



Climate Action Planning

Department of Community and Human Development
Office of Climate and Sustainability

Community + Human Development

Our responsibility is to serve as the catalyst for community partnerships, collaboration + change ensuring **equity, resilience + sustainability** for the most vulnerable El Pasoans by giving voice to the underrepresented, supporting a strong system of human services & investing in El Paso homes, families + neighborhoods.

Advance Equity

Reduce Poverty

Build Sustainability

Climate + Sustainability

- Mitigation + Adaptation
- Education + Awareness
- Policy + Practice

Civic Empowerment

- Equity + Access
- Neighborhood Engagement
- Volunteerism

Human Services

- Homelessness
- Health+ Wellbeing
- Recreation + Lifestyle

Neighborhood Development

- Housing
- Community Revitalization
- Quality of Life

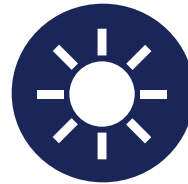


Climate + Sustainability

Efforts to address climate change and reduce the City of El Paso's carbon footprint date back to more than *two decades*...as does the resilience journey.



Municipal Energy CFT



Solarize Campaign Launch



Innovation Factory Launch



Establish New Office of Climate + Sustainability

Spring 2021

Summer 2021

Fall 2021

Early 2022

Late 2022

2023

Congresswoman Escobar's Climate Crisis Advisory Committee

Facility Energy Audits

Sun Metro Grant For Electric Lift Vehicles

Community Progress Bond Prop C



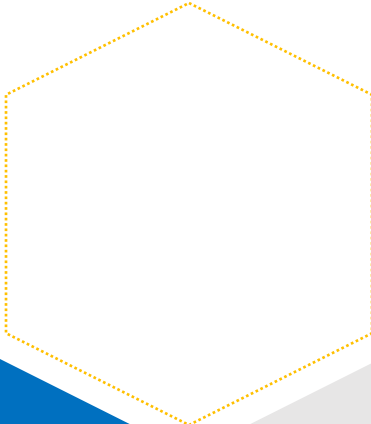
The momentum is *NOW!!*

Funding

- Community Progress Bond (\$5m)
- CPRG (\$1 M)
- EECBG (\$600 K)
- Solar For All (\$100 M)?

Policy

- Landscape Ordinance
- Complete Streets
- Building Standards



Plans

- Plan El Paso
- Resilient El Paso
- Regional Housing Plan
- Community Health Assessment

Partners

- Regional Governments
- Non Profit Organizations
- Community Advocates
- Philanthropy
- Private Business
- Utilities

Programs

- PDN C3
- PDN Climate Fellowship
- 915 Treekeepers



Our Commitment to Climate Action

As a result of the November 2022 voter approved bond the City of El Paso is moving forward with a comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

Objective # 1

Address the specific impacts of the global climate crisis as they relate to the **urban desert environment and vulnerable populations** of the Chihuahuan Desert.

Objective # 2

Ensure consistent and transparent collaboration inclusive of all interested stakeholders and community members assuring **tangible results and appropriate public accountability.**

Objective # 3

Pursue a **wide range of policy vehicles and funding resources** to advance the City of El Paso a leader in addressing the global climate crisis while balancing affordability and equity concerns for the community of El Paso.

Key Lines of Effort



1

developing **technical deliverables** (GHG emissions inventory and projections, benefit analysis, climate vulnerability assessment)

2

engaging with community to gather feedback about **priorities, concerns and desired outcomes** in their neighborhoods related to climate pollution - Fellowship

3

follow up on measuring impact and benefit as well as **follow through with a consistent presence** within affected communities.

