

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	FY25 Climate Program Update
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Issue

The City of Charlottesville's Office of Sustainability is presenting an update on the City's Climate Program progress over fiscal year 2025. The presentation includes an annual report, an updated Greenhouse Gas inventory, and the fiscal year 2026 Climate Workplan.

Background / Rule

In 2019, the City adopted emissions reduction goals of 45% (from 2011 baseline) by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050, and directed staff to write a plan for reaching those targets. In January 2023, Charlottesville City Council adopted the City's first Community Climate Action Plan as an addendum to the City's Comprehensive Plan. This report is the second update to City Council and the public on progress made towards the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Analysis

The Climate Action Plan (CAP) includes a commitment to annual progress reports. After the adoption of the CAP in 2023, the City Manager directed Climate Protection Program (CPP) staff to compile and publish a Climate Action Workplan consisting of actions being taken both within the City organization and in the broader community to make progress towards implementation of the CAP. CPP staff worked with internal and external partners to build the first Climate Action Workplan, which was published in July 2023.

The CAP Update Report uses this workplan as its foundation and provides an update on each workplan item. It also captures other City-led climate actions beyond those in the workplan and the work of some of our external partners, while also acknowledging there are many actions happening in the community beyond the scope of this report. The updated FY26 Climate Action Workplan is included as an attachment to this report.

The CPP has routinely been publishing the City's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Since 2024, the goal is to publish it along with the annual CAP update. The City's updated CY23 GHG Inventory is included in this report.

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Financial Impact

There is no budget impact associated with this report.

Recommendation

N/A

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. 2025 CPP Report_FINAL_070125
2. July 2025_CPP Update to Council