

Home stretch on the historic Climate Action Plan

The Bethlehem Gadfly Climate Action Plan December 10, 2020

 *Latest in a series on Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan* 

“This is a really exciting time for us. . . . I really think this is going to be an historic document for the City of Bethlehem.”

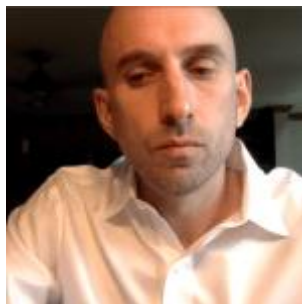
Councilman Reynolds

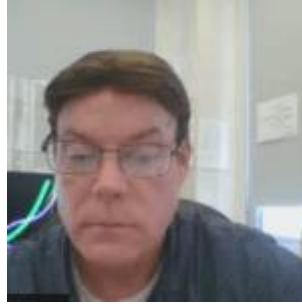
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This ain't chopped liver, my followers!

Yesterday in the third public meeting of the development process, the draft of the Climate Action Plan was presented. Prime players Councilman Reynolds and Deputy Director of Public Works Matt Dorner were in attendance. The draft will soon be on the [City web site](#), and further public comment is possible there through January 6. And shortly thereafter the Plan will be released and operation will begin.

Councilman Reynolds introduction (2 mins.)





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CAP strategies
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Bethlehem's draft CAP

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What it is

- A draft - all strategies and goals are proposed
- Developed with community input
- Case studies and examples still being integrated
- Graphic design not yet included
- Open for public comment through **January 6, 2021**
- Anticipated release in Q1 2021

Contents of CAP

- Introduction
- Executive Summary
- Plan development process & timeline
- What is a Climate Action Plan?
- Why Bethlehem needs a Climate Action Plan
- Vision and principles
- Relationship to other climate action
- Greenhouse gas inventory
- Goals & targets
- Current actions in city
- Environmental justice and equity
- Mitigation strategies
- Adaptation and resilience strategies
- Implementation Strategy
- Partnerships and commitments
- Reporting process and accountability
- Next steps

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Consultant Jeff on the working groups (2 mins.):

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Stakeholder working groups

The CAP stakeholder group divided into working groups based on emission-reduction sector (**green**). An Environmental Justice & Equity Steering Committee reviewed all strategies (**blue**). All stakeholders contributed to strategies to boost the city's resiliency and protect at-risk populations (**orange**).

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Consultant Jeff on vision and principles (3 mins.):

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Vision and Principles

Bethlehem remains vibrant and prosperous as it develops and implements innovative climate action approaches.

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Gadfly will post on a few highlights of yesterday's meeting and will advise you when the draft is available for perusal and comment on the City web site.

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