A Regional Approach



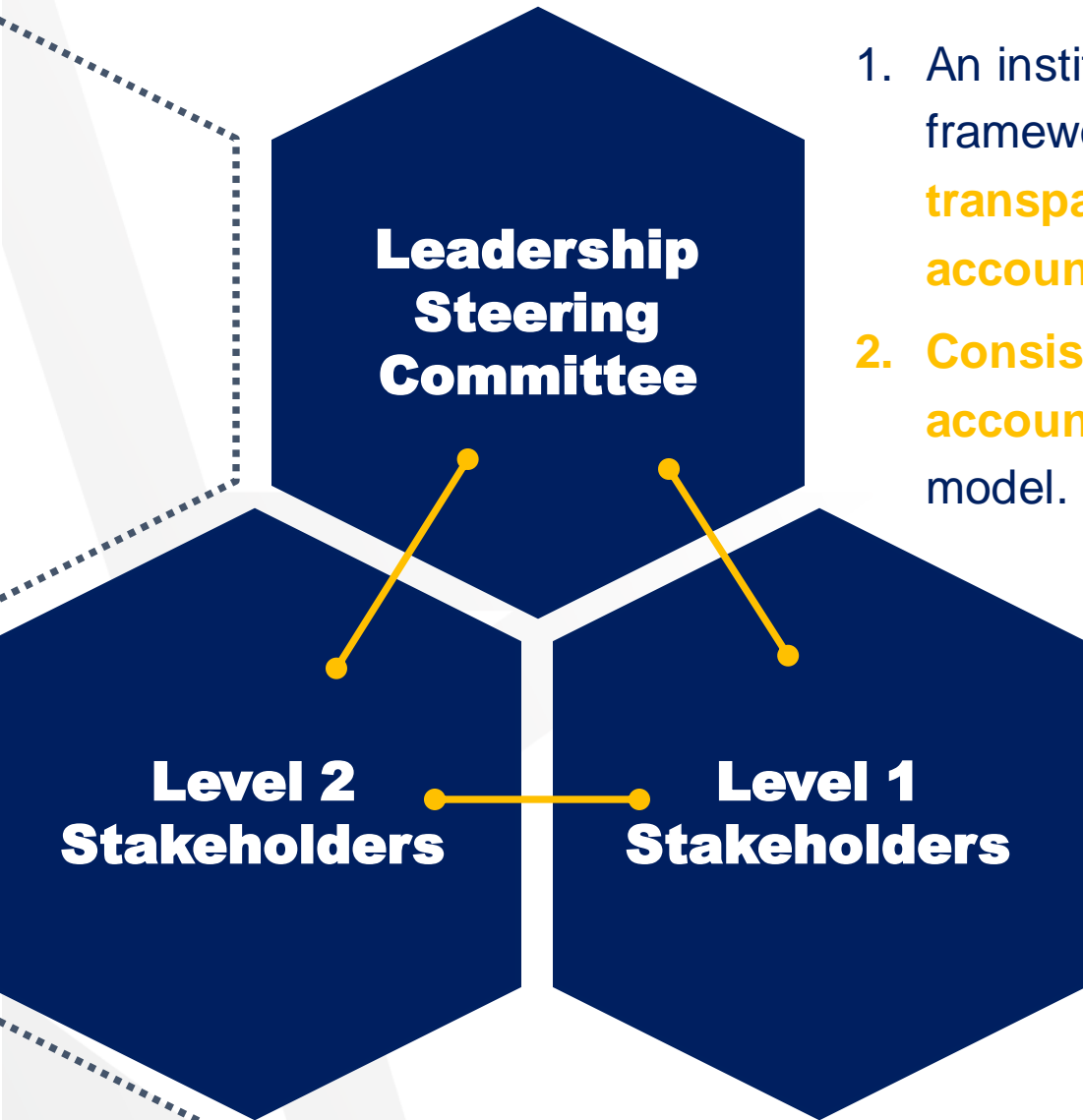
10 municipalities

2 counties

5 international ports of entry

5,587 square miles





1. An institutional/interagency stakeholder framework capable of **maintaining transparency, collaboration and accountability** in the delivery of outcomes.
2. **Consistent, leadership and ground up accountability** make up the basis of our model.



The structure is a **three-level model** driven directly by the community

Civic Empowerment for Action

PDN Climate Fellowship



Created by the City of El Paso Office of Climate and Sustainability, the fellowship is scheduled to launch in March of 2024, it will provide the cornerstone to our community's ability to **do more than reach people, but rather to empower them from within their own neighborhood.**

The mission of the fellowship is to **work across the partner network** leveraging level 2 stakeholders such as Frontera Land Alliance, the El Paso Community Foundation, Eco El Paso, the Community First Coalition and promotora groups.

Fellows will be offered specialized training in this type of work as well as in **justice, equity, diversity and inclusion** efforts.

The information gathered during the fellowship program's outreach will be incorporated into the data collection/analysis which ultimately **drive targeted outcomes and funded initiatives.**

27 fellows

2 years

9 teams of 3



Setting Goals Globally

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

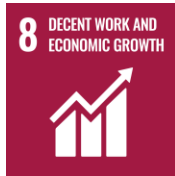


The **Sustainable Development Goals** are a call for action by the United Nations to the world:

- to promote **prosperity** while protecting the **planet**.
- recognize that ending **poverty** must go hand-in-hand with strategies that
- build **economic growth** and address a range of **social needs** including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities,
- tackling **climate change** and environmental protection
- **More important than ever, the goals provide a critical framework for COVID-19 recovery.**

Aligning Locally

Vibrant Regional Economy



Safe + Beautiful Neighborhoods



Exceptional Recreational, Cultural + Educational Opportunities



High Performing Government



The **City of El Paso Vision Blocks** are reflective of the high level goals set forward in the SDGs.

It's our intention to establish **cross functional teams** based in these areas.

Action...Now

- **Climate Action Planning will be an 18 month process**
 - deep community engagement
 - intensive regional data gathering
 - extensive multi partner collaboration
- **Available Now:**
 - 915 Treekeepers
 - Solar Co-op
- **Pursuing federal resources:**
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
 - Solar for All
 - Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant

El Paso Zoo + Botanical Gardens

- **Planned a Center Point of Community Outreach and Engagement**
 - conservation
 - individual impact
 - education
- **Planning for Net Zero Energy**
 - Investment Grade Audit
 - Renewable Energy
 - Electric Car Charging
- **Interdepartmental Coordination for Citywide Impact**
 - Plans for Program Replication
 - Learnings incorporated into the climate action plan
 - Data Gathering and Demonstration



Summary of Next Steps

**January
2024**

- Authorization to Enter into Regional Interlocal Agreements
- Authorization to enter into Workforce Solutions Borderplex Agreement for Climate Fellowship
- Award of Climate Action Consulting Contract

**January –
March 2024**

- Gather Data / Begin Preliminary GHG Inventory
- Engage Community / Establish preliminary priorities
- Begin Community Benefit Analysis
- Identify potential measures for submittal for CPRG Phase II

March 2024

- Submit preliminary climate action plan to EPA
- Launch PDN Climate Fellowship
- Qualify for submittal of CPRG Phase II

Breakdown of Key Deadlines



1/31/24

100% LSC Interlocal Agreements Executed



3/1/24

PCAP submission deadline



04/2024

Solar for All award



04/2024

EECBG application deadline

Jan 2024

Feb 2024

March 2024

April 2024

2/1/24

Notice of intent for CPRG II deadline



3/2024

Fellowship program kick off



4/1/24

CPRG II application deadline



MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople