

LARIMER COUNTY | ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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The role of the Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and appropriate departments on environmental and science-related issues that affect Larimer County.

Environmental and Science Advisory Board

MINUTES

Date: April 9th, 2024

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Rm 150 Carter Lake, 200 West Oak St., Fort Collins, Colorado and Virtual by Zoom

Contact: Shelley Bayard de Volo, sbayard@larimer.org or 970.498.5738

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Rodger Ames – Chair	X	John Kefalas *	X	
Tasha Carr	X	Shelley Bayard de Volo ‡	X	
Anna Cloud	X	Heidi Pruess §	X	
Jim Gereck	X			
Matthew Haag	X			
Ted Hendrickx	X			
Allyson Little	X			
Lark Murphy	X			
Andrew Newman				
Barry Noon	X			
Nicole Poncelet-Johnson	X			
George Rinker				
Shelby Sommer - Vice-Chair	X			
Natalie Walsh	X			
Katrina Winborn-Miller				
Chris Wood	X			

X = present; * = Commissioner Liaison; ‡ = Engineering; † = ESAB Liaison; § = Climate and Sustainability Program; £ = Legislative Analyst

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

1. **Amendments or additions to the agenda** – None.
2. **Introduction of members, staff and guests** – No guests
3. **Public Comment** – None





4. **Commissioner's Update** – The Commissioner reported on the two new ESAB members whose applications were approved this morning at the Administrative Matters meeting. The two new members' appointments will be effective July 1st. The City of Thornton pipeline project's application was deemed complete, accepted and is in review with the Planning Department. There are several public meetings scheduled with the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners in the next two months. The Transportation Master Plan Survey is now open and members were encouraged to respond. The Strategic Plan, Objective 2, is the Built and Natural Environment. Objective teams are being formed. There may be a role for advisory boards. Rodger asked about the Health Department's presentation in work session to the BCC on air quality. When will the BCC decide? The BCC will put funding towards the air toxics precursor study, electrifying landscaping equipment and public outreach.

Discussion Items

- Update on the Climate Smart Future Ready Initiative, Transition to Action – Heidi Pruess, the Climate and Sustainability Program Manager presented on the CSFR's transition to Phase 3 (see attached presentation slides). The program has an interactive dashboard that is hosted on the county website at:
 - <https://www.larimer.gov/climate-and-sustainability/climate-smart-future-ready/dashboard>

Members asked questions, including who at City of Loveland is the CSFR champion? Are the modelling results that informed the selection of the implementation strategies and actions available to us? (Heidi will respond to both questions as a follow-up to the meeting), and are the data sources for the metrics on the webpages publicly accessible (they are reported on the webpages for each metric)

- Bylaws Subcommittee work – Jim presented the edited bylaws that he and his committee developed. There were several comments on the draft that the committee asked for clarification from the Board. Because the bylaws state that the board can only vote on a final clean copy, which is provided to the entire board seven days in advance at a regular meeting. The bylaws will be approved for submission to the County Attorney at the May meeting.
 - Adopt 2024 Workplan – Rodger presented the workplan as drafted at the last meeting. The board added a few more items. They discussed the fact that the work plan is a guide. Jim moved to approve the workplan as written and Matthew seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – The Board approved the February and March minutes. Natalie motioned to approve the February minutes and Chris seconded. The February minutes were approved by acclamation. Natalie motioned to approve the March minutes and Ally seconded. The March minutes were approved by acclamation.
6. **Updates and Round Table**
- Assign Environmental Stewardship Awards Committee – Natalie, Ted, Lark and Chris volunteered to serve on the Environmental Stewardship Awards committee. Ally motioned to approve their assignment and Jim seconded. The motion passed by acclamation. Shelley will schedule a sub-committee meeting and notice the meeting in Municode.
7. **Issue Index** – See above.



8. **Agenda Topics for Future Meetings** – Shelley showed the suggested schedule for agenda items. The board discussed various topics and Shelley added them to the list.
9. **Adjourn** – Jim motioned to adjourn, and Natalie seconded, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Climate Smart Future Ready



Get Involved!

We need the community's help and input.

Check the Climate Smart Future Ready website for updates, opportunities, and ways to get involved.



