



## GOVERNANCE: GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIONS

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