

CAP Citizen Advisory Committee - Guiding Principles

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- **Tap into the unique combination of innovation, creativity and technical expertise that abounds within the Fort Collins community**, to develop long-term sustainable solutions, while optimizing the triple bottom line (environment, economy, and social).
- **Address all aspects of the challenge** including emissions source categories (e.g., electricity, transportation, natural gas and municipal solid waste) and user sectors (residential, commercial and industrial, etc.), with the degree of focus proportional to sphere of influence.
- **Harness the economic benefit of climate leadership.** Develop strategies that promote economic vitality and prioritize investments into our community, while valuing our natural resources such as clean water, air and healthy ecosystems, and our human capital.
- **Leverage current successes.** Expand upon strategies that are working now, especially in the short term. Incorporate planned state and federal actions in local CAP planning.
- **Take calculated risks.** The magnitude of change necessary to achieve meaningful GHG reductions cannot be achieved through business as usual. New approaches will need to be tested. Identify risks, including the risk of inactions and take reasonable, prudent risks. Manage risks through piloting new approaches before scaling up.
- **Integrate the technical, social engagement, and financial aspects of strategies.**
- **Education, awareness-raising, and partnership building are all critical to achieving significant greenhouse gas reduction in Fort Collins.**
- **Identify and factor the multiple co-benefits of strategies into decision-making**, including strategies that also improve the community's ability to adapt to climate disruption in Fort Collins.
- **Fort Collins as Living Lab and Model.** Identify best practices regionally, nationally and globally for applicability in Fort Collins. Develop models in the CAP

that can be replicated elsewhere. Learning together and sharing will aid communities and nations in making progress on greenhouse gas reduction.

- **Identify interim goals, milestones and reporting metrics in implementation plans.**
- **Honor Committee Work.** Recognize time and talent invested in subcommittee work and begin full Committee discussion with subcommittee product. Honor decisions made by the full Committee.
- **Constructive Communication.** Be an active listener. Engage in active, positive, and constructive communication. Share your expertise. Be reasonable.
- **Decision-Making.** The Committee will strive for informed consent (the grudging willingness of opponents to go along with a course of action that they are actually opposed to). Voting will occur. Minor votes will require simple majority (12) to pass. Major votes (i.e. scenario definitions, preferred scenarios(s), and recommendation of a draft CAP) will require a super majority (2/3 of entire CAC; 15 votes). Minority opinion, if it exists, will be represented.