

Community Resilience Partnership
 List of Community Actions
 Revised September 2024

See Instructions on Introduction tab and Example sheet.

Complete	In Progress	No Progress	Strategy Areas & Actions (mark Columns A, B, C as complete, in progress, or no progress)		Additional Notes/Comments
Strategy Area A: Embrace the Future of Transportation					
Accelerate the Transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs)					
			Note: A maximum of \$7,500 of a Community Action Grant may be applied to the purchase of an electric vehicle for municipal or tribal fleets (Action A1). Eligible vehicles for Action A1 include light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty on-road electric vehicles as well as electric riding mowers and electric outboard engines that are part of a municipal fleet, all subject to the maximum award amount. Where applicable, Efficiency Maine’s electric vehicle rebate (Action A1) or EV charging rebate (Action A2) must be included in the applicant’s project budget.		
			A1	Purchase or lease electric vehicles for municipal or tribal government-owned	
			A2	Install EV chargers in public parking areas.	
			A3	Adopt ordinances to encourage EV charging infrastructure, including at multifamily dwellings, businesses, and public parking areas.	
			A4	Adopt an anti-idling ordinance.	
Improve Mobility and Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)					
			A5	Implement strategies that increase public transit ridership and alternative transportation modes, including bike and walking infrastructure.	
			A6	Implement strategies that encourage municipal/tribal employees to commute	
			A7	Adopt a telework policy for municipal/tribal government staff positions that	
			A8	Adopt land use and development policies in plans and codes that reduce the	
			A9	Adopt a Complete Streets policy which addresses safety, bike/pedestrian	
			A10	Adopt a broadband plan that reduces the need to drive by increasing access to high speed internet for underserved residents to support telecommuting, access to remote education and telehealth.	
Strategy Area B: Modernize Maine’s Buildings					
Transition to Cleaner Heating and Cooling, and Efficient Appliances in Municipal/Tribal Buildings					
			Note: Energy efficiency projects (Actions B1-B5) such as heat pumps, VRF systems, LED lighting upgrades, water heaters, etc. must be eligible for Efficiency Maine’s incentives. The energy efficiency project must be located in a municipally, tribally, or publicly-owned building. The applicant’s project budget must include applicable Efficiency Maine rebates or incentives.		
			B1	Adopt and execute a plan for energy efficiency and building envelope weatherization improvements for municipal/tribal buildings. Collaborate with local school district for school building improvements.	mentioned in letter of support

			B2	Upgrade to energy efficient interior lighting in municipal/tribal buildings.	mentioned in letter of support
			B3	Upgrade to energy efficient appliances in municipal/tribal buildings.	mentioned in letter of support
			B4	Install a heat pump system or VRF system for heating/cooling and heat pump water heating in municipal/tribal buildings.	mentioned in letter of support
			B5	Upgrade streetlights and exterior lighting for municipally/tribally-owned facilities with energy efficient LED lighting (and minimize light pollution with downlighting where possible).	
			B6	Adjust procurement policies to prioritize climate-friendly Maine forest products (e.g. mass timber, wood-fiber insulation) in construction projects.	
Advance the Design and Construction of New Buildings					
			B7	Adopt the energy efficiency stretch building code (currently IECC 2021).	
			B8	Require EV charging readiness and solar energy readiness for all new	
			B9	Support regular professional development for code enforcement officers,	
			B10	Adopt C-PACE ordinance for commercial property owners to install renewable	

Strategy Area C: Reduce Emissions through Clean Energy Innovation

Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

			C1	Conduct a baseline for energy useage by municipal/tribal government	
			C2	Identify and track a simplified set of emissions indicators for community	
			C3	Adopt a resolution setting targets and a plan for reducing emissions and	

Advance Clean Energy Adoption

			C4	Adopt a renewable energy ordinance(s) that allows, enables, or encourages community-appropriate renewable energy and energy storage installations.	
			C5	Adopt a streamlined permitting process for small-scale renewable energy	

Transition to Clean Energy

			C6	Enter into a long-term service contract or power purchase agreement (PPA) or adopt a clean power purchase policy to ensure increasing local government energy supplies come from renewable energy.	
			C7	Install a renewable energy project (solar, wind, geothermal, anaerobic digestion, etc.) on municipal/tribal property (e.g. school rooftop, wellhead protection area, landfill, brownfield site, etc.).	

Strategy Area D: Grow Jobs and Protect Natural Resource Industries

Support Maine's Natural Resource Economy

			D1	Adopt policies that enable, support, or incentivize local food production and	
			D2	Adjust procurement policies to prioritize climate-friendly Maine forest products (e.g. mass timber, wood-fiber insulation) in construction projects.	

