



Municipality of Anchorage
Mayor Ethan Berkowitz

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Municipality of Anchorage releases draft Climate Action Plan for public comment

ANCHORAGE, AK—The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has released a draft of its Climate Action Plan for public comment. In September 2018, the MOA, in partnership with the University of Alaska, launched an effort to create a Climate Action Plan for Anchorage. Municipal staff worked with nearly 100 technical advisors, including university faculty, staff and students, agency representatives, scientists, and community members to craft the Plan. More than 900 residents engaged in the planning process through community forums, workshops, meetings and one-on-one conversations.

“It’s an Alaskan value to be good stewards of the place we live, which is why it’s imperative that we step up locally to mitigate the effects of climate change in our community,” said Mayor Ethan Berkowitz. “Our actions will reduce energy use, improve public health, promote energy independence, strengthen our economy and build a more livable and resilient community.”

Recommended actions across seven sectors provide a roadmap for creating jobs and opportunities, reducing emissions and preparing for a changing climate: *Buildings and Energy, Land Use and Transportation, Consumption and Solid Waste, Health and Emergency Preparedness, Food Systems, Urban Forest and Watersheds, and Outreach and Education*. By implementing residential energy efficiency measures, homeowners could save approximately \$33.9 million per year in energy costs; energy upgrades alone can save the MOA an estimated \$3 million annually.

Residents are invited to read and comment on the draft Climate Action Plan through March 31. The entire plan, as well as an automated feedback form, can be found at muni.org/climateactionplan. Comments and feedback can also be shared through email at ClimateActionPlan@anchorageak.gov, by phone at (907) 343-7100, or at a community meeting scheduled to take place on March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Z.J. Loussac Library.

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