

# Hyattsville Climate Action Plan

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# Background

M-NCPPC Prince George’s County Planning Department funds and administers the **Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities** (PAMC) program for planning-related projects requested from municipalities and community organizations.

In 2025, the **City of Hyattsville** applied for **PAMC** funding for a consultant to develop a **Climate Action Plan** that:

- ▶ Adapts and builds upon the recommendations of 2022 Prince George’s County Draft Climate Action Plan
- ▶ Sets city and community sustainability and climate action goals
- ▶ Organizes and prioritize action steps to achieve the goals
- ▶ Unifies stakeholders in key sustainability practices

The project was approved by the Planning Board in June 2025.

## Project Partners





# What Is A Climate Action Plan (CAP)?

A strategic roadmap that identifies how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the impacts of climate change on the community.

The impacts could include:

- ▶ **Climate hazards**  
(more rain → flooding)
- ▶ **Community impacts**  
(hotter temperatures → increased bills)
- ▶ **Economic impacts**  
(rebuilding infrastructure not designed for future conditions)

**Hyattsville is already making investments—a CAP identifies future investments that can be made in a strategic way.**

Developing an actionable climate action plan helps guide and prioritize investments around policy, programs, and projects.

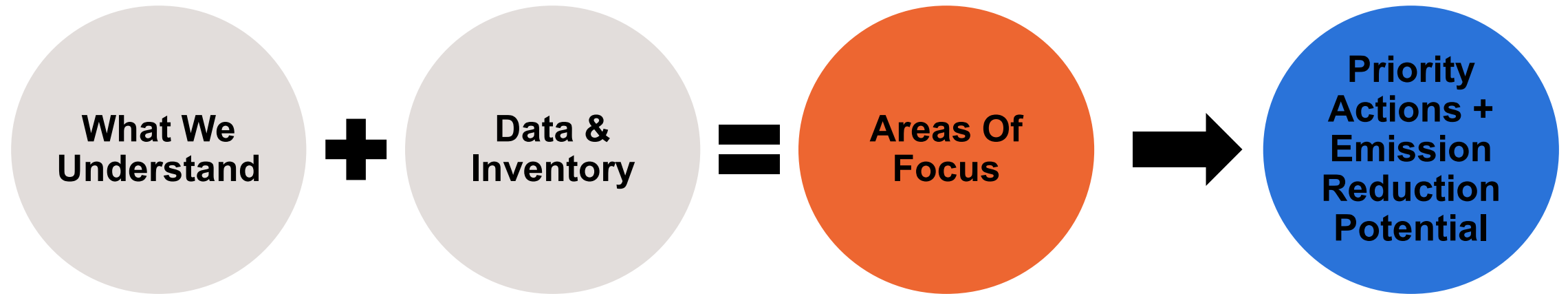


# Process





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# Community Engagement

## University of Maryland Saul I. Stern Civic Engagement Lab Hyattsville Climate Survey

- Fall 2025
- 431 responses
- Survey on climate impacts, community needs, and priorities for the future

## City Staff and Community Advisory Member Meetings

- Spring 2026
- 4 separate 90-minute virtual workshops
- 34 total participants
- Virtual polling for action prioritization

## Hyattsville 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Booth

- Spring 2026
- 127 tallied votes on action prioritization





# GHG Targets & Actions

Hyattsville has adopted GHG emission reduction targets of **50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, with the goal of achieving net-zero by 2050**. These targets align with established climate goals at the County, regional, and state levels, allowing the city to leverage existing programs, funding, and policy momentum.

To reach these goals, the City can make investments that consider how to increase **community benefits, emissions reductions**, and overall **asset management**.

Community and stakeholder engagement helped reduce an **initial menu of nearly 32 actions** to a **focused set of 16 priorities** tailored to Hyattsville's goals, risks, authority, and capacity.



# Transportation & Land Use Actions

## Goal

Reduce community-wide transportation emissions by prioritizing walking, biking, and transit, promoting compact growth so services are nearby and people can drive less, and leveraging routine infrastructure investments to advance climate, resilience, and public health goals.