Support Clean Energy Jobs and Businesses

			D3	Assess the suitability of privately-owned brownfield and	
			D4	Establish incentives for clean energy industry or businesses to locate in	
			D5	Encourage and support clean energy industries in economic development	

Strategy Area E: Protect the Environment & Promote Natural Climate Solutions

Protect Natural and Working Lands and Waters

			E1	Set targets for increasing green space and tree planting to increase shade and water access in public spaces and carbon sequestration.	
			E2	Incorporate a goal into conservation plans of conserving 30% of land in the community by 2030 (including undeveloped town property), with a priority on addressing conservation gaps related to high biodiversity areas, undeveloped blocks, and land and water connectivity.	
			E3	Create or update a watershed plan to identify flooding and water quality	
			E4	Develop a natural resource and habitat inventory that includes climate stressors and impacts.	
			E5	Conserve, revegetate and reconnect floodplains and buffers in riparian areas.	
			E6	Preserve climate-threatened natural areas such as wetlands, riparian areas, and headwater streams through zoning or other regulations.	
			E7	Implement a source water protection program.	
			E8	Adopt policies that prioritize natural, nature-based or ecologically enhanced shoreline protection for coastlines, rivers, and lakes.	
			E9	Identify and protect sites for living shorelines and saltmarsh migration areas.	
			E10	Identify and protect open space in the floodplain to increase flood buffers	

Strategy Area F: Build Healthy & Resilient Communities

Plan for Community Resilience

			F1	Conduct a community vulnerability assessment that identifies climate risks and vulnerable populations and includes a review of existing plans and policies. Adopt a climate resilience plan that describes high priority strategies for reducing risk and vulnerabilities (may be a standalone plan or included in a comprehensive plan).	
			F2	Update the local or county EMA hazard mitigation plan to address changing/future conditions and identify specific strategies to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience to climate change impacts.	
			F3	Develop or enhance early warning systems and community evacuation plans.	
			F4	Develop a storm debris management plan.	

Reduce Flood Risk

			F5	Complete the Maine Flood Resilience Checklist.	
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			F6	Participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).	
			F7	Enroll in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) at Class 9 or better, reducing flood insurance premiums for community residents.	
			F8	Achieve CRS Class 6 or better, maximizing flood insurance savings for	
			F9	Map sea level rise projections in the local or county EMA hazard mitigation	
			F10	Require consideration of sea level rise projections and impacts in planning	
			F11	Adopt freeboard requirements in the special flood hazard area and higher freeboard critical infrastructure and long-lifespan assets.	
			F12	Adopt a low-impact design (LID) standard for stormwater management.	
Strengthen Public Health					
			F13	Identify and plan to reduce public health threats in the community that are exacerbated by climate change.	
			F14	Develop and implement an extreme temperatures emergency plan, including strategies that increase use of cooling centers by residents.	
			F15	Establish a peer-to-peer program for checking in on vulnerable community	
			F16	Increase community-level resilience to mosquito-borne diseases by implementing vector controls to decrease mosquito habitat.	
			F17	Implement school-based programs to educate students about prevention of	

Strategy Area G: Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure

Assess climate vulnerability of infrastructure

			G1	Conduct a vulnerability assessment for critical community infrastructure that includes: 1) the climate hazards to which infrastructure assets are exposed and how the intensity and likelihood will change over time; 2) the susceptibility to damage or failure given location, design, age, condition, and state of repair; and 3) the consequences that impairment or failure of the infrastructure will have on the community.	mentioned in letter of support
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			G2	Develop a Capital Investment Plan that a) identifies vulnerable	
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Utilize climate-ready standards, designs, and practices to improve infrastructure

			G3	Improve and protect drinking water, wastewater treatment, and stormwater	
			G4	Adopt a policy that prioritizes green infrastructure to manage stormwater in	
			G5	Adopt DEP's Stream Smart Crossing Guidelines as standard practice for	
			G6	Assess wastewater treatment facilities for clean energy potential (solar,	

Strategy Area H: Engage Maine People			
		H1	Establish or recognize an official committee of community stakeholders.
Increase public awareness of climate change impacts and opportunities to take action			
		H2	Create a climate change education, outreach, and engagement program, focusing on mitigation and adaptation for residents and businesses.
		H3	Amplify public health advisories for climate-related health and weather events, such as air quality advisories, extreme heat or cold events, extreme storms, power outages, waterborne disease outbreaks, harmful algal blooms, vectorborne disease trends, etc.
		H4	Engage youth in resilience, clean energy, and energy use reduction.
		H5	Engage populations that are vulnerable to climate impacts in resilience, clean energy, and GHG emissions reduction.
Engage the business community and recognize climate leadership			
		H6	Create and support an energy reduction campaign or challenge among
		H7	Initiate a community bulk purchasing program with a vendor, or vendors, to
Note: Bulk purchasing (Action H7): Grant funds may not be used to purchase or subsidize equipment or services for residential or commercial properties, but may be used for program design and capacity building .			