

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	FY26 Climate Program Update
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Issue

The City of Charlottesville's Office of Sustainability is presenting the 3rd Annual Climate Action Update, which provides an update on all City-led initiatives that supported implementation of the Climate Action Plan during fiscal year 2026 (FY26). The presentation includes a report, an updated Greenhouse Gas Inventory, and the Climate Action Workplan for FY27.

Background / Rule

In 2019, the City adopted emissions reduction goals of 45% (from 2011 baseline) by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050 and directed staff to write a plan for guiding progress towards those targets. In January 2023, Charlottesville City Council adopted the City's first Community Climate Action Plan as an addendum to the City's Comprehensive Plan. This report is the third update to City Council and the public on progress made towards implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Analysis

The Climate Action Plan (CAP) includes a commitment to annual progress reports. Each year, Climate Program staff work with departments across the City organization to develop a Climate Action Workplan. The workplan consists of City-led programs and projects that are planned or in progress which support climate mitigation as well as climate resilience work in the upcoming fiscal year. The workplan is organized by outcome areas.

The 2026 CAP Update Report uses the FY26 workplan as its foundation and provides an update on each workplan item according to outcome area. It also presents other City-led climate actions beyond those in the workplan and the work of some of our external partners, while also acknowledging there are many actions happening in the community beyond the scope of this report. The updated FY27 Climate Action Workplan is included as an attachment to this report.

The City is committed to, and the Climate Program has routinely published, an annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Since 2024, the goal is to publish it along with the annual CAP update. The City's updated calendar year (CY) 2024 GHG Inventory is included in the report.

Financial Impact

There is no budget impact associated with this report.

Recommendation

This is an informational report, no formal action is needed.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

N/A

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 - 2026 Climate Action Report link
2. Attachment 2 - FY27 Climate Program Workplan_FINAL_060726
3. Attachment 3 - June 2026_CPP Update to Council