March 2024



PROGRESS OVERVIEW



- 90+ workgroup members
- 30 workgroup meetings in 2023
- 17 strategies developed in 4 categories
- 24 actions with numerous tactics
- Action Dashboard Creation
- Greenhouse gas inventory completed
- 1 video series completed and 1 video series underway

OBJECTIVES

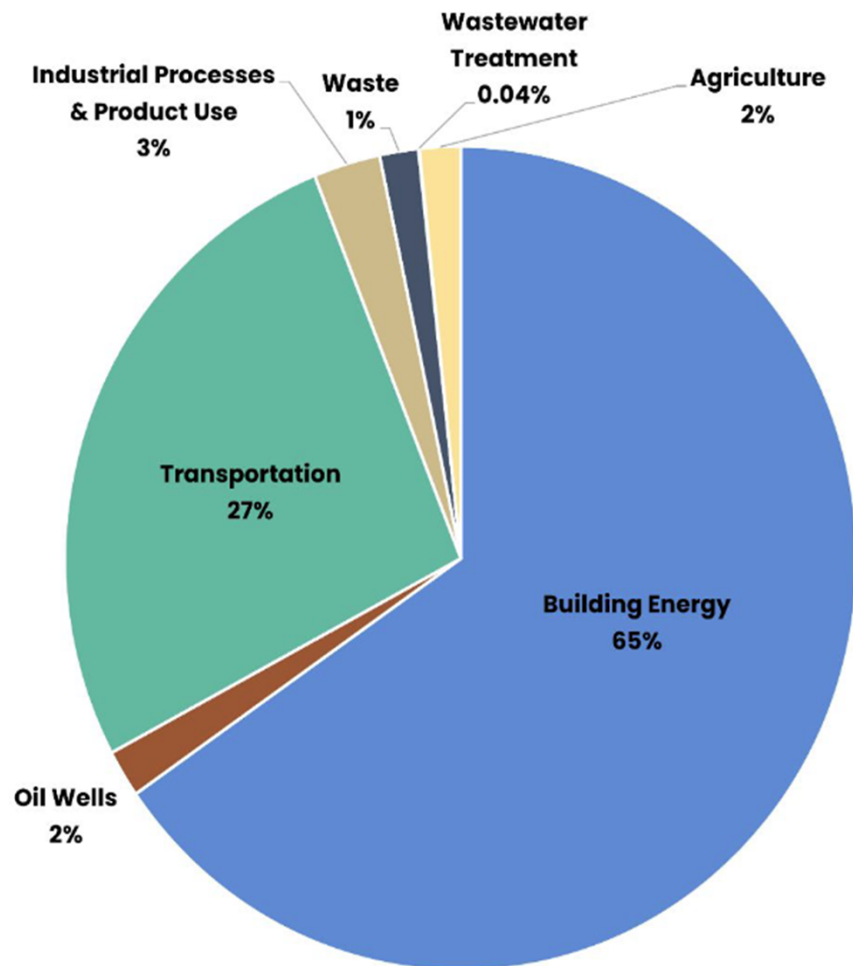
Improve **air quality** and **human health** by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and use of non-renewable natural resources

Increase community **resiliency** and ability to adapt to changing climate conditions

Improve **equity** and quality of life for residents and ecosystems in Larimer County and beyond

