Welcome



RVAgreen 2050 Buildings & Energy Working Group Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Engagement Results & Next Steps



Equitable climate action for a healthy and resilient Richmond

Agenda

- I. Intro: Settling in & ground rules
- II. Partner Updates: What are your recent "wins" for equitable climate action and resilience?
- III. Review: Spring 2022 community engagement efforts
- IV. Next Steps: Outlining the timeline through adoption
- V. Discussion: Staying involved
- VI. Conclusion: Wrap-up and next steps

Today's Objectives

- Review the Spring 2022 engagement period
- Outline the roadmap to adoption by City Council
- Propose ways to stay involved in the ongoing implementation efforts for Richmond's equitable climate action and resilience strategies

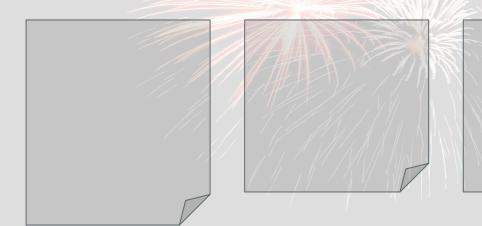
Partner Updates What are your recent "wins" for equitable climate action and resilience?

EcoCorridor at U of R Ribbon cutting of Spider Solar and Spotsylvania County 120-acre solar array (zeroing out UR's scope II energy) Damian Pitt and I (Michael Donnenberg) are on the ONE VCU Sustainability Plan, but we haven't heard anything lately as the organizational structure is being reconsidered.

Industry certification in solar in partnership with OCWB

FOUR WG members have had energy audits in the past year!!!!





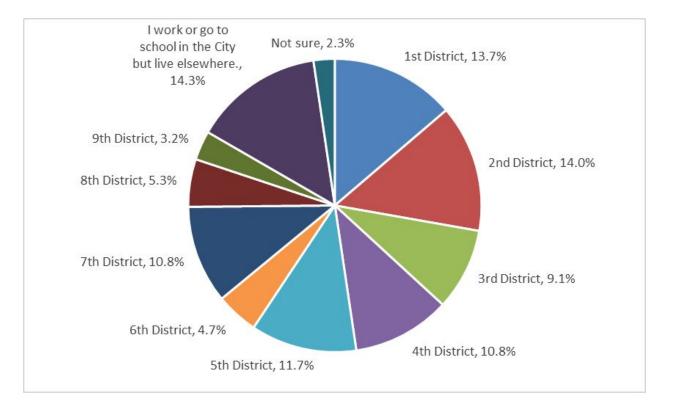


Spring 2022 Community Engagement

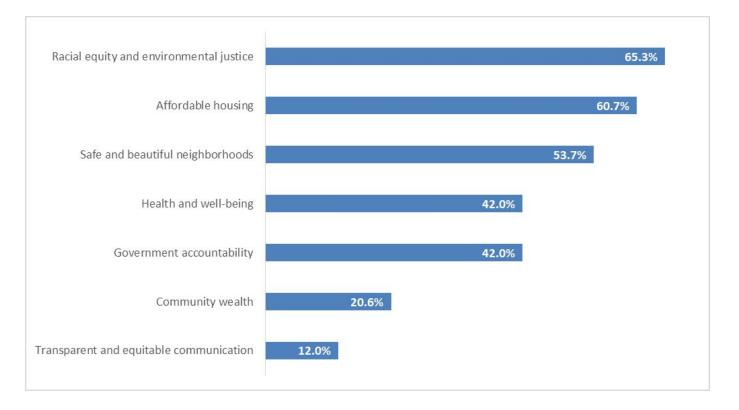
What did we do?

- Almost 400 online surveys, paper surveys still coming in
- 2,622 views of the Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 on Konveio, 318 comments and questions
- 20 community events and presentations
- Information at all Richmond Public Libraries and 30 high-ridership GRTC bus stops across the city
- 570+ newsletter opens

Where did survey responses come from?



How do community priorities rank?



What are we doing with the feedback?

Full Transparency....

