Climate Adaptations and Futures Webinar Series:

Embedding Climate Equity in Your Community

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CDPHE Climate Equity Framework

The Climate Equity Framework provides a menu of options that the state can use to build equity considerations into the greenhouse gas reduction rulemaking process. The framework is both a response to requirements dictated by state statute and a piece of Colorado's answer to a national call to action to address two critical and intertwined problems: (1) climate change and (2) racial and economic injustice.

This framework is just one of a number of efforts the State is pursuing to ensure climate policies and programs in Colorado effectively promote racial equity and economic justice. The framework will primarily address the Air Quality Control



Commission's rulemaking process, based on requirements in House Bill 19-1261. The state is also working to utilize this guidance document to inform climate and environmental equity efforts among other agencies, boards, and commissions, including the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Public Utilities Commission and non-regulatory settings across the Executive Branch. The Climate Equity Framework also complements a number of targeted policy approaches outlined in the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap, such as removing barriers and targeting incentives for communities for electric vehicle adoption and household energy efficiency and electrification.

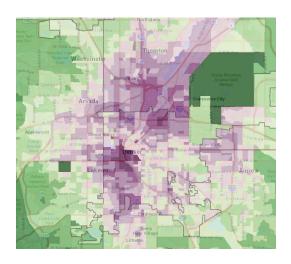
Find more information about the framework here.

CDPHE Climate Equity Data Viewer

Disproportionately impacted communities are those in which historic and current systemic injustices harm people's environmental, economic, and/or social well-being. These communities often include people of color, Tribes, indigenous people, lower-income populations, rural communities, and other underrepresented and/or overburdened individuals and families. In disproportionately impacted communities, compounding burdens such as pollution, structural racism, and classism affect environmental quality, economic investment, ability to influence policy, and, ultimately, public health.

To help identify disproportionately impacted communities and prioritize engagement work, CDPHE developed a statewide climate equity data viewer. It is based on Using EPA EJScreen and supplemental demographic indices and following a similar (and simplified) model as the CAL Enviroscreen. It combines certain demographic datasets, such as race and ethnicity, low-income, english proficiency, and education with data sets on pollution types that exist where people are living.

See the data viewer here.



Fort Collins: Our Climate Future

Our Climate Future is an update to three community environmental plans: the Climate Action Plan, Energy Policy, and Road to Zero Waste Plan. This update sought to design equitable solutions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving renewable electricity and energy efficiency, and achieving waste reduction goals through 13 Big Moves or major strategies for action.

View the draft plan here.



Longmont Sustainability Plan

The Longmont Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2016, provides a road map for Longmont to achieve the vision of becoming an engaged community that promotes environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and social equity to create a sustainable and thriving future for all.



Additional Longmont Resources:

- Overview of the Just Transition Process
- Climate Action Recommendations Report
- Just Transition Survey and Listening Session Summary
- Resiliencia Para Todos

National Best Practice Guides



United Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) - Guide to Equitable Community-Driven Climate Preparedness Planning

Movement Strategy Center - Community-driven climate resiliency planning

Additional Examples from Other Cities

Providence's Climate Justice Plan
Portland's Equity Framework
Multnomah County (Oregon) Climate Action Plan
Detroit's Climate Action Plan
CU Boulder's Just Transition Collaborative