as required by Council resolution [190928](#).
- An identified local funding source that can be used to start and sustain the project. This could include City or County funds, utility funded projects, or other realistic private sector investments.
- An explanation of how the strategy could be scaled up with new State or Federal government funding
- Answer possible objections to the proposal
- An infographic to visually explain the benefits
- An example of another city that has implemented a similar idea, if applicable
- Job training and opportunities necessary to implement the strategy
- An implementation timeline

Each Chapter will also include:

- Sidebar on how City and County are leading or will lead in their respective operations
- Secondary strategies to achieve the goal
- How to effectively educate the public about the strategy

IV. OUT OF SCOPE

The geographic focus of the plan will be the city of Milwaukee community, including but not limited to City and County government operations therein. However, the Task Force will strive to make plan recommendations replicable by other municipalities in Milwaukee County. The plan will also not address environmental issues or social equity issues that are unrelated to climate change or which cannot be addressed as part of climate change-related solutions.

V. PROJECT ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES		
Individual or Group Name	Role	Responsibilities
City of Milwaukee Common Council & Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors	Project Sponsor(s)	Provide overall direction, guidance, and funding/resources for project; set vision and strategic direction; keep abreast of major project activities.
Alderman Nik Kovac & Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde	Co-Chairs	Set CCTFCEE meeting agendas; oversee project; act as a liaison to other elected officials
City County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity	Steering Committee	Approve project charter; inform project manager and team members of issues, scope changes, risks, and quality concerns; members lead Work Group meetings and serve as a liaison between the Task Force and general public.
Erick Shambarger	Project Manager	Lead team in planning and implementing project from start to finish; administer consulting contracts; oversee scope and change management, keeping project charter current; manage project-related risks; maintain project documents; report project status
Luke Knapp	Analysis	Perform legislative research needs
Linda Elmer	Staff Assistant	Post public meetings, take meeting minutes, and ensure documents are properly shared publicly
ICLEI-USA GHG	Consultant	Estimate GHG reductions from proposed strategies
Work Groups	Advisory Groups	Gain understanding of work to be completed, completing research, data gathering, analysis, and documentation; members advise Task Force about relevant elements of the climate and equity plan.; Workgroups should develop mini-project management plans to ensure they are able to deliver fully implementable strategy proposals. Workgroups are encouraged to reach out to stakeholder groups for periodic input and feedback.
Paid Workgroup Consultants	Subject Matter Experts	Provide quantitative or other technical expertise on project elements including new technical solutions; validate recommendations; provide analysis of strategy impacts on markets Project Manager will administer consultant contracts with input from working groups. Working groups will help develop scopes of work for consultants and help select consultants with equity as a criterion.
TBD	Consultant	Provide graphic design, layout and finishing of Climate and Equity Plan
General Public	Provide validation and high-level feedback	All working group meetings are open to the public for viewing. Additionally the general public can provide input through various platforms, including a proposed video interview platform, surveys, and public comment at possible town hall style meetings.

VI. Working Group Responsibilities			
Working Group	Plan Chapter	Description of Work	Resources <i>(Bolded funds are reflected in project budget; in-kind support is not bold)</i>
Jobs & Equity	Green Jobs + jobs discussion in each chapter	Develop Green Jobs Map that identifies career pathways with existing training institutions; identify means of building interest, training, and hiring of jobs for people of color; Work should be aligned with Milwaukee's involvement in US DOE's Workforce Accelerator	\$10,000 consulting; \$5,000 for Green Jobs map, +\$5,000 for equity mapping and analysis US DOE provided technical support- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Education and Outreach	Communication section in each of the major chapters	Oversee public engagement during the planning process; grow public support for large scale climate action, and effectively convey workgroup activities to the public	\$22,800 (pending grant), including Climate Vulnerability document, online video interview platform, paid marketing; in-kind ECO staff time pending grant
Green Buildings	New Residential Buildings Residential Retrofit Commercial Buildings	Explore chapters for energy efficiency: Residential Buildings- New construction featuring passive heating or other strategies for near net zero and advanced building construction methods to reduce costs; Residential building retrofits; commercial stretch buildings codes, benchmarking ordinance, or other regulatory approaches to promote beneficial electrification;	\$10,000 , including up to \$5,000 feasibility study for ABC Construction as a means for affordability and near net-zero energy new homes; \$5,000 for other consulting at direction of workgroup, such as advanced building code options or development of other retrofit strategies
Greening the Grid (Large-scale Transition to Renewable Energy on the Grid)	Greening the Grid	Make recommendation on We Energies DRER or other method for the City to pursue large scale procurement of renewable energy; support development of large scale renewable energy projects such as community solar or other macro-scale changes to our energy supply	\$5,000 review and make recommendations on DRER; review other options under PURPA; provide estimates on scale of renewable energy needed to meet total electrification needs

