What you need to know about our Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

The City of Des Moines is developing a community-wide climate action and adaptation plan to guide decision making, policy, and program development for mitigation and adaptation actions that address climate change. The plan is intended to inspire, empower, and engage residents, local businesses, and institutions with positive actions and tangible benefits. The creation of ADAPT DSM is informed by robust stakeholder engagement, the City’s Strategic Plan, Guide DSM, and the comprehensive plan, Plan DSM.

Climate Action Goals
The project will identify data-driven actions and strategies to achieve the goals and targets established in the 2016 Strategic Plan and Roll Call Number 21-0040.

How will the Plan be Organized?

- **Energy Use & Resources**
- **Buildings & Infrastructure**
- **Transportation & Land Use**
- **Waste Management & Reduction**
- **Food Systems & Security**
- **Climate Preparedness & Resilience**
- **Natural Systems & Water Resources**
- **Innovation**
- **Economy**
- **Equity**
- **Health**
Why is Climate Action and Adaptation Important?
Des Moines is already facing the effects of climate change, including warmer temperatures and more frequent and severe flooding. These hazards are expected to worsen in the coming years, bringing more extreme temperatures, intense storms, and flooding and threatening community health and safety, infrastructure, and Des Moines' economy. ADAPT DSM is intended to address these risks by developing solutions to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to rising temperatures, and to help the Des Moines community become more resilient to the climate hazards and risks they are already facing.

Commitment to an Equitable Process
The City of Des Moines is committed to an equitable process, recognizing that robust community involvement and input will be essential to the success of both the planning effort and future implementation. All Des Moines community members will have the opportunity to contribute their ideas and the City’s project team will work closely with community partners to ensure that the voices of those disproportionately impacted by climate change are reflected and prioritized.

Project Timeline

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Phase 1</th>
<th>Phase 2</th>
<th>Phase 3</th>
<th>Phase 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Risks &amp; Opportunities</td>
<td>Goals &amp; Solutions</td>
<td>Plan Development</td>
<td>Implementation &amp; Promotion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May – August 2022</td>
<td>September – December 2022</td>
<td>January – March 2023</td>
<td>April – June 2023</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- What climate risks and hazards do we face?
- Who is most vulnerable?
- What has worked/not worked previously?
- Should we modify our goals?
- What other goals and solutions should be considered?
- What are the benefits and tradeoffs?
- What’s most important?
- What resources are needed for success?
- Who will do what, and when?
- What is ADAPT DSM?
- How will ADAPT DSM benefit Des Moines?
- How can the community support implementation?

Interested In Getting Involved?

Online Climate Action Workshop
June 15 from 5:30-7 pm
RSVP: bit.ly/ADAPTdsmWorkshop

Online Community Surveys
Survey 1: rdgusa.mysocialpinpoint.com/dsmcaap
Survey 2: Fall 2022

Community Conversations & Events
Round 1: June-August          Round 2: September-December
To share an event we should attend or to request a presentation, contact Jeremy Caron at JWCaron@dmgov.org.

If you’d like to be a Community Climate Ally and help spread the word when these opportunities become available email Jeremy Caron at JWCaron@dmgov.org.