



Climate Action 2050 Plan Updates

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PROJECT BACKGROUND



Climate Legislation

- [File No. 17-506](#): Milwaukee County supports principles & targets of Paris Climate Agreement.
- [File No. 19-582](#): Establishing City-County Task Force on Climate & Economic Equity
- [File No. 21-389](#): Milwaukee County will achieve carbon neutral operations by 2050.



Sustainability Task Force (STF)

- Established in 2021 by Office of County Executive
- Guiding 'Climate Action 2050' (CA50) Plan
- 15 members - nine county orgs & MCTS:
 - Administrative Services
 - County Parks
 - Strategy, Budget & Performance
 - Office of Equity
 - MCTS
 - Fleet Management
 - MCDOT Administration
 - Airport Division
 - MKE County Zoo
 - Office of County Exec
- Published [CA50 Framework](#) in 2021



CA50 Plan Stakeholders

Elected Officials

County Exec.

County Board

Other Officials

Departments

Administrators

Staff

Sustainability
Task Force
(STF)*

Community

Residents

Businesses

Municipalities

Others

*Guiding plan development





CA50 Objectives

- 1. Achieve carbon neutrality**, or zero net carbon emissions, in county operations no later than 2050;
- 2. Improve resiliency** of county operations & community to climate change; and,
- 3. Align climate actions w/ MKE County's vision** to become healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity.



CA50 Guiding Principles

1. Create Intentional Inclusion

1a: Identify and involve Milwaukee County stakeholders and partners in each phase of the plan.

1b: Increase involvement of minority and women-owned businesses with plan implementation.

2. Bridge the Gap

2a: Identify health disparities caused by climate change and prioritize actions that will positively impact health outcomes.

3. Invest in Equity

3a: Align actions with Milwaukee County's mission, priorities, and core functions.

3b: Prioritize actions that will provide green education and jobs for underserved communities.

3c: Improve ability of vulnerable communities to adapt to climate change.

CA50 Plan Scope



Visit Milwaukee



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Related Work by Others

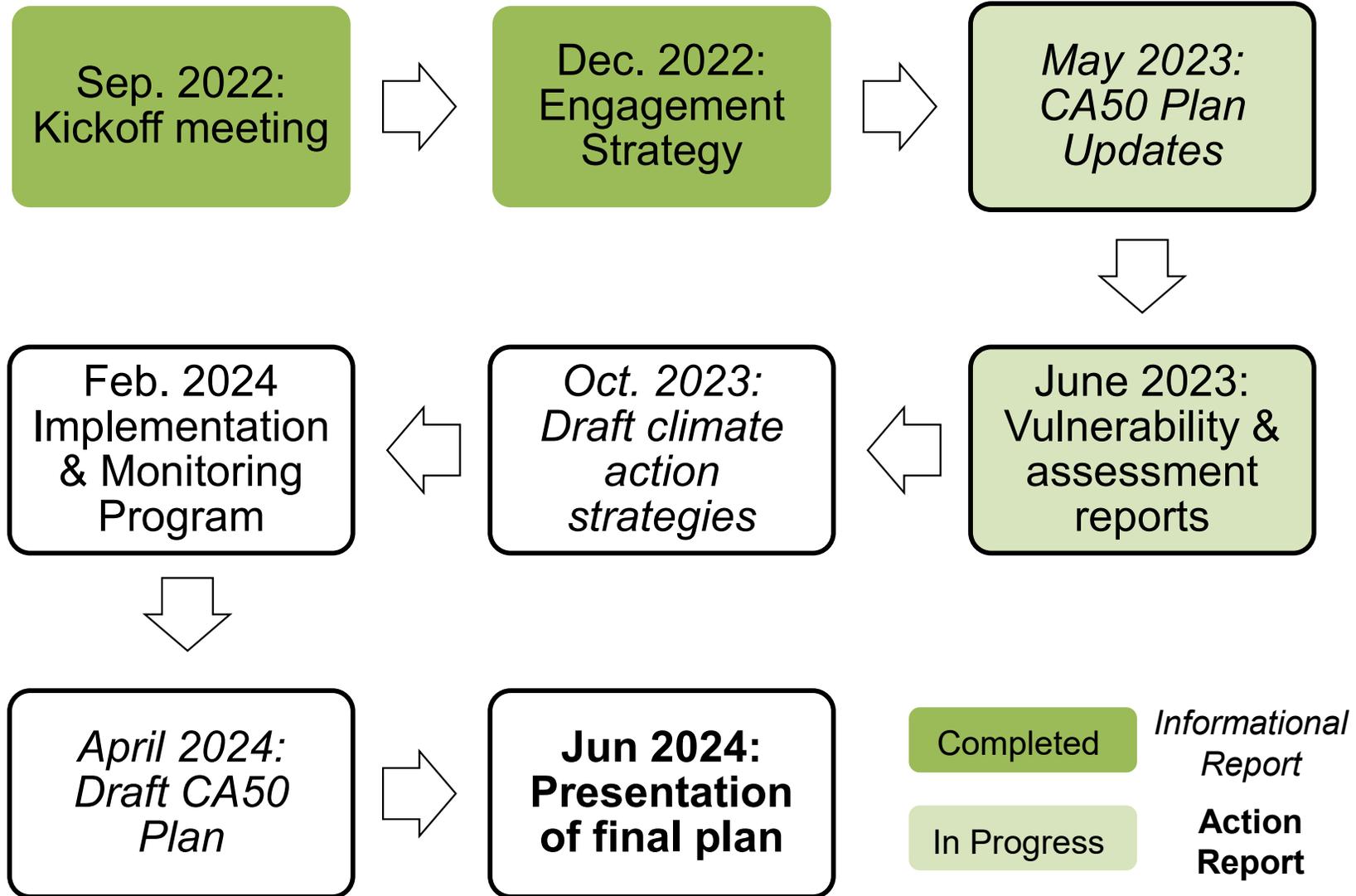
- Community plans underway or proposed:
 - Milwaukee Climate & Equity Plan
 - Milwaukee-Waukesha Climate Action Plan*
 - State of Wisconsin Climate Action Plan*
- CA50 planning process will evaluate opportunities to support these plans
- Partnering w/ other communities can better position MKE County for achieving carbon neutrality

