

Minneapolis will meet the adopted 2015 and 2025 greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.

While meeting emissions reduction targets, Minneapolis shall:

1. **Prioritize high impact, short timeframe, cost effective strategies.** Recent science suggests that immediate action (within 5 – 10 years) is necessary to bring down emissions to avoid severe impacts from climate change. This plan will prioritize strategies for implementation that may have the greatest impact on emissions in the short term, acknowledging that the greatest number of co-benefits might not be immediately realized.
2. **Seek strategies with multiple benefits with an understanding that there may be tradeoffs.** Wherever possible, implement strategies that provide a range of co-benefits (e.g., job creation, cost savings to government or residents, improved public health, or broader awareness of climate impacts). Achieving one benefit may come with tradeoffs: a strategy may reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create new jobs, but require a significant up-front monetary investment. Policy makers and the community will need to carefully weigh these multiple benefits and costs while moving Minneapolis towards its emissions reduction targets.
3. **Avoid creating disparate impacts across Minneapolis communities and target strategies to communities that could most benefit.** Climate action strategies should be developed that avoid negatively impacting communities already heavily impacted by environmental or economic strain. Strategies should also be implemented in a way to benefit those most in need.
4. **Monitor progress annually and revisit goals and strategies as necessary.** The City of Minneapolis will continue to track community-wide greenhouse gas emissions and report on the implementation of climate action strategies and impacts.
5. **Move beyond mitigation and begin building resiliency to climate changes and impacts.** This Climate Action Plan deals primarily with reducing emissions to mitigate climate change. However, we know that changes to the climate are already being felt in Minnesota. Minneapolis should explore the potential impacts and responses and build resiliency in local government and the community.