Universal Goal: Clean Energy Climate Justice Plan





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?

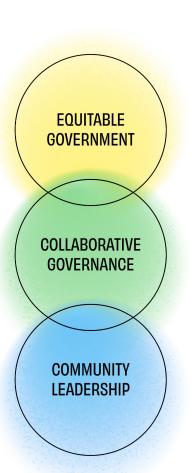
Where this came from where we are going



- 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



- Energy bill assistance for community members with low-incomes
 - o DCHS provides bill assistance grants directly and through community-based organizations
 - OS/DCHS advocate for funding and programs
- Weatherization/energy efficiency for community members with low-incomes
 - DCHS provides outreach, education, and services with federal and state funds
 - OS/DCHS advocate for more robust funding and programs
- Energy advocacy
 - Advocate for stronger discount programs and protections from disconnections, and for moving away from a system that penalizes people for their poverty
 - Engage with utilities and regulators to make sure that utilities prioritize their decarbonization obligations while maintaining a reliable and affordable system
- Outreach, education, and enterprise sustainability
 - Create physical and virtual materia'; ls to inform customers of available resources
 - Continue the County's commitment to conservation and clean energy for our operations

What we have heard so far

General feedback:

- Comments were generally supportive of the overall energy goal as written, particularly the emphasis on energy affordability
- Several comments emphasized the need for additional technical modeling and deeper collaboration with impacted individuals and entities
- Many comments emphasized the need to align strategies in the CJP with other existing or proposed local and state efforts

Recommendations/Concerns:

- Perspectives varied widely on the elimination of the use of fossil fuels by 2050 (existing County policy) and end-use electrification
- Many comments emphasized building electrification, and heat pumps in particular, as a key energy justice strategy
- Other comments raised concerns about the reliability and affordability of a single fuel energy system, and emphasized the need for energy choice
- Some comments highlighted the tension between different goals/strategies



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 <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 the early 2026
 - o 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