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Please fill out and share the following:

- Resilience Toolkit Survey (by 7/22):
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/detroitclimateresilience>
- CEAC Nomination Form (by 7/31): <https://bit.ly/ceacnomination2020>

Questions & Answers:

1. Who is the intended audience for the Toolkit? Or who do you anticipate taking action or use the toolkit to take action?

Residents, block clubs, and other neighborhood groups are the primary audience and who we hope will use the toolkit. The toolkit would also be a valuable resource for small businesses.

2. Who will implement the actions that come out of the action plan? The City? Partners?

The City and partners will share responsibility for implementing the action plan. The City will be focused on meeting its municipal emissions reduction targets from the GHG ordinance, improving the resilience of its infrastructure and expanding services that enhance resilience for residents.

3. I think you also need to look at the energy burden. 48221 needs to be included in the CEAC because of the extremely high energy cost that burden many homeowners in this community. There is a lot of very large and older housing stock in this zip code-- West side by Livernois.

Thank you – 48221 has been added to the list of priority zip codes for resident representation on the CEAC.

4. Were COVID impacts taken into consideration for vulnerability?

Absolutely. COVID rates have been identified as one of the indicators for the Climate Vulnerability Analysis and considered with the zip codes for CEAC representation—e.g. 48235 has high heat vulnerability and was also a COVID-19 hot spot. Many strategies to reduce vulnerability to COVID-19, like addressing air quality issues, are also strategies to reduce vulnerability and resilience to climate change.



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5. What is the policy framework for all of this? Are we seeking any change?

The GHG Ordinance set the stage for the Detroit Climate Strategy, particularly the mitigation plan and implementation and the annual reporting to Council. The strategy builds on the Sustainability Action Agenda (SAA), which was released in June 2019—it focuses on the goal of fostering an equitable green city.

6. Will there be any intentional efforts to bring in other city departments in order to identify potential areas to integrate these plans into existing city plans and projects?

Yes, engaging municipal departments is a significant part of the work; we will work with department leads to establish processes to track emissions, create department-specific mitigation and adaptation plans. Key city assets will be included in the Climate Vulnerability Analysis, and about 1/3 of the CEAC will be City staff. Our goal is to build capacity within each department to adopt policies and best practices that reduce emissions and build resilience within city infrastructure and operations.

7. Will this project also engage the largest creators of climate challenges, industry, business. For example in the 48209 and 48217 area Marathon.

Yes, we anticipate convening a businesses and institutions workgroup as part of the Climate Action Strategy, inclusive of heavy industry.

8. For the first survey, are you targeting organization level or can we share this with residents, block clubs and partners not on this call? Can I share the toolkit survey with Detroit teachers?

Yes, you can share the resilience toolkit survey with any Detroiters.

9. How, when, and where can K-12 students in Detroit engage with this?

Youth are the ones who will be impacted most by climate change and key stakeholders in the process. We have a youth seat on the CEAC and would appreciate nominations. We know many youth are already engaged in climate solutions and we value their work in their schools and neighborhoods. For the SAA we held youth-specific focus groups and intend to do so for the Detroit Climate Strategy, too. Please reach out to us if you have more specific ideas for centering youth voice and engagement.



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10. Does the plan address policy for developers and property owners that would advance climate resiliency? Increasing greenspace, adding GSI, and trees.

Yes, we see policy recommendations, particularly at the departmental level coming out of the Detroit Climate Strategy. For instance, a benchmarking ordinance for commercial buildings over a certain size is being considered by City Council and led by the Green Task Force. Other climate solutions, such as increasing tree cover and green space, will be recommended to City departments.

11. How confident are you that the Mayor is committed to the outcome of this work?

Very confident. The Mayor recently joined the steering committee of the Climate Mayor's group and has been a champion for climate and sustainability work throughout his terms. He also sees the benefits of potential cost savings and the need for infrastructure that is resilient to climate impacts.

12. You mentioned businesses installing climate infrastructure. Are you confident that they'll buy into emissions reductions?

Many of the actions to reduce emissions can also save money, improve health, and make businesses more attractive for their staff and customers. We expect a range of responses, but we need to make sure that marketing and resources are tailored to different types of businesses and we tell the stories of businesses that have made successful changes.

13. How will OoS support organizations already working on climate and energy poverty? We talk about equity, and the people who live these experiences day to day should be leading this work, residents don't have a lot of faith in government for a lot of reasons. How do we tilt the process to center community?

The CEAC lifts up and centers community voice. The ambassador program will be paid and ambassadors will be housed within existing community organizations.

14. Will members of the CEAC be compensated for their work on the Council?

Council members will be compensated for their participation on the Council. The form and amount of that compensation is still being determined.