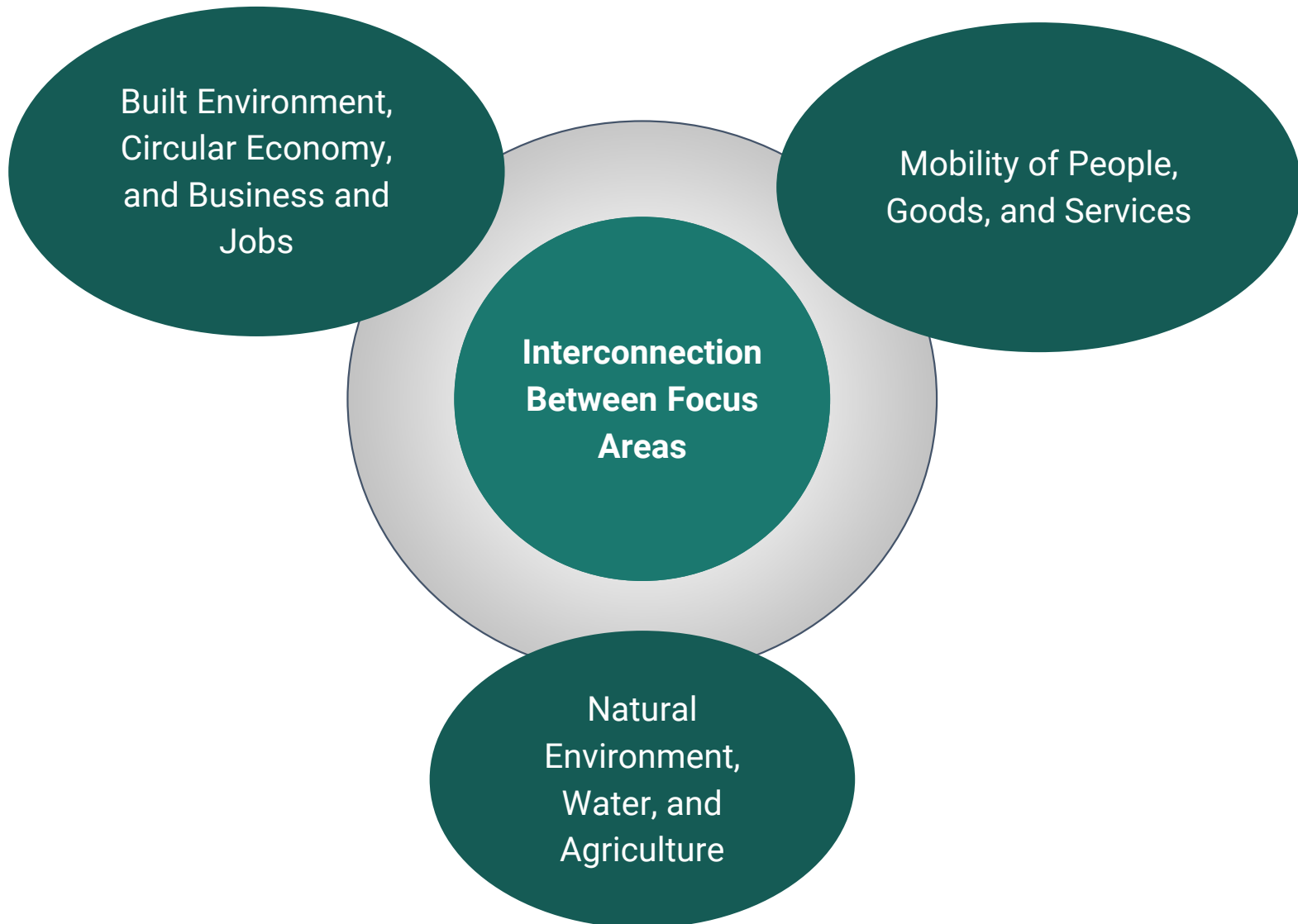
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Larimer County GHG Emissions by Sector



*Goal = exceed
45% GHG
reduction, aiming
for a 60% GHG
reduction, by 2030*

FOCUS AREAS



DASHBOARD

Larimer County Climate Smart and Future Ready Dashboard

Larimer County's Climate Smart and Future Ready (CSFR) Plan was developed in collaboration with community partners with the goal of addressing risks from worsening air quality, extreme weather, and natural disasters. The Plan will assist our whole community in thriving in the face of a changing climate by supporting economic and community wide resilience and protection of human health and natural resources.

CSFR Plan Structure

Focus Area

Main categories targeted by the plan.

Strategy

Measurable outcomes that support the overarching goals of each focus area.

Action

The approach to achieve each strategy.

Tactic

Detailed tasks to support action and strategy implementation. Tactics are not shown on this dashboard.

Metric

Key data points for each action that track progress toward implementation.

