



DATE: November 12, 2025

ISSUE SUMMARY: **Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan: A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area**

FROM: Andre Dickens, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Board Chair

IMPORTANCE:

The Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan (MACAP): A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was developed as the second of three required deliverables under ARC's four (4) year cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). The CPRG program provides flexible no-match required funding to states, local governments, tribes, and territories regardless of where they are in their climate planning and implementation process. CPRG recipients must use the funding to design climate action plans that incorporate a variety of measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from across their economies in six (6) key sectors (electricity generation/consumption; industry; transportation; buildings; agriculture/natural and working lands; and waste management). The MACAP is required to be submitted to EPA by December 1, 2025.

Additional information regarding the MACAP can be found at: atlantaregional.org/cprg

The CPRG program requires the inclusion of the following plan elements for the 29-county Atlanta MSA:

1. Comprehensive GHG emissions inventory across all sectors,
2. GHG emissions projections,
3. GHG reduction targets, near-term (2035) and long-term (2050),
4. Quantified GHG reduction measures,
5. Review of Authority to implement,
6. Intersection with other funding availability,
7. Benefits analysis, and
8. Workforce planning analysis.

ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan: A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area



**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
METRO ATLANTA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:
A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE
ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is a Regional Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, ARC is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-93 designates such a commission to be the planning agency to undertake planning functions within its area as may be assigned or delegated to the commission by other agencies or boards, public or private, and for which the commission accepts responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) (Public Law 117–169, title VI, Aug. 16, 2022, 136 Stat. 2076) amended the Clean Air Act (CAA) by creating section 137, 42 U.S. Code § 7437, for Greenhouse Gas Air Pollution Plans and Implementation Grants; and

WHEREAS, Section 137 of the CAA authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund climate pollution planning grants and climate pollution implementation grants to states, air pollution control agencies, municipalities, tribes, or a group of one or more of these entities; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has entered into a cooperative agreement designating ARC as the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant planning lead for the 29-county Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); and

WHEREAS, the CPRG cooperative agreement requires that a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta MSA be submitted to EPA no later than December 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, during 2024 and 2025, ARC worked with Atlanta MSA stakeholders to develop the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan: A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MACAP); and

WHEREAS, ARC has developed the MACAP consistent with the requirements outlined in “Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Formula Grants for Planning, Program Guidance for States, Municipalities, and Air Pollution Control Agencies, United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation, March 1, 2023.”

For approval by ARC Board on 11/12/25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan: A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area, as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission directs staff to continue regular reporting on the management and implementation of the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan: A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on November 12, 2025.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Executive Assistant/Board Secretary