Universal Goal: Health
Climate Justice Plan - DRAFT



Every community member has access to the resources and underlying conditions that promote health and well being.



Community Forum #3 November 4, 2025

Purpose of Today's Meeting



- Review Strategies: Ensure strategies are S.M.A.R.T (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely) and effectively balance recommendations.
- Review Metrics: Ensure the metrics are effective, measurable, and clearly aligned with key environmental justice indicators.
- Deepen Collaboration: Ensure the process of the Climate Justice Plan is inclusive of diverse perspectives
- **Gather Technical Input:** Gather specific and technical feedback on proposed metrics and strategies.

Core Values



- Climate change is real and driven by fossil fuel combustion.
- Climate change impacts public health and well-being.
- Climate justice links the climate crisis to social, racial, and environmental equity.
- We must center frontline communities—those most impacted—to drive efficient and equitable solutions.

Shared Agreements



- Tell us your name and affiliation (if any) when talking
- Respect each other
- Listen to understand, not to respond. Don't interrupt.
- Make space, take space/share airtime. Balance participation in the room.
- Expect and accept discomfort (and joy!)
- Practice community and self-care
- "Bike rack" to capture off topic or detailed questions or ideas that arise
- Never a failure, always a lesson
- Others?



Where this came from where we are going

- Laying the Foundation Vision & Values (2020 2023)
 - Climate Justice Earth Day Convening
 - Environmental Justice (EJ) Indicators Storytelling Zine
 - Vision & Values Framework: Climate Justice Framework
- Phase 1 Frontline Community Engagement (2023 2025)
 - Launched Steering Committee
 - Prioritized non-transactional conversations with communities typically excluded from government planning
- Phase 2 Public Comment Period (2025)
 - Significant Feedback Gathered (webinars, survey responses, written comment)
- Phase 3 Refinement & Finalization (2025-2026)
 - Community Forums on each Universal Goal
 - Collaboration to finalize a plan that is both technically effective and equitably centered, serving as a comprehensive government action plan and community toolkit.



What makes the draft CJP different?

- Creates a vision for climate justice that is reflected in universal goals.
- Provides a framework for aligning efforts toward climate justice over time.
- Co-created toolkit with both community and government priorities.
- Strategies prioritize the needs of most impacted communities.





Multnomah County's existing work on this goal

- Multnomah County Health Department includes
 - Clinical services
 - Behavioral Health
 - Public Health Local Public Health Authority
- Climate and health-specific work
 - Hazard planning and response
 - Policy development
 - Heat mitigation
 - Air quality
 - Vector control
 - Assessment and epidemiology
 - Communications



What we have heard so far

General feedback:

- Comments broadly supportive of the health goal and its strategies
- Health seen as an important part of a compelling and holistic vision of climate justice
- Many comments stressed the importance of linking health outcomes and the elimination of fossil fuel use

Recommendations/Concerns:

- Greater emphasis and additional actions to support the link between climate impacts/stress and mental health
- Additional consideration of unintended health impacts of some climate solutions
- Additional analysis about the linkages between climate change, climate action and health and well-being



Outcome Metrics

Purpose of the metrics (indicators)

- Measure progress toward the goal
- Basis for regular and recurring reporting

Guiding questions

- Do you have questions about these metrics?
- Do these metrics look adequate in terms of measuring progress toward outcomes? Any adjustments you would offer?
- What other metrics would you add? What is the source of data?



Strategies

- Which strategies would you like to discuss today? Are there any strategies that you would modify?
- Do the draft strategies align with county or community priorities as you see them?
- Which strategy, from the ones that are listed, should be a priority for Multnomah County?
- Are there any other strategies you would like to see in order to help achieve this goal?
- Other considerations: cost, feasibility, and barriers



Submit Feedback & Next Steps

- To ensure your feedback is considered for this goal, please provide your goal-specific comments within 7 days
- Submit your goal specific comments via email to <u>sustainability@multco.us</u>
- Invite staff to present or participate in a community discussion or workspace
- Revised draft of the Climate Justice Plan in early 2026
 - The revised draft will be published online
 - Staff will present the revised draft to the Board of County Commissioners in a work session
 - Use feedback from the Board and CJP Steering Committee to finalize the draft
 - Seek Board approval for the final plan