



Martha's
Vineyard
Commission

Looking Forward: Martha's Vineyard and Gosnold Climate Action Planning

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Municipal Vulnerability Program Grant Approval

PHASE 1

2019-2020 – Listening
Sessions, Town by Town
Climate Booklets

PHASE 2

August 2021- August
2022 Community-based
Regional Climate Action
Planning

Regional Community Based Planning Process

PLAN PURPOSE: Identify long term goals, priority actions, and implementation steps to build our social, environmental, and economic resilience to the impacts of climate change and minimize our contributions to its causes.

1

STEERING COMMITTEE

Communicate, guide, decide

2

SIX THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

Local expertise driving goals and actions

3

CLIMATE WEEK

Broad scale outreach across businesses and organizations

4

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Long term goals, priority actions and implementation plan

5

INTERACTIVE WEBSITE

A living document and visual way to tell our story and track progress over time

Climate Action Plan & Interactive Website



GOALS & PRIORITY ACTIONS

Sharing the CAP outputs through a visual approach that tells the story of the island



MEASURES OF SUCCESS

Tracking of progress toward goals and delivery of actions



ENGAGEMENT

Tools to engage the public in on-going dialogue and information to support Island climate goals and build resilience

- A plan that identifies long term goals, key strategies, priority actions, implementation steps, and measures of progress/success.
- Development driven by stakeholders including town and tribal government, businesses, and organizations.

The Steering Committee

WHO:

- 1 representative from each Town Climate or C&E Committee (identified by town committees) or someone engaged in climate issues
- 1 County representative
- 1 Tribal Government Liaison (identified by Tribal government)
- 1 Brazilian Community Liaison (identified by the MVC)

Working group liaisons will share regular updates and engage in SC discussions

MAIN ROLES:

- Communicate between regional planning and town efforts/interests
- Coordinate town input and local priorities toward goals
- Attend monthly meetings/calls to learn about working groups
- Guide and Support decision making about CAP process and outputs

Six Thematic Working Groups



- Land use and natural resources



- Infrastructure and transportation



- Food security



- Public health and safety



- Economic resilience



- Energy transformation

WHO: town representatives, Tribe, NGOs, Private Business, Public at-large

MAIN ROLES:

- Review climate impacts and develop long term regional goals, strategies and priorities
- Support broader community engagement to gather input
- Liaisons share progress regularly with steering committee



**Fostering awareness and
action throughout the
community!**

Climate Week 2022

- Series of outreach events to raise awareness and foster engagement in climate action - May 2022
- Over 25 organizations signed on to engage so far
- Monthly activities starting in November 2021

What about Implementation?

Implementation will be considered from the beginning. On-going collaboration, follow through, and leveraging resources will be a priority for ensuring implementation beyond the planning process.



CLIMATE PLANNER

Will continue to facilitate on-going collaboration of working groups and implementing regional (or multi-town) projects



COLLABORATION

Our Climate challenges require on-going collaboration and all islanders to be part of the solution.



LEVERAGING RESOURCES

A regional plan will help us maximize our limited human and financial resources by tackling common issues collaboratively.

Next Steps

September – November

- Form the Steering Committee
- Identify Working Group Liaisons
- Form Working Groups
- Kick Off Workshop

TOWN AND TRIBE ENGAGEMENT IS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS.

1. STEERING COMMITTEE

Work with Climate Committee or Climate & Energy Committee to identify a Steering Group member

2. WORKING GROUPS

Work with Climate Committee or Climate & Energy Committee to identify town reps per working group

3. ACTION DEVELOPMENT

Prepare to have at least 1 community meeting in early/mid 2022 to review progress identify town specific priority actions

Town Thematic Working Group Selections

Town: _____

Please identify *and seek commitment* from a steering committee member and a **minimum of 1 and maximum of 2** representatives per working group below. Be sure the same person is not selected for multiple groups to the extent possible. Please provide back to Meghan Gombos (Meghan.Gombos@gmail.com) **by no later than October 15, 2021**. Thank you!

Steering Committee

Steering Committee Roles/Responsibilities

- Attend monthly meetings with the main purpose of hearing updates from the facilitation team on progress, providing input into next steps, and plan for specific ways to support communication with the town.
- Facilitate two-way communication and coordination between the SC and the town to foster broader input and engagement throughout the process. This includes organizing at least 1 meeting among town working group members and other town groups to provide input about town priorities.
- Support decision-making about the CAP framework/process, hired positions, final written plan and website development based on the facilitation team recommendations.

Estimated Time Requirements: ~ 8 + days (between October 2021 – June 2022)

Consider a member of the Climate/ Climate and Energy Committee or someone deeply engaged in Climate Issues

Name	Committee	Email & Phone Contact

Thematic Working Groups

Thematic groups will be made up of town, tribe, NGO, business members. Please identify who will represent your town specifically. Commitment to meeting attendance and participation is critical for success of this plan!

Working Group Roles/Responsibilities:

- Participate in monthly meetings from November through May to identify long term goals, objectives, and short-term priority actions to address climate change impacts and contributions from this thematic group.

- Engage in other activities outside working group meetings (e.g. surveys, outreach events, document review).
- Share information and seek broader input from town committees, boards, and residents.

Estimated Time Requirements: ~ 4 + days (between November 2021 – May 2022)

Land Use and Natural Resources

This group will focus on our natural resources (e.g. forests, freshwater sources, beaches, wetlands, marshes, coastal ponds, and nearshore marine environments) and how humans zone and manage and use of these resources (Agriculture, Residential use, Recreation, Commercial use, and Transport)

Consider the following:

- Planning Boards
- Conservation Commission Members
- Fire Departments/Chiefs
- Shellfish Constable or Committee Members
- Other Experienced Individuals

Name	Committee/Board	Email & Phone Contact
1.		
2.		

Infrastructure & Transportation

This group will focus on the basic physical and organizational structures needed for the operation of the island community (buildings, roads, power supplies, communications, sewage, water); public and private conveyance of passengers or goods through vehicles, buses, trains, planes, and boats.

Consider the following:

- Department of Public Works
- Harbor Master or Advisory Committee
- Police Department
- SSA – Port Authority
- Other Experienced Individuals

Name	Committee/Board	Email & Phone Contact
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