

**Description:**

Staff will present the Draft Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan (the FCNP) for review and feedback. The FCNP is a framework for action to achieve Flagstaff's goal of carbon neutrality by 2030. This goal was established when the Flagstaff City Council declared a climate emergency in June 2020, in response to a citizen petition and testimony by hundreds of residents on the need to accelerate Flagstaff's climate action and mobilize towards carbon neutrality.

Staff will review the draft Plan's vision, goals, and areas of action. The draft Plan outlines actions in nine target areas of action to achieve carbon neutrality.

- Clean Electricity
- Reduced Building Energy Use
- Building Fuel Switching
- Decreased Dependence on Cars
- Electric Mobility
- Sustainable Consumption and Waste Management
- Carbon Sequestration, Certificates, and Offsets
- Equitable Systems
- Community Resilience

There are several opportunities for learning more and giving feedback on this Draft Plan through the month of April:

- **Review the a draft [Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan](#).**
- **[Complete our feedback survey](#)** to let us know what you think about the draft Plan.
- Learn more about the Climate Emergency and our Carbon Neutrality work by visiting the **[Climate Emergency Open House website](#)**.
- **Attend our live Open House events via Zoom!**
  - Thursday, April 15th, 6:00-7:00 pm. [Click here to register.](#)
  - Saturday, April 17th, 10:00-11:00 am. [Click here to register.](#)
  - See below for more information.
- Submit **[revisions and feedback](#)** to our team.
- Contact our team to learn more or request a presentation. Email Jenny Niemann at [JNiemann@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:JNiemann@flagstaffaz.gov).

The final Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan will be revised according to community feedback and will be presented to City Council on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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**Regional Plan amendment portion:**

The City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission would like to request that the Planning and Zoning Commission initiate a major amendment to the Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030, to update the plan's discussion of climate change. The Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030 discusses climate change in the Climate Change and Adaptation section of the Natural Environment Chapter, on pages IV-11 and IV-12.

Over the last three years, the City's climate goals have advanced rapidly: first with the Flagstaff City Council's adoption of the 2018 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and then with Council's June 2020

declaration of a climate emergency and the establishment of a carbon neutrality goal. With the anticipated adoption of the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan in May 2021, the gap between the City's work on climate change and the stated policies of the Regional Plan will grow.

A major amendment to the Regional Plan will align the Regional Plan policies with the City's current climate action goals and activities. At their March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Sustainability Commission voted to request that the Planning and Zoning Commission initiate this Major Plan amendment.

By initiating a major plan amendment, the Planning and Zoning Commission will begin this major plan amendment process. City Sustainability Staff will work to complete the major plan amendment application, which will return to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its consideration in the fall of 2021.