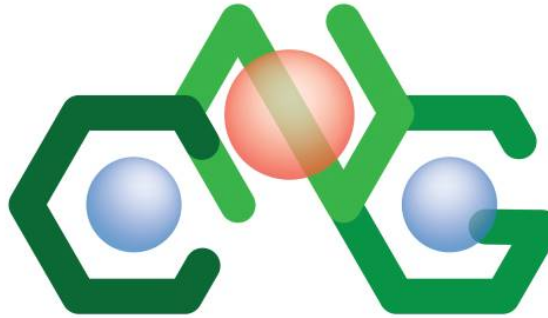
CHAMPIONS

COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHAMPIONS

- ❖ Community Development
- ❖ Planning and Building
- ❖ Solid Waste
- ❖ Economic and Workforce Development
- ❖ Legislative Affairs
- ❖ Health Department
- ❖ Natural Resources
- ❖ Sheriff Office
- ❖ Office of Emergency Management
- ❖ Climate and Sustainability Office



North Front Range
Metropolitan
Planning
Organization



Carbon Neutral Group
Consulting



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



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CLIMATE INITIATIVE



City of Loveland



POUDRE FOOD
PARTNERSHIP



Poudre Valley
Community Farms



The Northern Colorado
Foodshed Project
Growing Local Food



*Over **50** entities involved in creation of the plan*

Larimer County
Poudre Valley REA
Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce
City of Fort Collins
City of Loveland
Town of Estes Park
Town of Wellington
Town of Johnstown
Platte River Power Authority
A1 Organics
UC Health
Republic Services
Colorado State Forest Service
Odell Brewing
Carbon Neutral Group
Regional Air Quality Council
North Front Range Metropolitan
Transportation Organization
YMCA of the Rockies
La Familia
Bike Fort Collins
The Arc of Larimer County
Northern Colorado Clean Cities
Drive Clean Colorado

Poudre River Public Library
Thompson School District
Poudre School District
Lightning e-Motor
Morning Fresh Dairy
ReKaivery
Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
Bird Conservancy for the Rockies
NoCo Fireshed Collaborative
The Nature Conservancy
Ducks Unlimited
Larimer Conservation District
Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed
Northern Colorado Water
Poudre Valley Community Farms
Northern Colorado Foundation
Colorado State University
(8 Departments or Centers)

