



Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan Overview



ARC
Board Meeting
October 8, 2025



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Vision

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Mission

Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments.

Values

Excellence | **Integrity** | **Equity**

Goals



Healthy, safe, livable communities in the Atlanta Metro area.



Strategic investments in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.



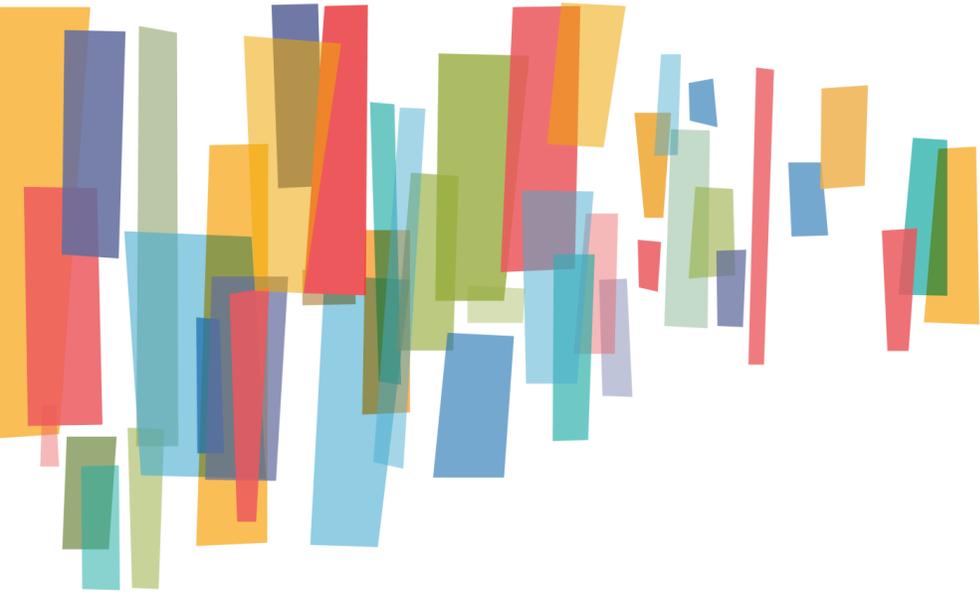
Regional services delivered with **operational excellence** and **efficiency**.



Diverse stakeholders engage and take a regional approach to solve local issues.



A competitive economy that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.



Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan (MACAP) Overview

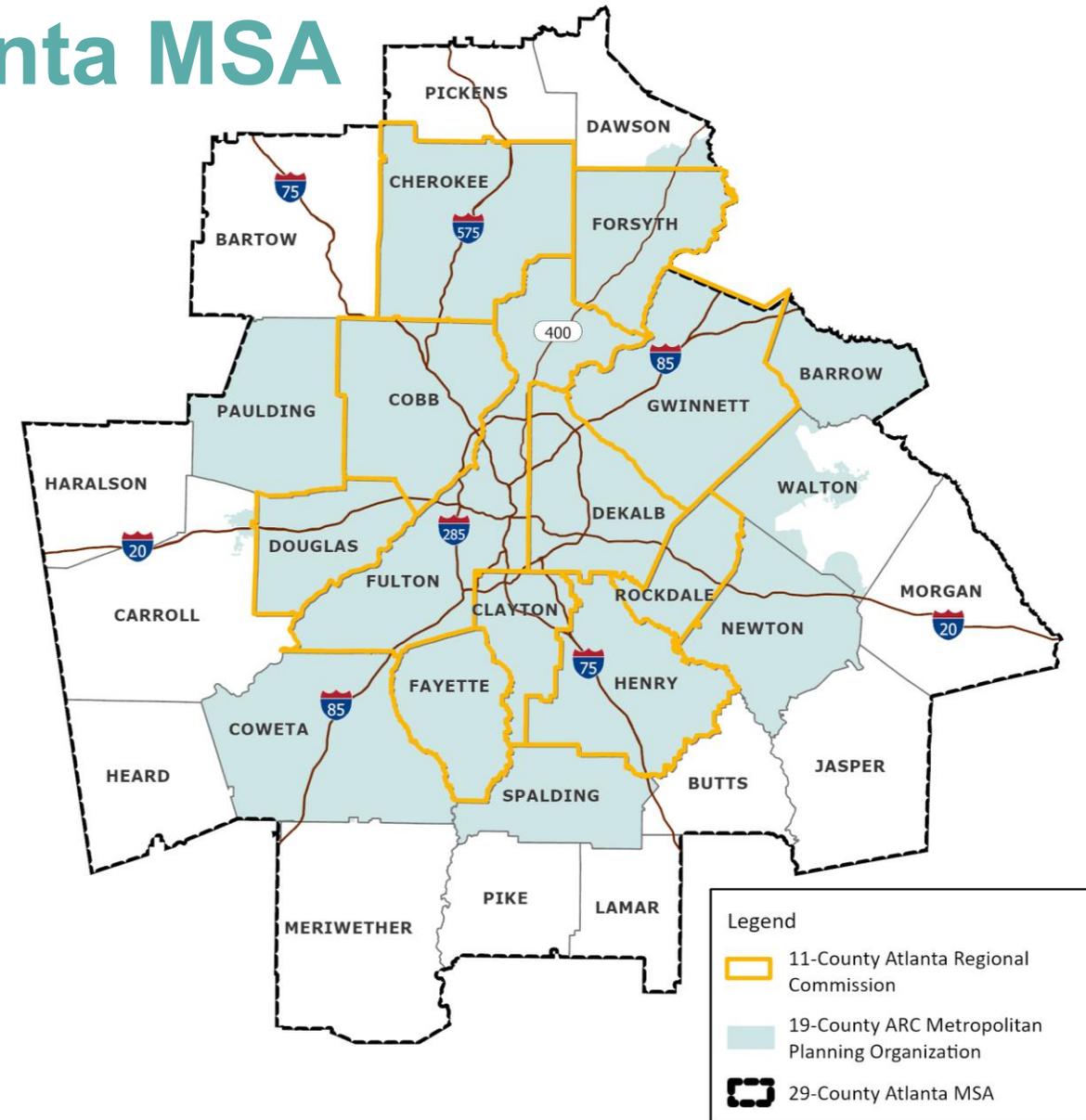
CPRG Planning for the Atlanta MSA

U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

- 81 MSAs
- 45 states

ARC is lead agency for Atlanta MSA CPRG

- 29 counties
- 150 cities



Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Planning Grant

1

Priority Climate Action Plan (Atlanta MSA PCAP)



- Near-term, high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG emissions
- Submitted to EPA March 1, 2024

2

Implementation Grant Proposals



- Competitive grant proposals for projects intended to implement one or more PCAP measures
- Proposals submitted to EPA April 1, 2024

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Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (Metro Atlanta CAP)

- Near- and long-term GHG emission reduction goals, and prioritized measures to achieve goals
- Due December 1, 2025

4

Status Report

- Implementation status of quantified measures included in the MACAP
- Due at close of grant period late summer 2027



A roadmap for those who want to take action to mitigate climate change and see positive results in their communities.

Audience

- Local Governments
- Businesses
- Schools & Universities
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Individuals



Outreach & Engagement

- Input from other city & county plans, stakeholder webinars, interagency conversations, and community events
- People from all 29 Atlanta MSA counties participated in priorities survey
- Top Priorities Identified:
 - Improving access to public transportation
 - Access to safe hiking & biking trails
 - Improving energy efficiency of buildings
 - Using clean energy sources & increasing renewables within communities
 - Requiring materials from buildings be reused or recycled
 - Increasing tree canopy coverage



MACAP Roadmap

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Comprehensive inventory of emissions by sector



Projections & Targets

Business as usual projections & near- and long-term targets



GHG Reduction Measures

Actions that will get us to our targets over time & ideas for how to implement them