Finance	Climate Finance chapter (if applicable) + finance discussion in each chapter	Explore feasibility of large scale revenue source to fund multiple activities and make recommendation; develop recommendations for financing in each chapter	\$5,000 if large scale new revenue is to be pursued
Transportation and Mobility	Transportation and Mobility	Options include electric vehicle infrastructure and equitable transition to EV's, and policies to support pedestrian/bike centered development or strengthening of transit systems	\$5,000 , for Electric Vehicle readiness plan or large scale public transportation concept UWM student class reports
Waste & Sustainable Consumption	Waste and Sustainable Consumption	Identify strategy to dramatically reduce the amount of solid waste produced in Milwaukee's economy, such as shared economy concepts, more efficient platforms to re-use items; or development of a local industry to re-process recycled materials; or promotional or regulatory efforts to support corporate social responsibility with regard to waste; policies to reduce GHG emissions in food supply or public demand for high GHG intensity food items	\$5,000 circular economy consultant- can locally collected products be remanufactured locally
Land use, Urban Ag, and Reforestation (Carbon sinks)	Land use, Urban Ag, and Reforestation	Tree planting/reforestation plan; Land use planning in accord with SEWRPC recommendations for urban density.	DCD Planning staff
Adaption and Climate Resilience	Adaption and Climate Resilience	Preparing for extreme storms and reducing the urban heat island effect.	MMSD sustainability and resilience staff; in-kind support from Center on Wisconsin strategies and UW scientists; All Hazards Mitigation Plan
Implementation, Accountability, and Reporting	Implementation, Accountability, and Reporting	Provide additional description of plan implementation, type and frequency of reporting on progress, and options for holding agencies, elected officials, and other stakeholders to account.	Staff

VII. High Level Timeline and Milestones		
	Milestone (end date)	
Month	Strategy Development	Education and Outreach
Jan 2021	Workgroup memberships finalized and begin work; explore MOU with We Energies	Outreach to Environmental and other Stakeholder organization to inform them of effort
March 2021	Workgroups produce “menu” of strategies with support from ICLEI and other climate experts; CCTFCEE sets priorities for possible MOU with We Energies	Finalize Climate Vulnerability Report; begin Vision Outreach to Public- What Climate Change means to you
		March -April 2021: Distribute interview questions to stakeholders and public more broadly through social media and other channels; share preliminary feedback with CCTFCEE.
May 2021	Workgroups should prioritize ideas and coalesce around one big idea per chapter	Report public feedback to working groups: high level themes of “what resonates”
May-July 2021		Strategy Outreach to Public to help prioritize and refine projects through surveys, focus groups and other methods.
Aug-October	Prioritize and Refine policy or program proposals, with eye toward one big idea in each chapter	
December 2021	Bring Climate and Equity Plan <i>Framework</i> to Council and County Board for Adoption	
May 2022	Government agencies request funding for proposed programs	
July 2022	Plan Drafted	Publish Draft Plan on City Website
September 2022	Plan adopted	
Nov 2022	Plan elements funded as part of City and County Budgets	
Jan 2023	Programs and Policies implemented	

VIII. MEASURES OF SUCCESS			
Success Measure #	Description	How Measured	Deadline to Achieve [mm/dd/yyyy]
1	Equitable, diverse, and inclusive planning process	Quantity and diversity of community feedback received; Task Force to determine whether to track demographic data in surveys and working group discussions	12/31/2022
2	Understandable and actionable climate and equity strategies	Ensure all plan recommendations follow specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-bound, inclusive and equitable ('SMARTIE') format. Provide one 'big idea' per chapter that can be supported and potentially funded by the Mayor, County Executive, Common Council, and County Board.	12/31/2022
3	Community-wide recognition and support for final plan	Solicit feedback from community during each stage of plan development. Plan adoption (resolution/ordinance)	12/31/2022
4	Plan strategies implemented by 2023	At least two major climate/equity strategies are funded and implemented by 2023 as a direct result of this project	6/30/2023
5	Improved equity and climate protection in Milwaukee	Begin implementing plan; report progress to the community at least once every two years. Update GHG inventory every five years.	12/31/2024

IX. PROJECT CONSTRAINTS & ASSUMPTIONS	
Constraint / Assumption #	Description
1	The City and County are managing other major change management initiatives (addressing racial equity, responding to COVID-19, returning revenues from the State, etc.). The success of this project depends on the capacity of the City and County to absorb additional change.
2	Some climate and equity strategies will require policies and actions by other actors, particularly utilities and State government. Thus, buy-in from these businesses is essential to the success of the plan.
3	In light of #1, this Charter assumes that the project team will coordinate closely with related City and County initiatives (racial equity, COVID-19, etc.) to help ensure the project's success.
4	The project teams' effectiveness and availability may be constrained due to existing work responsibilities and/ or the need to obtain appropriate capacity and skills.
5	It is assumed City and County departments are ready and willing to adopt new or expanded climate and equity strategies.
6	Availability of financial resources. Wisconsin Local governments are very limited by state law in their ability to raise new revenue.