* Pending award of CPRG planning grant

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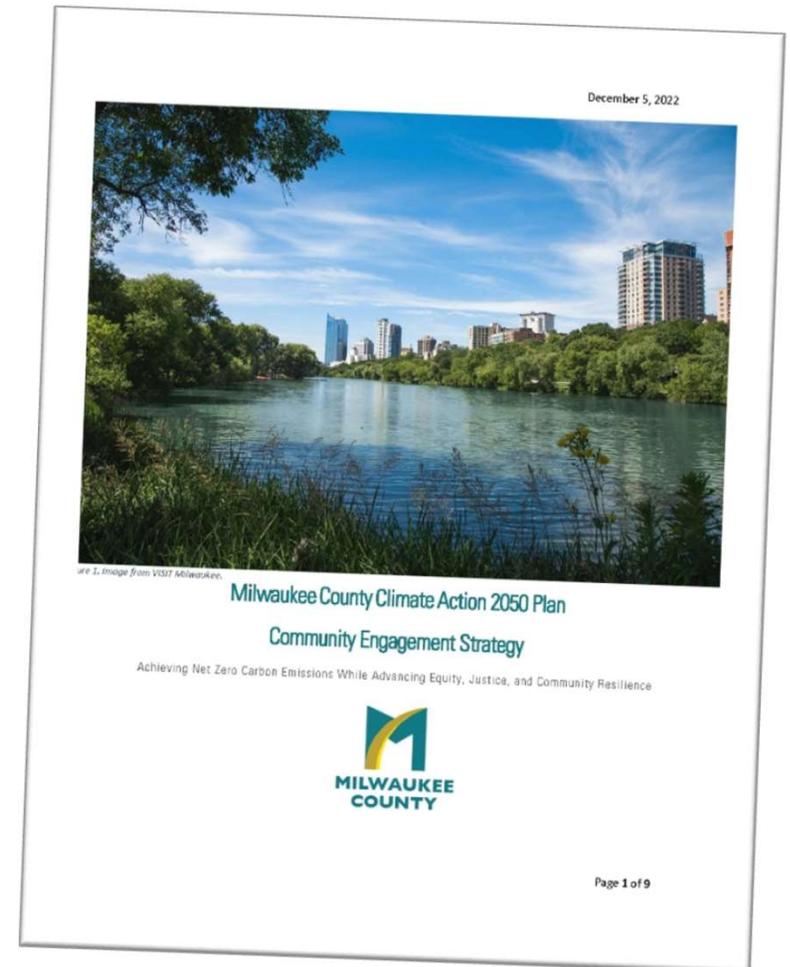
PROJECT UPDATES

