

Universal Goal: Contribute to Climate Justice  
Climate Justice Plan



**Every community member has the  
opportunity to contribute to climate  
justice in Multnomah County.**



Community Forum #5  
November 13, 2025

# Purpose of Today's Meeting



- **Review Metrics:** Ensure the metrics measure progress toward the goal and that one or metrics can be disaggregated to measure for disparate impacts.
- **Review Strategies:** Ensure strategies are S.M.A.R.T (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely) and effectively balance recommendations.
- **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?

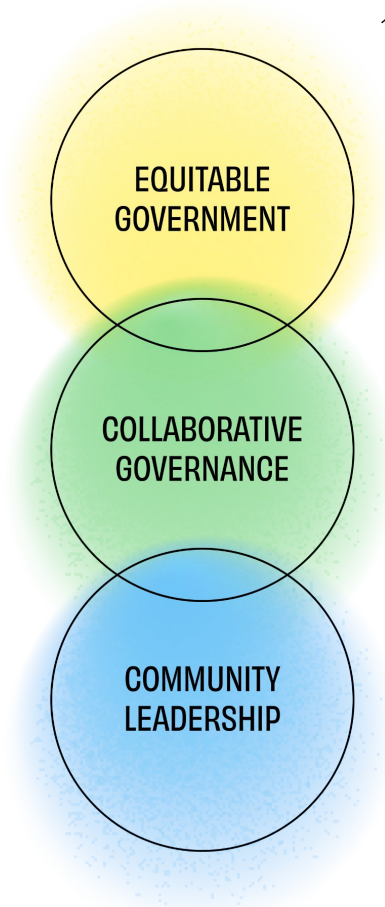


# Where this came from where we are going

- 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

- EJ Resolution: Commitment to Centering Impacted Communities
- Multnomah County Administers Elections
- Advisory Committees and Board (Over 50 total)
  - Advisory Committee for Sustainability and Innovation
  - Multnomah County Youth Commission
  - Multnomah County Public Health Advisory Board
- Community Partnerships
  - Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)
  - Future Generations Collaborative
  - Community Partnership and Capacity Building
  - Traditional/Community health worker climate education



# What we have heard so far

## General feedback:

- Comments stressed the importance of broad and continued community engagement during implementation
- Comments supportive of strategies that increase transparency and accountability during implementation

## Recommendations/Concerns:

- Continue to prioritize engagement with frontline communities and recognize lived experience as technical expertise
- Expand engagement and partnerships to be more inclusive of industries, trade unions, and other technical experts
- Strengthen alignment with existing engagement efforts/pathways
- Revise strategies to ensure they support community building and are feasible





# Outcome Metrics

## **Purpose of the metrics (indicators)**

- Measure progress toward the goal
- Basis for regular and recurring reporting
- Understand disparate outcomes among demographic groups

## **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

## Purpose of the strategies

- Identify near term actions that the County can take
- Identify community policy priorities

## Guiding questions

- 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 14 days
- Submit your goal specific comments via email to [sustainability@multco.us](mailto:sustainability@multco.us)
- Invite staff to present or participate in a community discussion or workspace
- Revised draft of the Climate Justice Plan in the 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