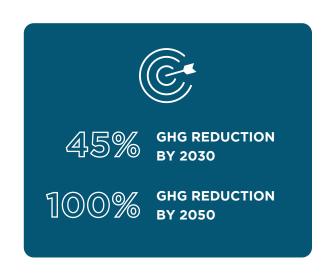
2025 COLUMBUS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - DRAFT

The City of Columbus is proud to renew its commitment to achieving our community's climate goals. To keep Columbus on track to reach a 45% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050, we are updating the Columbus Climate Action Plan. The update to the Plan includes adjusting each of our community's climate actions to ensure we're achieving our 2030 climate goals, and aligning the plan with the progress we have made towards our climate goals.



BOLD STEPS FORWARD

The City of Columbus is taking bold steps forward. We're not just updating our climate actions - we're adapting our approach to create a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable future for all that work, play, and live in the City. **The updated climate actions represent a careful analysis of what is necessary and what is achievable to reach our 2030 climate goals.** These ambitious yet attainable targets build upon our Climate Action Plan foundation, identifying high-impact interventions where we can accelerate progress while delivering meaningful co-benefits to Columbus neighborhoods.



We want to hear from you!

Click on the icon to the left or visit to complete a brief survey about climate action.



PROGRESS TO DATE

Since 2021, the City has used our community's climate actions to guide the creation of policies and programs to deliver resources to our communities. Columbus is making progress towards our community's climate goals. The Climate Action Plan Update will reflect successes seen across all sections of the Plan, including these highlights and the Climate Actions that spurred them:



97 graduates from the **Empowered! Program**, 60% employed in green jobs. Since 2021, the **Columbus Region Green Fund** has invested \$9 million in local clean energy projects.



In 2024, the City began modernizing the **zoning code** for the first time in 70 years, prioritizing development density and sustainable transit options. The **Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan** was adopted in 2021 to preserve the nearly 5 million trees growing in our City.



Columbus residents voted to approve the City's **100% clean energy aggregation program**, saving residents over \$47.8 million on their utility bills since 2021. Columbus is the only City in Ohio with a **benchmarking program**, reducing energy usage in large buildings by 7% on average.



LinkUS will invest in the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) bus system, to expand service by 45%. Over 500 miles of new bikeways are planned through the new **BikePlus** plan adopted in 2024.



9 **food waste drop off sites** across the City allow residents to easily compost their table scraps and avert them from the landfill. The City now collects **household recycling** weekly!

NEW DRAFT 2030 CLIMATE ACTION GOALS



SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS



CLIMATE ACTION

ORIGINAL 2030 Goal

NEW DRAFT 2030 Goal

5.1 Increase Development Density

40%

50%

of new housing is within ¼ mile of employment centers of new housing is within ¼ mile of employment centers

NEW GOAL

6.2 Reduce Urban Heat with Tree Canopy Cover

GHG benefits of tree canopy not included in Plan previously

is Columbus's current tree canopy, which will be maintained and GHG benefits reflected in the Plan



BUILDINGS



CLIMATE ACTION	ORIGINAL 2030 Goal	NEW DRAFT 2030 Goal
7.1 Increase Residential Onsite Solar	50 megawatts	60 megawatts
7.1 Increase Municipal Onsite Solar	200 megawatts	240 megawatts
7.2 Increase Commercial Onsite Solar	600 megawatts	750 megawatts
7.3 Commercial Clean Energy Procurement	25% clean energy	40% clean energy
8.1 Increase Residential Energy Efficiency	20% less energy use	24% less energy use
8.1 Increase Commercial Energy Efficiency	15% less energy use	18% less energy use
8.1 Increase Municipal Energy Efficiency	25% less energy use	30% less energy use
8.2 Increase Residential Water Efficiency	5% less water use	10% less water use

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CLIMATE ACTION	ORIGINAL 2030 Goal	NEW DRAFT 2030 Goal
8.2 Increase Commercial Water Efficiency	5% less water use	10% less water use
8.2 Increase Municipal Water Efficiency	10% less water use	25% less water use
TRANSPORTATION		Ş
CLIMATE ACTION	ORIGINAL 2030 Goal	NEW DRAFT 2030 Goal
10.1 Increase Private Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Adoption	15% ZEVs registered	20% ZEVs registered
10.2 Implement Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Fleet	50% ZEVs in rideshare + private fleets	60% ZEVs in rideshare + private fleets
11.2 Reduce Single Occupancy Vehicle	15%	25%

11.2	Reduce Single Occupancy Vehicle	
Miles	Traveled (VMT)	

11.3 Increase Transit Use



less VMT

20%

increase in passenger miles traveled

less VMT

increase in passenger miles traveled

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ORIGINAL NEW DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION 2030 Goal **2030 Goal** 12.1 Reduce Landfilled Organic Waste **61,745** 77,181 12.2 Reduce Recyclable Waste Sent to Landfill