CA50 Plan Timeline



Engagement Strategy

- Approved by STF in Dec. 2023
- Emphasis on diversity, inclusion & community ownership
- Engage community via surveys, workshops & presentations
- Share CA50 Plan-related news & events via:
 - [STF meetings](#)
 - [Project webpage](#)
 - Office of Sustainability [newsletter](#) & [Twitter](#) (@SustainMKECo)



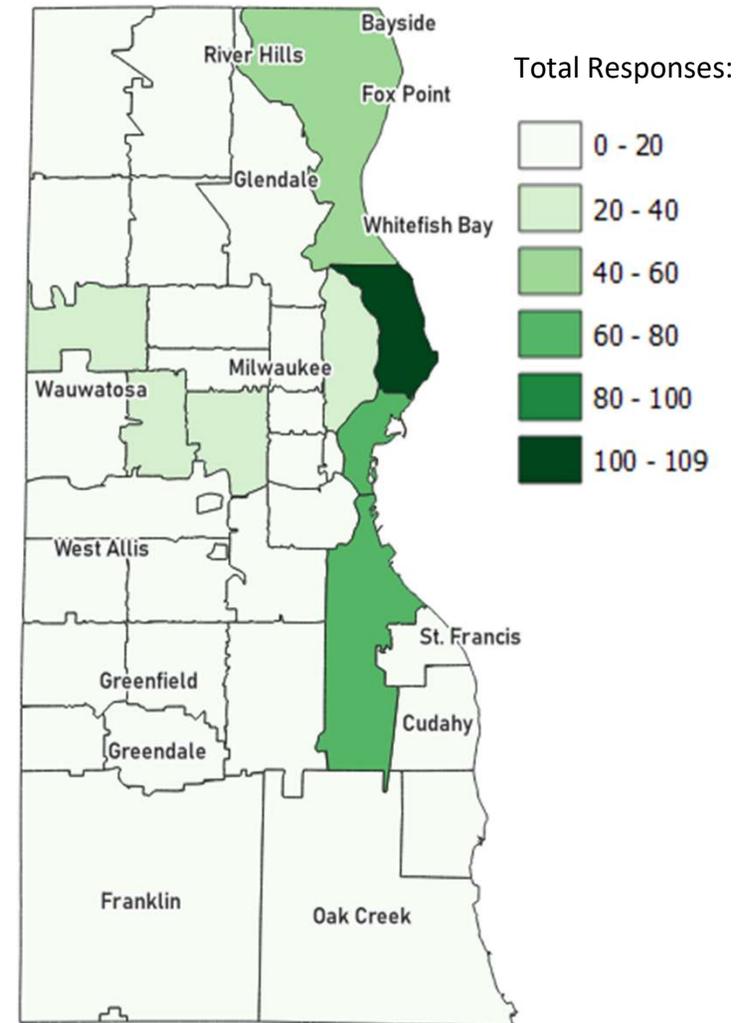


Outreach to Date

- 350 Milwaukee
- Black Leaders Organizing for Communities
- City of Milwaukee
- City-County Task Force on Climate Change & Economic Equity
- Cream City Conservation & Consulting
- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Hmong American Women's Assoc.
- Indian Community School
- Latino Health Coalition
- Metcalfe Park Community Bridges
- Milwaukee Water Commons
- MKE County Federated Library System
- MKE County Youth Commission
- NW Side Community Development Corp.
- SE Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Sherman Park Community Association
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers
- State of Wisconsin
- Voces de la Frontera
- Walnut Way Conservation Corp.
- Wisconsin Green Muslims
- University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Village of Whitefish Bay

Community Survey - Winter 2023

- Gauged county residents' thoughts & experiences w/ climate change
- 755 responses received:
 - All zip codes represented
 - Gender diversity “ “
 - Not racially diverse
- **Early themes from survey***:
 - Concerned about extreme heat
 - Need affordable mobility options
 - Protect & enhance green space
 - Invest in clean energy

