



Department Source: Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 3, 2019

Re: Accepting a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan and establishing a Climate Action & Adaptation Policy

## Executive Summary

Staff and the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning have prepared a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan for Council's consideration. Columbia's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) lays out a vision and strategy to address risks posed by climate change and contributes to international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan is presented with a policy resolution that establishes a "Climate Action and Adaptation" Policy, to meet the carbon emission reduction goals and strategies in the CAAP.

## Discussion

In June 2017, City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager, or designee, to establish a strategic Climate Action Plan for the City showing how the city will deliver its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. The Council also established the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action & Adaptation Planning to work with city staff and consultants on developing the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

The attached plan is the result of the work of staff, Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning, and numerous community members and stakeholders weighing in on the vision and strategies Columbia needs to take to address risks posted by climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

A draft of the CAAP went out for public comment on April 22, 2019 and feedback from that period was incorporated into the attached plan. City staff and members from the Task Force provided an overview of the CAAP at their May 20, 2019 work session. The attached document is not in its final graphic layout due to time constraints and will be added as an amendment to the June 17 City Council meeting agenda.

A "Climate Action and Adaptation" policy has been drafted for Council consideration. The policy re-affirms Climate Action as a priority of the City Council, the City of Columbia organization and the community, at large. It adopts the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan as a policy guide to public and private actions in the City. The CAAP is advisory only and not regulatory.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There will be a financial impact but it is unknown at this time. It is the intent of staff to evaluate how to use existing resources to meet the short-term needs.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown at this time.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

## Legislative History

Date	Action
08/20/2018	Council passed a resolution adopting goals for the reduction of community and municipal carbon emissions through local policies, services and practices.
06/17/2017	Council passed a resolution re-affirming Columbia's commitment to reduce climate pollution and requesting the development of a Climate Action Plan.

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the proposed policy resolution and climate action and adaptation plan, if desired.