**48% of community-wide emissions**



## Actions

|                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Walking and Biking Safety Projects that Reduce Transportation Emissions                                          |
| Complete Streets and Resilience Co-Benefits in City-Led Capital Projects                                         |
| Mobility Hubs for First/Last-Mile Access to Transit and Key Destinations                                         |
| Compact, Transit-Oriented Growth at Metrorail Stations to Reduce Household Transportation and Building Emissions |



# Buildings & Energy Actions

## Goal

Reduce building-related emissions citywide by prioritizing energy performance, accelerating the transition to clean electricity and zero-emissions heating and cooling, and actively supporting residents and businesses in navigating efficiency and electrification upgrades while prioritizing affordability and equitable access.

**43% of community-wide emissions**

| Actions                                                                                  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Building Benchmarking and Performance Accelerator                                        |  |
| Clean-Energy New Development                                                             |  |
| Healthy, Efficient Rental Buildings Through Green Leasing and Energy Performance Support |  |
| Regional Energy Navigator and Education Hub                                              |  |





# Greenspace & Stormwater Actions

## Goal

Reduce climate risks from extreme heat and flooding by strategically expanding tree canopy and green space and redesigning traditional stormwater infrastructure to function as a climate adaptation system that improves water quality, manages runoff, and enhances neighborhood livability.

**-0.39% of community-wide emissions**

| Actions                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Citywide Stormwater Management Plan                            |
| Climate-Resilient Green Streets for Runoff Reduction           |
| Tree Canopy and Heat Resilience Initiative                     |
| Neighborhood Stormwater Stewardship and Rain Check Accelerator |





# Municipal Leadership Actions

## Goal

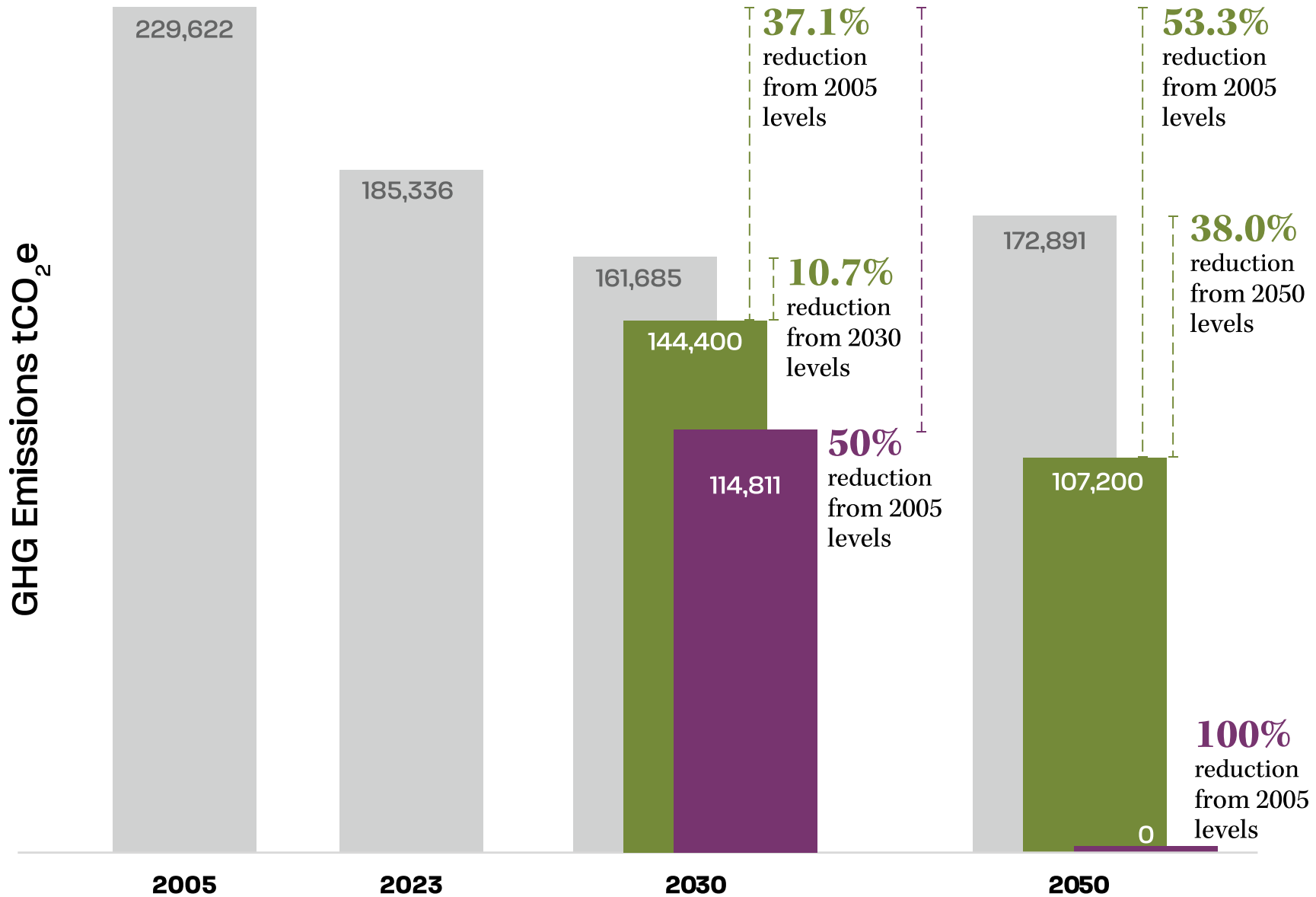
Demonstrate local climate leadership by using city policies, investments, operations, and partnerships to drive measurable emissions reductions and resilience outcomes, while equipping the public with clear programs, data, and communications that turn municipal action into community-wide climate progress.

