



## GOVERNANCE: GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIONS

Goal 1	Town government leads by example and is accountable for implementation of the Climate Action Plan.
Goal 2	Climate action beyond town borders supports progress toward Wellesley's climate goals.
Goal 3	Methane emissions from natural gas infrastructure are reduced.
Goal 4	Municipal systems and infrastructure are resilient to impacts of climate change.
Strategy: Integrate sustainability into the policies and executive operations of the town.	
Action	Change Town Bylaws so that the Sustainability Director reports directly to Executive Director of General Government Services..
Action	Work with IT to establish web-based dashboard to track Climate Action Plan progress to provide information, accountability, and transparency.
Strategy: Integrate sustainability and resilience into systems and processes.	
Action	Incorporate GHG reductions and other sustainability considerations into the budget process, including capital planning and prioritization.
Action	Develop an evaluation framework/tool to assist departments with sustainability analysis of proposed projects and initiatives.
Strategy: Engage the community in a town-wide effort to implement the Climate Action Plan.	
Action	Launch a program to coordinate community education and engage the public in initiatives to support Climate Action Plan implementation.
Action	Continue to enhance climate change and sustainability education through Wellesley Public Schools' curriculum, activities, and operations.
Action	Coordinate messaging concerning Climate Action Plan implementation and related sustainability measures with Public Information Officer and relevant town departments.
Strategy: Pursue local and regional partnerships and support climate-friendly state rules and policies.	
Action	Collaborate with other communities to build local and regional decarbonization efforts.
Action	Identify and evaluate opportunities to advocate for state laws and policies that will further Climate Action Plan goals and other sustainability priorities.
Strategy: Adopt a triage and transition approach to reducing methane emissions.	
Action	Identify and track gas leaks in Wellesley, particularly the highest volume leaks that have the greatest environmental impact.
Action	Advocate with National Grid for repair of Wellesley's highest volume leaks.
Action	Advocate at state level for repair of highest volume leaks to reduce methane emissions during state transition to fossil-fuel-free alternatives.
Action	Educate the public about methane emissions and about safe, fossil-fuel-free alternatives for heating, cooling, and cooking.
Strategy: Identify municipal actions to build resilience.	
Action	Develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Action	Strengthen emergency preparedness and communications to reach the public in Wellesley, as recommended in the Town's 2020 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Summary of Findings Report.