Edit corrections

✓ Graphic improvements

Clarifications

Answered questions



- Implementation background
- ✓ Further explanations

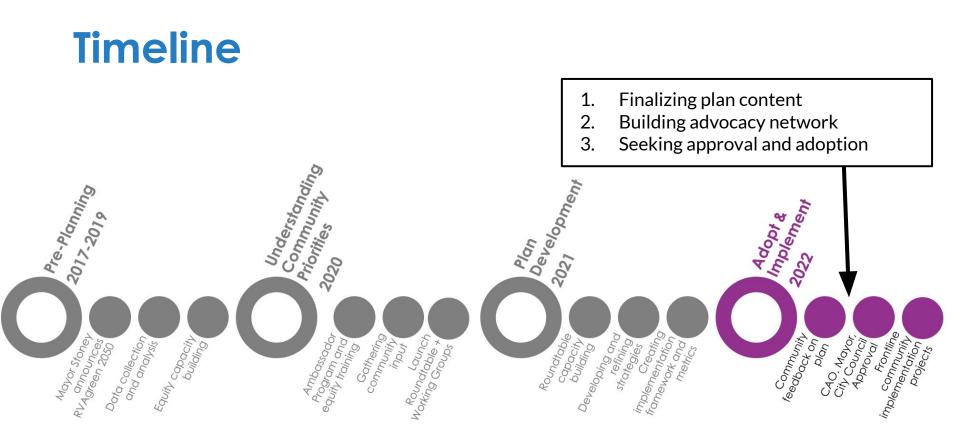
V Offer to follow-up

FAQs

The 'tougher' questions...

- 1. It's too late! Why can't Richmond do more faster???
- 2. What is the plan for Richmond Gas Works?
- 3. There are more things that should be in this plan so can you go back now and add them?
- 4. Why don't you have metrics associated with each action?
- 5. Who is being held accountable for all of the strategies?
- 6. How is this being paid for?
- 7. Why doesn't this plan talk more on housing density?
- 8. Why doesn't the plan talk about green gentrification and the suburbanization of poverty?
- 9. How do you intend to ease the concerns of the marginalized communities?
- 10. Are there specific communities that require more oversight than others in terms of the issues they face?

The Path to Plan Adoption!



Shared Accountability Framework

Shared

Responsibility

Regular Evaluation -

- Outcomes and indicators
- Annual progress report
- Biannual greenhouse gas emissions inventories
 - Climate Equity Index
 Project Tracker

Institutionalizing Sustainability in -City Government

- Employee orientation, training, and performance
 - Climate ambassadors
 - Internal operations and policies
 - Climate considerations in budgeting and finance

Figure 8.1. Shared Accountability Graphic

Transparency

- RVAgreen 2050 Plan, goals
 and outcomes
- Community priorities
- Climate Equity Index
- Interactive website, newsletters
 and social media
- Mayor's State of the City

Culture Of Improvement

- Equity screening tool and
 Equitable Implementation Guide
- · Annual community-wide survey
- Annual equity evaluation and lessons learned
- · Plan update every five years

Trusting Relationships

- Implementation teams
- Racial Equity & Environmental Justice Roundtable
- Annual convening of partners

What can you do?

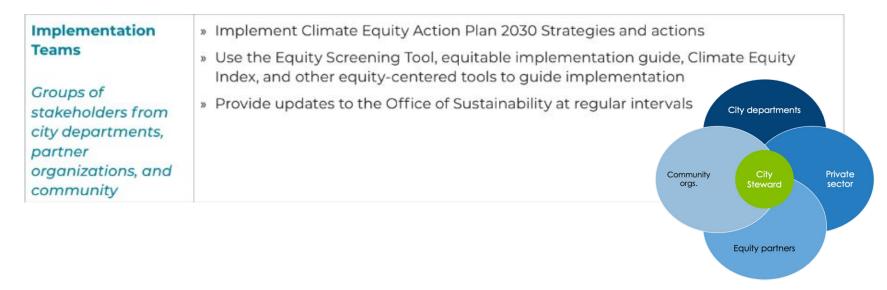
We will need advocates!