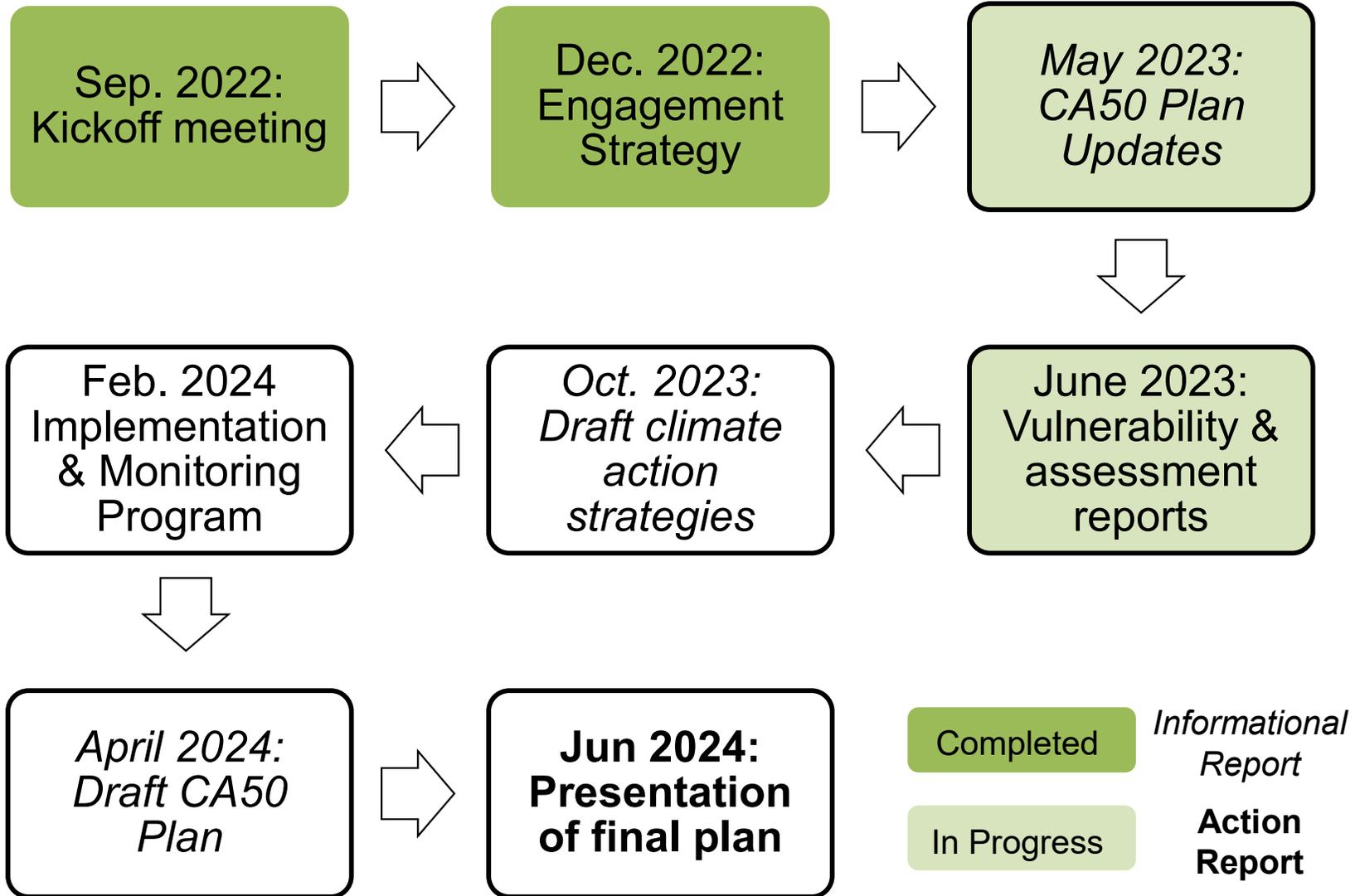


* Interpret w/ caution due to non-representative sample

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NEXT STEPS

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How to Get Involved

1. Participate in STF meetings:
 - Most months, next meeting May 30
 - More info: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
2. Attend a community workshop:
 - May 24 & 25, from 5-6 pm*
 - Summer 2023 workshop(s) TBA
3. Share how climate change impacts you:
 - Standing survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVC35D2>
 - Email: sustainability@milwaukeecountywi.gov
4. Coming soon - submit ideas for climate action!

*Limited to 25 participants per session. For more info & to RSVP:
<https://county.milwaukee.gov/CA50workshops>