



Climate Action Plan 2013 Update Steering Committee Application

The City of Portland and Multnomah County are seeking Steering Committee members to guide the 2013 update to the City/County Climate Action Plan (CAP).

BACKGROUND

In 2009, the City of Portland and Multnomah County adopted the Climate Action Plan, which identifies objectives and actions to address climate change. The Climate Action Plan established a goal to reduce community-wide carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050. As of 2010, county-wide carbon emissions had declined 26 percent per person since 1990, and total emissions were six percent below 1990 levels. For more information about the Climate Action Plan (CAP), see www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/climate.

CAP UPDATE PROJECT

The CAP was designed to be revised periodically to respond to emerging opportunities, build on successes, and incorporate lessons learned. The 2013 update will review the actions in the 2009 CAP and identify which actions should continue, which should be dropped, and which new ones should be added. The City and County are committed to applying an equity lens to their policies and plans, and the 2013 CAP update seeks to ensure that CAP actions support equitable community outcomes.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The City and County are forming a Steering Committee of community members with a wide range of experience and expertise to advise the City and County on the CAP update.

Specific responsibilities of the Steering Committee include:

- Reviewing and providing guidance on the proposed 2013 actions.
- Assisting with stakeholder engagement during the public engagement phase of the project.
- Connecting the work of the Climate Action Plan to health, equity and other shared community priorities.

The Steering Committee will be comprised of approximately 12 to 15 members from a variety of backgrounds and representing a cross-section of community interests. Several of the Steering Committee positions are reserved for members of the City's Planning and Sustainability Commission and the County's Advisory Committee on Sustainability & Innovation. The City and County seek to round out the committee with additional members who have experience, expertise and diverse perspectives relevant to climate action (see below for more details).

The Steering Committee is expected to meet four times over the next eight months (approximately once every other month, beginning in April). Steering Committee members will be expected to spend some time outside of meetings to review materials in preparation for the group's discussions.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS and SKILLS

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have expertise in one or more of the following areas of the Climate Action Plan: Buildings and Energy; Transportation; Solid Waste and Recycling; Urban Forestry and Natural Systems; Food and Agriculture; Community Engagement; Equity; Climate Change Preparation; and Local Government Operations.
- Have experience with actions to reduce carbon emissions including, but not limited to, policy development, research, education, community services, or environmental justice organizing.
- Have a commitment to equity and the ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse perspectives and experience. "Equity is when everyone has access to the opportunities necessary to satisfy their essential needs, advance their well-being and achieve their full potential. We have a shared fate as individuals within a community and communities within society. All communities need the ability to shape their own present and future. Equity is both the means to healthy communities and an end that benefits us all." (Portland Plan)

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the Multnomah County Sustainability Office, in consultation with additional public agency staff. Additional information or interviews may be requested if needed. Final appointments to the Steering Committee are expected to be made in March 2013. The project team will work to ensure a wide range of viewpoints, including content experts, community organizations, business and institutional associations.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Michele Crim at 503-823-5638 or Michele.Crim@portlandoregon.gov.

Please mail, email or fax this application **by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 to:**

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name:

First *Last*

Occupation(s):

Best Phone:

Email:

Please check any topic areas that correspond with your skills, knowledge and work or volunteer experience that would be relevant to serving on the Steering Committee:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Equity | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste & Recycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Adaptation | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Please describe your reasons for wanting to serve on the Steering Committee for the Climate Action Plan:

Please list any memberships or affiliations you have with organizations, groups or committees that relate to these topic areas:

Signature

Date

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Please note this optional information **must** remain on a separate page from the rest of the application. None of the optional information provided will be used in any way in the consideration of CAP Steering Committee applicants.

The City and County ask that you voluntarily provide the following information. The City and County will use this information for statistical purposes. By providing this information, you will help us ensure that appointments represent a broad cross-section of the community. You are under no legal obligation to provide this information. State and federal law prohibit the use of this information to discriminate against you. The City and County will treat this information as confidential to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Age: 19 and under 20 to 34 35 to 49
 50 to 64 65+

Identification: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian
Check all that apply Black or African-American Hispanic or Latino
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White
 Other (please specify) _____

Gender: Female Male

Disability: No Yes

**If yes, please
specify:** _____