

CORVALLIS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN GOALS

The Climate Action Task Force reviewed draft goals to provide over-arching guidance in developing and implementing the Climate Action Plan at their CATF meetings of November 24 and December 15, 2015. Their goals, approved by consensus, are provided below. It should be noted that the CATF may revisit and modify or reaffirm these goals at a later date as the Climate Action Plan is drafted.

CAP Goal 1: The CAP will establish and monitor GHG emissions reduction targets for the Corvallis community that guide short-, medium-, and long-term priority strategies and actions the City and community partners will undertake to achieve at least Corvallis' proportionate share (*or some other expression of commitment*) of GHG mitigation. Periodic reporting and updates to the CAP will enable the City to respond to changing conditions and needs

(Note: This goal is intended to call for a framework that will enable the City to establish and modify the targets over time as new science, policy and conditions change over time, and to establish the expectation for continuous performance tracking and adaptive management.)

CAP Goal 2: The CAP will reflect the urgent need to effect significant GHG emissions reductions in the near term by prioritizing, as highest and most immediate, actions which are relatively the most effective and readily achievable by the City organization and community partners.

(Note: This goal recognizes the urgency to make early gains where we can so the magnitude of the problem is not compounded by failure to take pragmatic, impactful steps now.)

CAP Goal 3: The CAP will support community preparation for anticipated climate change-related impacts (such as water shortages, severe weather events, and unpredictable energy prices and availability) and enhance the community's ability to adapt and be resilient.

(Note: This goal is intended to address community adaptation and the institutions' capacities to respond and provide needed services.)

CAP Goal 4: The CAP will seek and foster cooperative partnerships and leadership from local public institutions, private businesses, non-profit organizations, and community members, as well as regional, state and federal agencies and interests that can have a significant impact on the CAP's success.

(Note: This goal recognizes that there are numerous other parties in addition to the City whose willingness to play a role in the CAP will be vital to its success. It also recognizes that outreach and influence beyond the community may be necessary for Corvallis to be successful.)

CAP Goal 5: The CAP will incorporate actions that achieve other co-benefits in addition to GHG emissions reductions, including:

- Energy efficiency and greater energy independence from fossil fuels
- Sound economic investments (positive cost-benefit or return on investments)
- Community livability
- Environmental quality and ecosystem resiliency

- Public health and well being
- Healthy local economy and local self-reliance
- Equity and accessibility for low income/disadvantaged community members

(Note: This goal helps establish expected considerations or criteria in evaluating GHG reduction actions and reflects the community's emphasis on overall sustainability, which includes the "triple bottom line" inclusive of social, economic, and environmental considerations.)