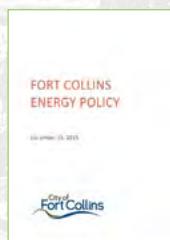




Our Climate Future (OCF) is the City of Fort Collins' community engagement process to update three community environmental plans all together:

**Fort Collins Energy Policy, the Road to Zero Waste Plan, and the Climate Action Plan.** The goal of this process is to engage the community to co-create equitable solutions to achieve energy, zero waste, and climate goals.



## Life Cycle / Process:

### Phase One: Summer – Winter 2019 Understanding Community Priorities

Understand what residents and businesses care about most to ensure alignment of the Climate Action Plan, Energy Policy, and Road to Zero Waste Plans with community priorities.

### Phase Two: Fall 2019 – Fall 2020 Strategic Planning

Leveraging the community priorities from Phase One, this phase will include the more traditional components of a planning process and will result in a draft plan.

### Phase Three: Fall – Winter 2020 Plan Release and Adoption

Ensure the community and leadership has enough time to review and provide input on the draft plan prior to adoption.

## Phase One

### Understanding Community Priorities

Phase One of the OCF Planning Process focused on engaging with our community members to listen and understand what priorities they have related to energy, waste, and climate now and looking forward.

Extensive public outreach and engagement took place between August 2019 and January 2020. City Staff combined online engagement with a variety of in-person engagement opportunities, including pop-up events and more in-depth community conversations. Plan Ambassadors and Community Partners were also trained to go out and engage their community and neighbors.



14 OUTREACH EVENTS



140 RESPONSES

12 OUTREACH EVENTS



214 RESPONSES

12 OUTREACH EVENTS



245 RESPONSES

2,000 PEOPLE REACHED



9 RESPONSES

COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND PLAN AMBASSADORS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

POP UP EVENTS

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

### Who We Heard From

- 600+ community members and businesses
- People of Color
- Historically Underrepresented Communities
- Community members with a diversity of identities related to race, ethnicity, age, income, and more

## What We Heard During Phase One

### Community Priorities for Our Climate Future

Our community identified the following 11 priorities when asked to think about Fort Collins' climate future:

- Affordable Housing
- Be Prepared for Changes in Our Climate
- Healthy Natural Environment
- Healthy Air Quality
- Job Opportunities and Healthy Economy
- Local and Dependable Food
- Local and Regional Transit
- More Reuse, Recycling, and Composting
- More Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- More Renewable Energy
- Reliable Supply of High Quality Water

### Barriers to Achieving Our Climate Future

During the engagement process our community also identified barriers to achieving Our Climate Future:

- Racism, inequity and exclusion
- Not enough funding and resources
- People struggle to afford to live here
- Rapid population growth
- Lack of information and awareness of sustainability
- Mistrust in local organizations and government
- Not enough action by individuals, organizations and government
- Lack of access to services

### Core Principles

The following principles will be used to guide and screen the strategies developed through the Our Climate Future process to achieve our community goals. How might a strategy:

- Be equitable, inclusive and accessible?
- Support affordable living?
- Support business success?
- Support transformational solutions?
- Support the health and safety of people and ecosystems?
- Help us be resilient?
- Increase awareness and remove barriers to action?
- Enable us to work together and clarify responsibilities for action?



### Get Involved

Learn more about the Our Climate Future Planning Process and get involved in identifying how these priorities can be achieved at [OurCity.FCGov.com/OurClimateFuture](http://OurCity.FCGov.com/OurClimateFuture).