

‘Climate’ Scoring of Capital Requests

Capital Improvements Committee

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Related Files

- 21-389: Sustainability Director to develop and administer strategic plan to achieve carbon neutrality in Milwaukee County facilities and operations by 2050.
- 23-485: Office of Sustainability (OS) to develop criteria to evaluate contribution of capital projects to Milwaukee County's carbon neutrality policy and strategic plan.
- 23-697 and 23-741: OS presented 'Climate Action' component for possible inclusion in capital criteria to CEED committee and CIC, respectively.



'CA50' Planning 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.

Source: CA50 Framework
([File 21-770](#))

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.

Climate Action Co-Benefits

- Secondary benefits of reducing carbon emissions
- Essential to local government climate programs
- Possible co-benefits per [Climate Action 2050 Framework](#):

Community Engagement: Increases or improves community engagement with county government.

Economic Inclusion: Exceeds county, state, or federal standards for TBE/DBE participation.

Public Health: Improves the health or wellbeing of county residents.

Model Government: Improves the efficiency or effectiveness of county government.

Workforce Development: Provides education, training and/or job opportunities for county residents.

Climate Resiliency: Increases preparedness of the County and residents for extreme heating, flooding, or other climate hazards.



Proposed 'Climate' Scoring (Original)

Component Impact

Climate Action	5 – Reduces county emissions & provides three or more co-benefits.
	4 – Reduces county emissions & provides two co-benefits.
	3 – Reduces county emissions & provides one co-benefit.
	2 – Reduces county emissions but does not provide co-benefits.
	1 – Does not reduce county emissions but provides at least one co-benefit.
	0 – Neither reduces county emissions nor provides co-benefits.

Definitions:

- 'County emissions' means greenhouse gas emissions generated by Milwaukee County government operations.
- 'Co-benefits' are beneficial outcomes from County's climate actions that are not directly related to reducing emissions. Research suggests that local governments that track and report co-benefits have more successful climate action programs.





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