**3.2% of community-wide emissions**

| Actions                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Municipal Climate Accountability Dashboard                               |
| Municipal Facilities Electrification and Net-Zero Modernization Standard |
| EV Fleet Management and Electrification Plan                             |
| Covenant of Mayors / Regional Climate Pact                               |



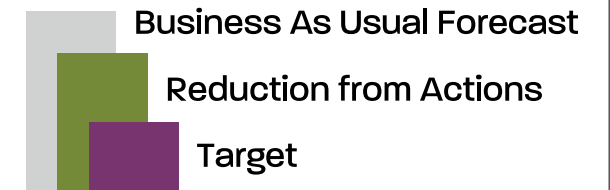
# GHG Reductions Summary



## Take-Away

Community action can help lower emissions, but there is only so much Hyattsville can do on its own. Other reductions must come from state and regional initiatives (cleaner energy grid, car and building efficiency regulations, etc.)

## LEGEND





# Implementation Outcomes

- **Reduced extreme heat** through expanded tree canopy, shade, and heat-resilient street design
- **Lower flood risk and cleaner water** from green streets, tree canopy, and neighborhood stormwater BMPs
- **Cleaner air and better health** from reduced car trips, fleet electrification, and building efficiency
- **Safer, more connected streets** with better access to schools, parks, transit, and daily needs
- **Lower household and municipal costs** through energy savings, avoided retrofits, and reduced fuel volatility
- **Advancements in equity** by targeting renters, low-income households, and high-risk blocks
- **Stronger accountability and grant readiness** through transparent tracking and standardized regional reporting



# Next Steps

- **Publish the final plan.** Finalize and publish the Climate Action Plan, incorporating feedback received from the city, stakeholders, council, and the public.
- **Pursue funding and partnership opportunities.** Lay the foundation for action implementation by advancing funding and partnership opportunities identified for each sector.
- **Advance priority actions.** Begin discretionary implementation of high-impact, near-term actions as staff capacity, funding, and opportunities allow.
- **Track and report progress.** Establish a simple system to monitor implementation, measure results against goals, and report back to leadership and the public on a regular basis.

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