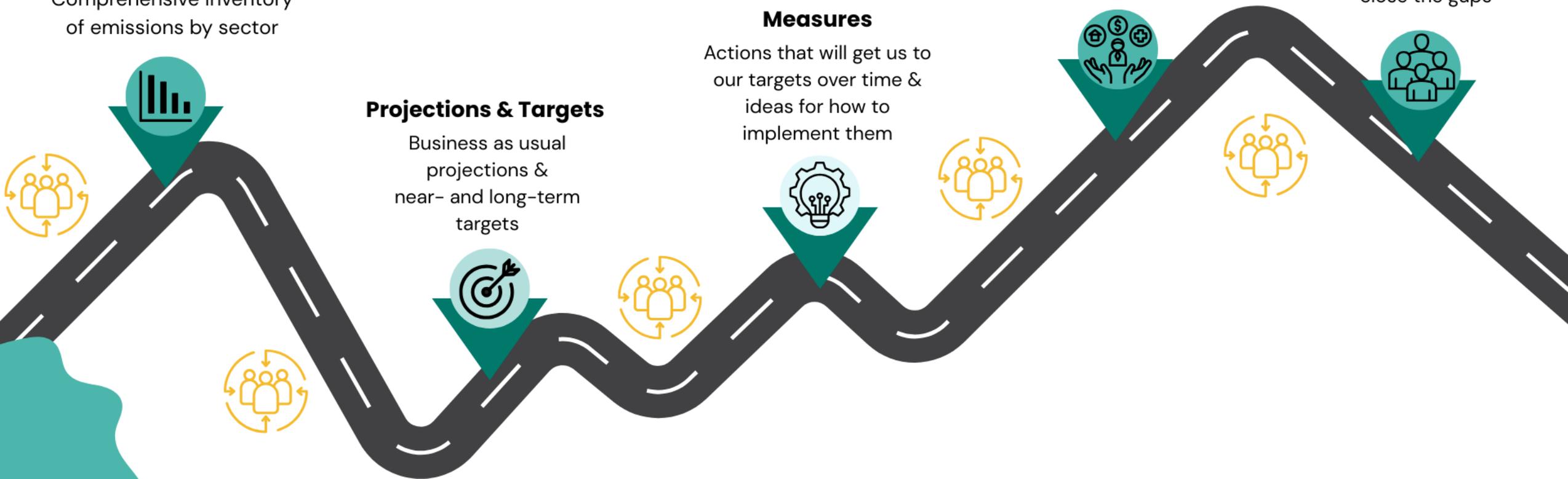
Benefits Analysis

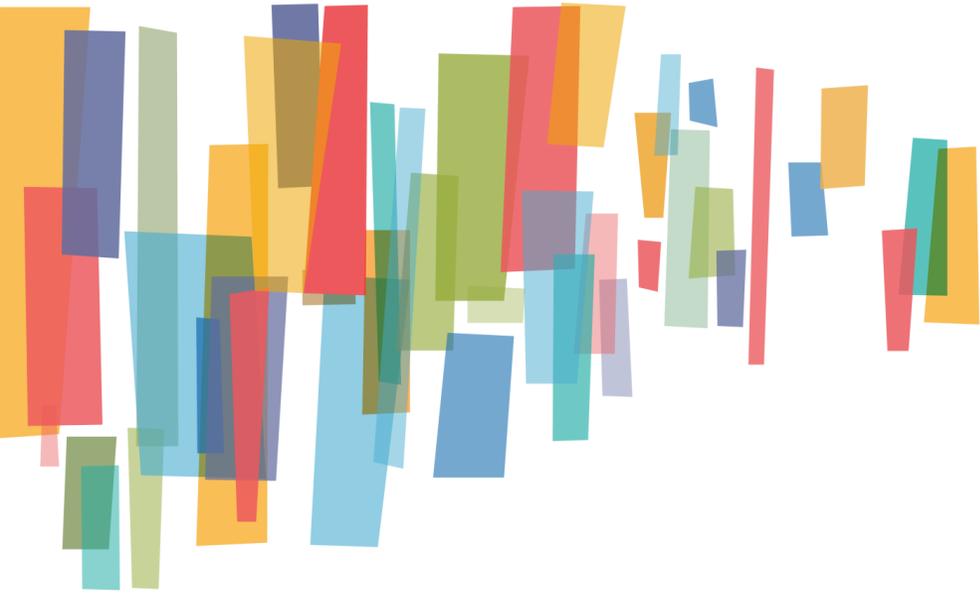
Co-pollutant reductions, additional co-benefits, potential disbenefits



Workforce Analysis

ID potential workforce shortages and how to close the gaps





Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan Next Steps

MACAP 2025 Timeline



We want to hear from you & your community!

- MACAP Public Input Website
- Community Visioning Survey
- Climate Priorities Survey
- Upcoming Webinars
- Past Presentations
- Sign Up for Updates
- Request a Speaker
- Share with Friends & Family



<https://publicinput.com/metroatlantacap>



ARC Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan

The Atlanta Regional Commission is developing the **Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan (MACAP)** for the 29-county Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area. The plan will serve as a roadmap to create a sustainable and resilient future for all, while also highlighting strategic initiatives to transition to net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050. This site will serve as the public-facing project hub for the MACAP.

Your participation and input into the plan will be key as ARC identifies the most impactful climate actions, the potential impacts on communities, as well as the benefits to the region's workforce and economy. We will provide updates throughout the process and provide activities for you to give us feedback. **Sign up below to receive updates as we go through this process together.**

Climate Priorities Survey

The Atlanta Regional Commission is developing the first comprehensive climate action plan for the 29-county Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan (MACAP) will...

Participate

Community Visioning Survey

The year is 2050 and metro Atlanta has met its climate goals. You are writing a postcard from your future self to your current self in 2024. What changes took place to make metro Atlanta...

Participate

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is climate change?
- How does it affect me?
- What can I do about it?

AUG 27 Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan - Kickoff

Tue, Aug 27 1:30 PM

Add to calendar

Visit the **MACAP Teams registration site** to register for this event.

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Join us to:

- receive a high-level overview

WHAT COUNTIES DOES THE PLAN COVER?

The MACAP will cover the 29-county, 150-city Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) as defined by the U.S. Census, Office of Management & Budget.



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Climate Change and Resilience

ARC's Climate Change & Resilience program aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in metro Atlanta, support the transition to a lower-carbon economy, and help the region become more resilient to climate change and current and future extreme weather conditions. This program coordinates the agency's climate-related initiatives to ensure that climate change and resilience is considered in all of our planning work. As part of this, ARC is seeking grants to fund important climate change related planning initiatives, a first for the agency.

EXPLORE CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

- Overview
- Air Quality
- Green Communities Program
- Solar Resources and SolSmart
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

This federal EPA grant provides funding through the Inflation Reduction Act for climate action planning for

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PLAN

This plan will provide a strategy to equitably accelerate the adoption of

GEORGIA ENERGYSHED PROJECT

This project will analyze the benefits, costs, and effects of various electricity generation and distribution

RELATED EVENTS

Energy and Climate Council
August 28, 2024, 10:00-12:00 PM

Energy and Climate Council
November 4, 2024, 10:00-12:00 PM

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The resiliency of our region—both today and tomorrow—depends on all of us.



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