X. PROJECT FUNDING			
Funding Source	Fund	Description	Amount
1	Brico Fund (pending grant award)	Community outreach	\$22,800
2	City of Milwaukee ARRA funds	GHG inventory and reduction strategy	\$45,000
3	City of Milwaukee Climate Plan fund	Green jobs mapping, misc. policy analysis and recommendations, and graphic design	\$50,000
4	City and County of Milwaukee General Funds	Staff time of Environment Collaboration Office and County Office of Environmental Sustainability	
Total Funding			\$117,800

XI. PROJECT EXPENSES		
Describe the expenses required to complete the project including all labor.		
Expense #	Description	Amount (\$)
1	Clean Wisconsin climate vulnerability materials (Pending grant)	\$4,950
2	Online video platform and video production (pending grant)	\$9,000
3	Paid marketing (social media, billboards, radio), (pending grant)	\$7,850
4	Public meeting materials (if in person meetings are allowable in latter half of 2020)	\$1,000
5	GHG Inventory (Complete)	\$4,950
6	ICLEI GHG Strategy Scenario planning	\$18,920
7	Advanced Building Construction Feasibility Study ² (Buildings workgroup)	\$5,000
8	Secondary Building Consultant, such as advanced building codes (Buildings Workgroup)	\$5,000
9	Carbon Fee/New Revenue Study (Finance Workgroup)	\$5,000
10	Green Jobs Pathways Map (Jobs and Equity Workgroup)	\$5,000
11	Circular Economy consultant (Waste and Sustainable Consumption)	\$5,000
12	Greening the grid consulting	\$5,000
13	Graphic design and layout of plan	\$25,000
14	Transportation and Mobility Consulting	\$5,000
15	Equity consulting (e.g., diversity and inclusion analysis of plan documents, marketing to women and people of color)	\$5,000
16	Green Manufacturing Plan to develop a concept plan for local manufacturing of a green product outlined in another chapter. For example, the Green Buildings group may recommend panelized or modular green buildings, built in Milwaukee. The Waste/Sustainable Consumption group may recommend reprocessing plastic locally into a marketable commodity. This Chapter could outline a public-private partnership to support a venture like this.	\$5,000
17	Miscellaneous expenses (as needed)	1,130
Total Expenses		\$117,800

² The U.S. Department of Energy's [Advanced Building Construction](#) (ABC) Initiative integrates energy-efficiency solutions into highly productive U.S. construction practices for new buildings and retrofits. The ABC Initiative is developing building technologies that can be deployed quickly with minimal onsite construction time, are affordable and appealing to the market, and increase the productivity of the construction industry, such as through panelized construction. ABC Initiative coordinates key building sector stakeholders to tackle related challenges, including workforce training, business models, demand growth, and service delivery.

XII. PROJECT DETAIL TIMELINE

(List the major project milestones. Describe what will be delivered for each milestone and when it will be delivered.)

See project Gantt chart.

XIII. HIGH-LEVEL RISKS

(Identify the high-level project risks and the strategies to prevent them from becoming issues.)

Risk #	Description	Management Strategy
1	Lose interest and/or participation of community members	Work with City and County leadership to communicate the importance and urgency of addressing climate change, and racial and income inequity. Schedule regular public outreach to ensure plan reflects community needs and interests.
2	Fail to connect climate and equity plan with existing plans and strategic initiatives	Discuss complementary plans and initiatives with the managing organization(s) and explore opportunities to collaborate with them.
3	City and County can't absorb additional change management initiatives	See strategy under #2. Additionally, allow time for plan implementation to support adjustment by City and County.

XIV. PROJECT COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

(Describe the project’s communication activities that will be conducted to ensure there is effective project communications among the Sponsor(s), the members of the project team including the project manager, and other key stakeholders (see Project Roles & Responsibilities)

Activity #	Meeting	Participants	Frequency	Managing Person or Group	Document Distribution / Retention Methods
1	Task Force	Task Force members Work Group members Community members	Every two weeks	Co-Chairs	Email / Legistar/ECO Facebook /Listserve
2	Work Group	Work Group members Community members	At least Monthly	Work Group Chairs (Task Force members)	Email / Legistar/ECO Facebook
3	Project Management	Project Manager Project Assistant Co-Chairs (as needed)	Weekly	Project Manager	Teams / SharePoint
4	Public Info & Feedback Sessions	All project team members Community members	See project Gantt chart	Project Manager	Email / Legistar/ECO Facebook
5	City/County Committees	All project team members Community members	As needed	Project Manager (City meetings) Project Assistant (County meetings)	Email / Legistar