



# **Falmouth Climate Action Planning Committee**

**Presentation to Town Council  
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# PHASE 1 : Climate Action Plan

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1. Identify sources and conduct data collection
  - a. Data collection process, tools, and sources have been identified
  - b. Data collection in progress
2. Create Advisory Committee
  - a. Recommend establishing Ad Hoc Climate Action Planning Committee
3. Plan Community Engagement - next

# Ad Hoc Climate Action Planning Committee

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- FY22 Council Work Plan Priority A Item #11 calls for collaboration between the Conservation Commission and the Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee to oversee the development of the Climate Action Plan
- Recommend establishing an Ad Hoc Climate Action Planning Committee (CAPC) to guide process
- REAC and FCC Chairs and Council Liaisons are in support of recommendation

# CAPC Charge

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1. Oversee the development of the Falmouth Climate Action Plan with the assistance of Town staff and the Greater Portland Council of Governments Sustainability staff, including:
  - a. Assess community vulnerabilities,
  - b. Update the community-wide greenhouse gas inventory,
  - c. Address resident needs as determined through the vulnerability assessment and community engagement,
  - d. Establish a vision and prioritize targets for climate mitigation and adaption, and
  - e. Recommend a strategic plan to achieve those targets, including implementation steps and funding requirements.
2. The Committee shall provide its recommendations to the Town Council.

# CAPC Membership

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1. Town Council to appoint up to nine (9) members, with a (4) member quorum required to do business
2. All members shall be voting members.
3. The committee may have representation from some, or all, of the following:
  - a. Recycling and Energy Advisory Committee
  - b. Conservation Commission
  - c. Housing / Development / Architecture
  - d. Land Conservation
  - e. Climate / Environmental Science
  - f. Business Community
  - g. Agriculture / Aquaculture / Food Systems

# CAPC Staff Participation

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1. Staff and GPCOG will lead the planning process and strategic plan development, but not be CAPC members
2. CAPC will help to guide the process
3. Staff involved include Communications, Planning, School, Emergency Services, Public Works, Wastewater, and Parks and Community Programs

# Next Steps

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1. Establish Ad Hoc Climate Action Planning Committee by adopting Resolution
2. Schedule first CAPC meeting
3. Continue data collection - GPCOG Resilience Fellow to start in November
4. Develop Community Engagement Strategy