



Fairfax Climate Action Committee Annual Action Plan 2024-25

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An “annual action plan” is created by the committee each Spring after reviewing the goals and strategies of the master document, the “Fairfax Climate Action Plan 2030”

Note: *Top priorities are in italics*

#1 Engagement:

- *Utilize public events, newsletters, town website, and social media to inform and publicize the activities and strategies of the CAC (O-1, O-2)*
- *Promote education and outreach for local and Countywide climate-related programs such as Resilient Neighborhoods, Ride and Drive Clean/transportation events, a County-based building electrification digital hub, ReadySetReplace (Carbon Free Homes), etc. (O-1, O-2)*
- *Educate and prepare residents for adaptation to climate-related weather events by working and the Community Emergency Preparedness Committee and local Firewise/NRG groups (O-1)*
- Work with Fairfax Chamber of Commerce to encourage businesses to participate in the Marin County Green Business Program (O-3)
- Advocate to Town Council for policies, funding and actions that support the rapid transition to a GHG-free community (O-4)

#2 Transportation:

- *Operationalize and promote the E-Bike Rebate Program (T-2)*
- *Identify locations and support the installation of EV charging capacity/chargers at multi-family, workplace and commercial sites based on an EV Inventory and Needs Assessment (T-1)*
- *Review EV Acceleration Strategy Plan prior to adoption by Town Council (T-1)*
- *Host an EV and E-Bike Show in Fairfax in Spring 2025 (T-1)*
- Support reestablishment of the Bike & Pedestrian Plan (T-2)
- Advocate for no idling campaign (T-7) and EV charging at local schools (T-1)
- Support EV infrastructure at the Fairfax Library
- Promote electric transit/school buses and low-income/free transit programs (T-5)
- Support infill, higher density, mixed use development near transit and within walking distance to downtown (T-8)

#3 Built Environment:

- Promote information for residents/businesses to decarbonize their buildings, including:
- Practical tips/steps towards electrification,
- Financial incentives and resources,
- Produce case studies of homes in Fairfax (possibly videos, articles, factsheets, etc.),

- Support coordination with and the implementation of the County's Building Electrification Roadmap-possibly recommend ordinance at time of changeout, to be phased in over several years
- Focus on GHG reductions for renters i.e., encourage use of induction stovetops and promote lending programs
- Support efforts and funding to re-ignite the Pavilion Project/micro grid
- Support 1 public event with speakers on topics around decarbonization of the built environment
- Research requiring home energy scores/assessments and energy/disclosure requirements for property at time of listing; and for major remodels; and explore same for MFH renters
- Support school electrification efforts (@ Manor, Whitehill, AWHS and all public/private schools in Marin)

#4 Sequestration:

- Recommend to Council the development of a Tree Inventory in collaborate with the Town arborist and Public Works as a first step toward a Fairfax Tree and Urban Forest Plan in support of the health, maintenance, and replacement of trees on public lands to increase sequestration, balanced with fire-safety concerns (S-1)
- Host a public event in September to educate the community on local biodiversity and on planting native, drought resistant, fire resilient/resistant trees and plants S-1)
- Explore the support needed to engage and enhance the Fairfax Community Garden (S-1)
- Identify and partner with local projects/organizations/businesses in sequestering carbon (S-3)
- Educate the community on the use of compost for healthy soils management (S-2)
- Explore the application of riparian restoration methodologies with Fairfax (S-2)
- Continue to monitor County's composting plan for public lands in Fairfax
- Encourage use of climate-friendly building materials and techniques such as low-carbon concrete and permeable surfaces (S-4)

#5 Water Conservation

- Recommend to Council a Biodiversity resolution that encourages replacing landscaping with native plants and trees that support pollinators and other local wildlife
- Encourage the Town to install rainwater catchment systems where feasible, possibly at Pavilion (C-3)
- Encourage maximum permissible use of grey-water for residential use (C-2) and in Town facilities where possible (C-3)
- Work with Marin Water to promote water conservation programs and incentives (C-2)

#6 Waste Reduction

- Work with Zero Waste Marin and Marin Sanitary Service to educate the community on minimizing food waste and on composting excess food waste (W-1)
- Support a collaborative campaign to promote refuse, reuse, repair and recycle for inorganic materials, supporting organizations such as Urban Ore and Ridwell (W-2)