

Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan re-budgeted

The Bethlehem Gadfly Climate Action Plan, Environment, Environmental Advisory Council
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 *The latest in a series of posts relating to the environment,
Bethlehem's Climate*

Action Plan, and Bethlehem's Environmental Advisory Council 

Before we get to the CAP, salute to climate action warrior and Gadfly follower Christine!

Martha Christine, "Let's follow lead of young people on climate change." Morning Call, November 7, 2019.

- We have some amazing young people in the Lehigh Valley. Last week I joined more than two dozen informed and engaged Lehigh University students, along with a handful of community members, to comment on the [Global Youth Climate Action Declaration](#).
- The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763) is one solution gaining bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. It has 68 sponsors, including Congresswoman Susan Wild. It's designed to cut carbon emissions by collecting a fee from fossil fuel companies and returning funds to households through monthly dividend checks. It's good for people, good for the economy and good for the climate.

Gadfly followers have been wondering what happened to the plan to hire a consultant to write a local Climate Action Plan before the end of 2019.

Nicole Radzievich's [Morning Call story](#) on the 2020 budget contains the following:

“The budget reflects the city’s strong financial position, and I’m excited that the administration has funded my request for the Climate Action Plan,” said Councilman J. William Reynolds, who attended the event.

The city had planned to hire a consultant to develop a blueprint for the city to reduce its carbon footprint, but the the \$30,000 the city allocated for it fell about \$50,000 short of what was needed.

The high price of consultancy. Now we know!

It's Saturday, November 9, do you know where your local Climate Action Plan is?