- August 17 final draft Climate Equity Action Plan 2030 is submitted to O&R for introduction to City Council
- September 20 Land Use, Housing, and Transportation (LUHT) Standing Committee meeting
- September 26 City Council meeting

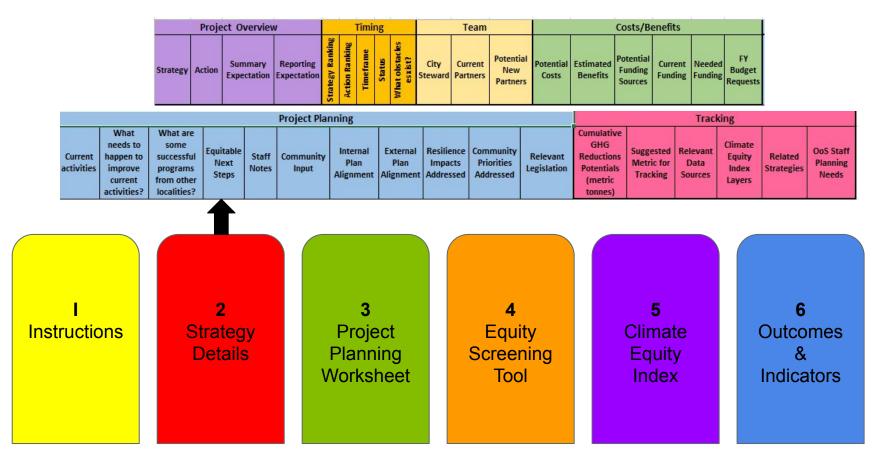
What can you do?

We will need Implementation Team members!

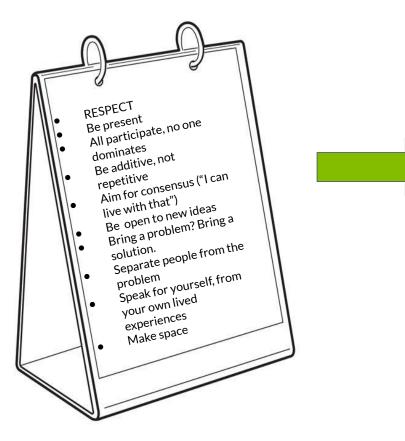
• Express your interest in being on an Implementation Team or other ways to stay involved here: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2PCG5N</u>



Implementation Toolkit



Working Group Ground Rules / Group Expectations



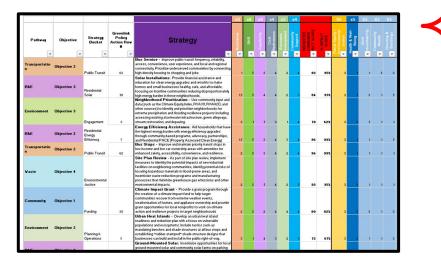
Implementation Team Advice:

- 1. Collaboration and collaborative problem solving
- Critical to get input from different people with different perspectives
- 3. Don't be afraid to be creative "there are no dumb questions/ideas"
- Need clear direction, buy-in, and empowerment from the top (i.e. city stewards)
- "Think for the community, think from the dais" - shrinking down big ideas to elevator pitch, ROI, "sell" the great ideas

Implementation

So where do we start?

- 1. Prioritization Matrix
- 2. Plan Timeline
- 3. Status
- 4. Departmental Alignment
- 5. ARPA Funding
- 6. Projects Underway



Suggested FY23 Priorities

Reduce Richmond's energy burden

- Municipal energy efficiency program
- Residential energy efficiency retrofits
- cPACE
- Solar access & education

Increase Richmond's resilience to climate change

- Community benefits scorecard
- Compensate community members
- Build capacity among community leaders
- Resilience hubs

Expand green space and enhance natural resources

- Parks master plan
- Urban heat island reduction plan
- Urban forest master plan
- Neighborhood prioritization

Integrate RVAgreen2050 strategies into the Richmond Connects process

- EV Action Plan
- Integrated connectivity
- Complete streets

Foster waste reduction through composting

- Consumer education
- Community engagement
- Pilot composting plan

Wrap-up and next steps

- NEXT STEPS:
- NOW:
 - Reach out to Dawn if you'd like to be on an Implementation Team
 - Share updates, upcoming events, and resources

THANK YOU!