

Climate Action 2050 Plan Overview

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County Govt Operations

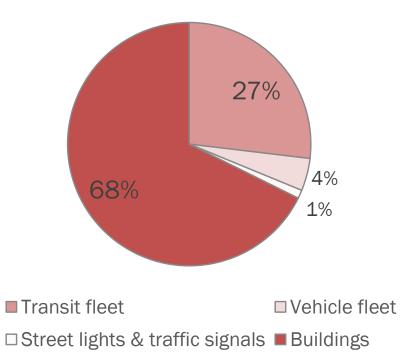


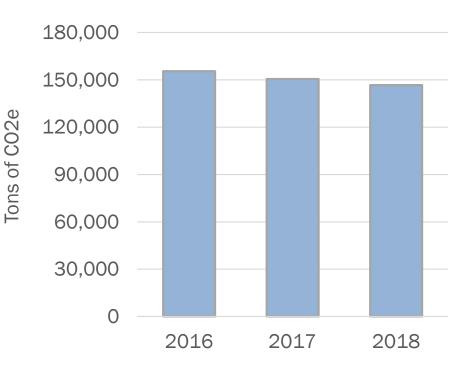
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County Govt Emissions

Emissions Sources (2018)

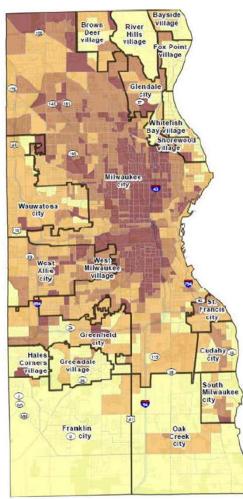




Total Emissions



Emissions & Health Equity



Heat Vulnerability - MKE County²

- Carbon emissions accelerate & intensify climate change.
- Inner-city MKE has highest heat vulnerability in state (see map)¹.
- Extreme heat disproportionately impacts communities of color².
- Extreme heat days in WI projected to triple by 2050³.

Carbon emissions impact community health equity.



Carbon Neutrality Policy



File 21-389 adopted Earth Day 2021. Expands county's commitment to tackling climate change

County to achieve zero net carbon emissions in its operations by 2050

Sustainability Director to develop strategic plan for county to achieve carbon neutrality

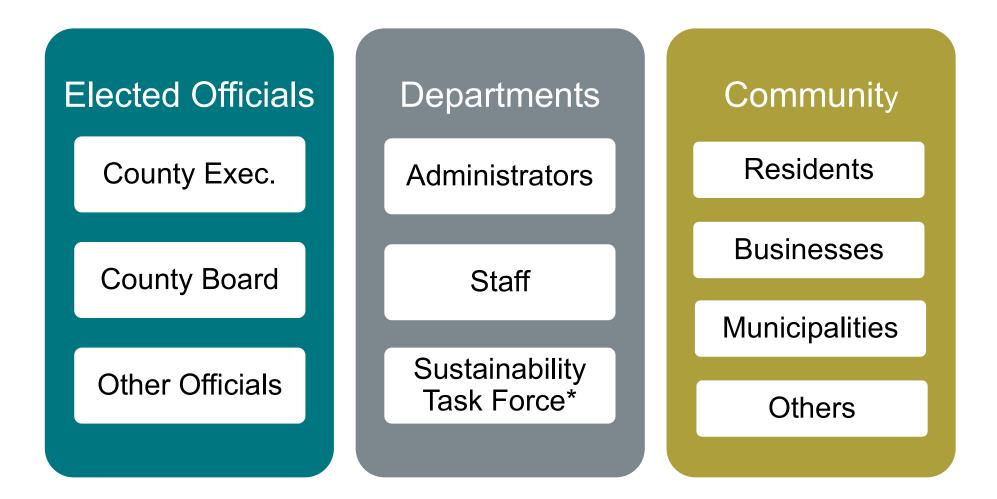


- Roadmap to carbon neutrality by 2050
- Align climate action with Milwaukee County vision
- Leverage existing plans, initiatives & resources to build shared commitment to climate action
- Engage & help communities most impacted by climate change





CA50 Plan Stakeholders

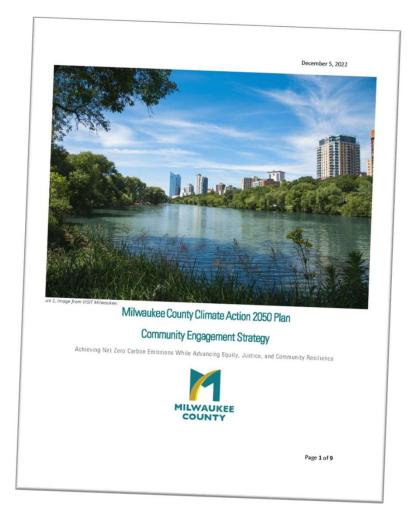


* Formed by Office of County Executive to guide plan development



CA50 Plan Engagement

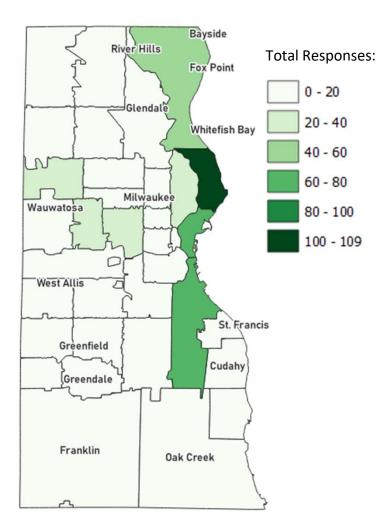
- Engagement strategy stresses diversity & inclusion
- Engage community via surveys, workshops & presentations
- Share plan-related news & events via:
 - o STF meetings
 - o Plan webpage
 - Sustainability <u>newsletter</u> & <u>Twitter</u> (@SustainMKECo)





- Open to public Jan-Feb 2023
- All zip codes represented
- Adequate gender diversity
- Limited racial diversity
- Early themes from the survey*:
 - Concerned about extreme heat
 - $\circ~$ Need affordable mobility options
 - Protect & enhance green space
 - \circ Invest in clean energy

* May 24-25 workshops will document thoughts & concerns of underrepresented communities.





CA50 Plan Timeline





Shaping the CA50 Plan

- 1. Attend a community workshop:
 - May 24 & 25, more details soon
 - Summer 2023 workshop(s) TBA
- 2. Share comments or pose questions via:
 - Standing survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVC35D2
 - Email: <u>sustainability@milwaukeecountywi.gov</u>
- 3. Ask businesses you support what they're doing to tackle climate change.
- 4. Encourage your peers to do the above!



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Let's Connect!

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