+9 Citizen Advisory Boards and Members of
the Public

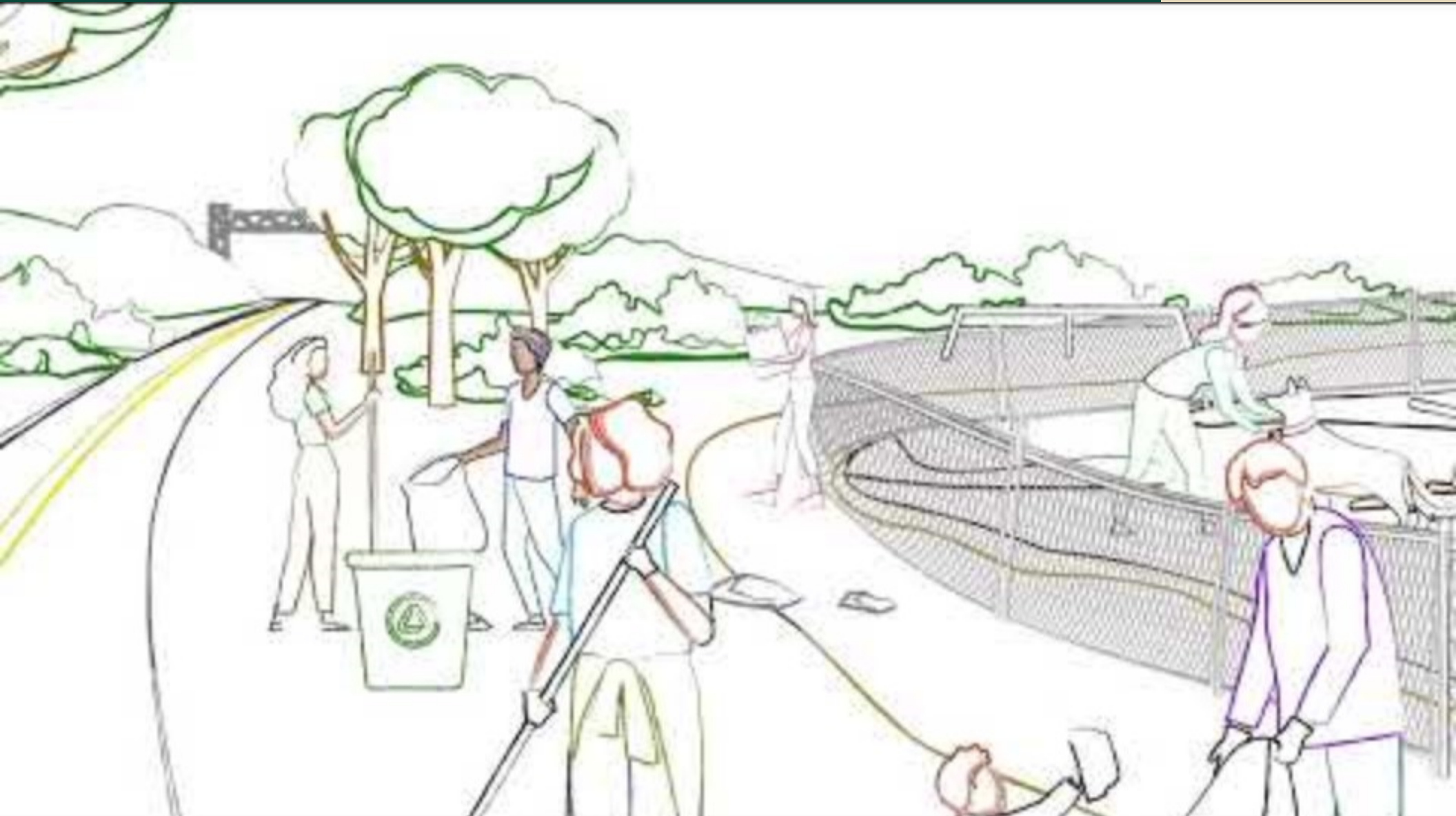
NEXT STEPS

2023	2024 - Quarter 1 & 2	2024 - Quarter 3	2024 - 2029
Draft Plan • Strategies and Actions identified • Champions Identified	Finalize Plan • Complete and evaluate “Action Impact Analysis” • Finalize greenhouse gas emission reduction goal • Finalize plan and webpage • Celebrate!	Implementation • Workgroups become Action Teams • Communication campaign with second video series	Reporting • Quarterly updates to County Commissioners • Regular website and newsletter updates

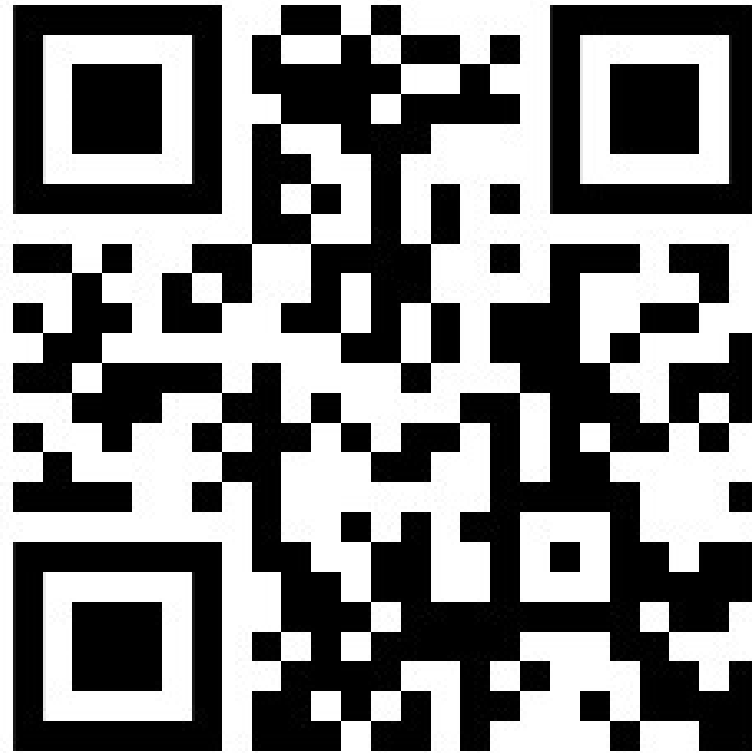
CLIMATE SMART FUTURE READY



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