Community Conversations: Climate Action

To inform the creation of a Community Climate Action Plan

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County of Huron Climate Action

Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan

- 5 priority Areas for actions
- 14 goals
- 63 actions



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There is increasing recognition of the importance of natural assets for environmental sustainability and community wellbeing. A natural asset valuation was completed to gain a better understanding of the economic, environmental, and social benefits the county forests provide to prioritize sustainable resource management and conservation efforts in decision-making processes. When considering the ecosystem services they provide, the 14 County forests provide **millions of dollars** in benefits to the community each year. The size of the economic value of each benefit is represented by the size of its circle below. All benefits contribute to a healthy community in Huron County.







Home Energy Savings Guide

County of Huron

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station Guidelines Preserve March 2024

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Climate Action Plan Update: Purpose

- Build on established successes to date
- Make informed decisions based on updated climate risks and impacts in Huron County
- Combine corporate and community feedback to understand desired actions
- Continue partnerships with local environmental groups and organizations
- Position Huron County as a rural leader in climate action
- Optimize on external funding opportunities



Climate Action Plan: Timeline

Corporate Consultation

- February/March Corporate and Community Survey
- June Corporate Leadership Workshop: Climate Risk, Vision and Actions
- **Summer** Community conversations with relevant groups and organizations
- Fall Possible follow-up regarding goals & actions with Directors

Plan Development

- July/August Analyze information, develop vision/goals, and start to draft actions
- **September/October** Finalize draft plan including content and actions
- November/December Final approval and sign-off on climate action plan



Climate Action Plan: Public Engagement

- Community Survey over 350 respondents!
- Community Conversations:
 - Lakeshore Eco-Network
 - Lake Huron Coastal Centre
 - Conservation Authorities
 - Municipalities
 - Bluewater Environmental Committee
 - Huron Stewardship Council



Question:

What are the main objectives and goals of your committee?





Question 1:

What environmental or climate change-related challenges is your community currently facing?





Question 2:

What programs or actions is your committee already taking to increase climate change resiliency in the community?





Question 3:

What gaps have you identified in environmental or climate action locally?





Question 4:

How can the County best partner with your committee to advance climate action?





Thank you!





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