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## Q1

Local/Tribal Government

Palm Beach County

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## Q2

**Palm Beach County**

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## Q3

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## Q4

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Mitigation Action #1?

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## Q5

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to advance activities related to Mitigation Action #1? Please select all that apply.

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## Q6

**Respondent skipped this question**

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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**Q7**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #1 through assessment/planning methods?

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**Q8**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #1 is being advanced through assessment/planning methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We have a greenhouse gas inventory that covers local government operations and community-wide emissions for 2011-2017. The Department of Airports is currently putting together a sustainability plan and considering including GHG emission reduction targets.

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**Q9**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #1 through assessment/planning methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. For more guidance, visit the full document on the Compact website. Hire a staff person from within the community to manage projects related to this activity Dedicate funds for multilingual communications and outreach Provide multilingual reporting efforts (print and spoken word) Connect with other municipal departments providing services for low-income or elderly residents and explicitly investigate opportunities for mutual benefits Ensure goals are shared with administration to create opportunities for collaboration Provide racial equity training for key administrators Ensure the inventory and/or goal setting document(s) is/are publicly available and is interpreted for commonly spoken languages in the municipality as well as screen-reader compatible Provide a means to measure and compare results Provide local communities the technology and infrastructure to ensure equal access to information Include raw numbers in report to allow for independent analysis by community members Create a public website with open data To achieve mitigation goals, plan any project/program implementation to first benefit parts of the community which are most energy cost-burdened and/or exposed to air pollution impacts and ensure no additional costs are imposed on them related to implementation

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**Q10**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's assessment/planning methods?

We plan to make open data public moving forward within approximately one year.

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**Q11**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #1 through program development methods?

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**Q12**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #1 is being advanced through program development methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Beach County is developing a mitigation plan with program development methods.

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**Q13**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #1 through program development methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Build partnerships with community-based organizations, HOAs, and community-based forums to help define, design, and advance the work as well as spread the word. Ensure that your partnerships have significant diversity at the table, representing different age groups, neighborhoods, and races/ethnicities present in your community. Prioritize neighborhoods historically home to communities of color that may have been left out of decision making. Include stakeholders from economic sectors in the community. Prioritize partnerships with others such as Florida Power & Light to purposefully deploy renewable energy in low- and moderate-income areas of municipality first. Stormwater ponds adjacent to major highways are an opportunity for this

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**Q14**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's program development methods?

Palm Beach County is collaborating with the other Compact counties to study energy burdens on low and moderate income households supported by a grant from SEEA. By reducing those energy loads, we can reduce emissions.

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**Q15**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #1 through policy methods?

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**Q16**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #1 is being advanced through policy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

In our capital investment project's policy and procedures manual, we are formalizing the inclusion of adaptation and mitigation into County capital projects.

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**Q17**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #1 through policy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Use a Racial Equity Toolkit to consider impacts before taking on any project. Establish a mechanism to regularly present progress to the residents/businesses to increase accountability and transparency. Ensure an equity first framework, so that GHG emission reductions do not come at the expense of low-income and/or communities of color. Seek out solutions with multiple benefits and explain what those are in your plan. This will help build bridges across municipal departments and lift up the relevance of climate actions across the community. Identify those entities within communities that are the highest producers of GHG and provide incentives for correction.

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**Q18**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's policy methods?

Palm Beach County is collaborating with the other Compact counties to study energy burdens on low and moderate income households supported by a grant from SEEA. By reducing those energy loads, we can reduce emissions.

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**Q19**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #1 through budget/investment methods?

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**Q20**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #1 is being advanced through budget/investment methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Beach County has invested in FPL's SolarTogether (on-site) and SolarNow (off-site) initiatives to facilitate infrastructure generating solar power for distribution through the power grid, with the objective of reducing future rates for electricity consumption and increasing utilization of this clean/renewable energy source.

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**Q21**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #1 through budget/investment methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Overlay any expenditures to advance this goal with census data on maps to ensure that expenditures/ investments are occurring in all areas of the municipality, positively impacting communities of all demographic make-ups. This will help a community stay accountable to not only investing in the area where they receive the most tax revenue or receive the most complaints. Ensure that investments related to this action are prioritized in communities that have the most need and/or have been disinvested. Include stipends/payments for volunteers in your budget. Make sure budgeted meeting costs include childcare, meals, and/or interpretation service.

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**Q22**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's budget/investment methods?

Per the SEEA Grant, the County will be looking at energy burdens. Palm Tran provides public transportation services in the rural area of Palm Beach County. In addition to fixed-route and paratransit services, Palm Tran provides a dial-a-ride service in the Glades area. The Go Glades service is a pilot program, which delivers dial-a-ride service in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay rural areas of the county.

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**Q23**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #1 through education/outreach/advocacy methods?

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**Q24**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #1 is being advanced through education/outreach/advocacy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Office of Resilience staff often delivers climate change presentations to community groups and schools.

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**Q25**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #1 through education/outreach/advocacy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local /tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Ensure that there are at least monthly community meetings seeking input, not just education, through the life of the planning process, as well as annual update meetings on the municipality's progress during implementation. These meetings should take place at a variety of times, including evenings, and offer food and childcare to reduce barriers to attendance and participation. The meetings should be advertised by a community-based communications and outreach consultant who is from the community(ies) that you seek to target. The advertising efforts should include a variety of mediums and start at least a week prior to the meeting. The communications/outreach consultant should reach at least 300 people in advertising for the meeting. Ensure that education and outreach is available in multiple languages and information on the web is screen-reader compatible. Consider letting a community-based organization co-host a meeting or provide "meeting in a box" tools to let community-based organizations host their own event and report back. Utilize multiple engagement methods, e.g. online and in-person. Utilize existing relationships with other municipal departments. Devote resources to outreach in populations/neighborhoods frequently unengaged by government. Hire a volunteer that lives in that neighborhood or a community-based organization that works with that population. Acknowledge that elderly and low-income populations are less likely to engage with online promotion. Utilize in-person outreach (flyers, canvassing, announcement at an existing meeting, radio stations, TV, flyers at churches or community center, etc. ) for these groups

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**Q26**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's education/outreach/advocacy methods?

We offer outreach in multiple formats, online and in-person. Palm Beach County departments are working to provide information in multiple languages.

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**Q27**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please provide any supporting documents for the various methods that you answered Yes under Mitigation Action #1.

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**Q28**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Mitigation Action #2:

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**Q29**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Mitigation Action #2? Select all that apply.

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**Q30**

**Respondent skipped this question**

What resource could assist you in advancing this action?

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**Q31**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #2 through assessment/planning methods?

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**Q32**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #2 is being advanced through assessment/planning methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We are continuing the set-up toward implementation of EnergyCAP for utility tracking of County facilities. This will ultimately allow us to more readily identify indicators of site-specific infrastructure failure, compare performance of facilities across the County's portfolio and comparable properties via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, and measure the impact of various facility improvements from the standpoint of utility consumption.

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**Q33**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #2 through assessment/planning methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. If possible, prioritize hiring a people of color or women-owned local contractor or contractors for municipal energy efficiency programs. Require any municipal funding related to energy efficiency retrofits to be prioritized in communities that have been disinvested first. Encourage the use of EnergyStar Portfolio Manager, a free and publicly available online tool, for assessing energy efficiency of buildings. Have an explicit plan/criteria for site prioritization to avoid political pet projects. Conduct an assessment to identify energy use trends those who are most energy-cost burdened; prioritize areas which are most energy-cost burdened first. Identify areas with substandard housing and work to improve conditions, which can impact quality of life and energy cost burden. Engage communities most impacted by energy inefficiency in planning and prioritizing community projects/action. Include considerations for renters in programming/recommendations (non-construction projects)

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**Q34**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's assessment/planning methods?

The SEEA study will focus on LMI households and a key component of the project will be reaching out to community stakeholders, including public workshops in each of the four Compact member counties.

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**Q35**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #2 through program development methods?

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**Q36**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #2 is being advanced through program development methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions

Palm Beach County is routinely converting facility lighting to LEDs to replace legacy equipment, reduce maintenance by increasing the lifespan of illumination devices, and improve energy efficiency. Palm Beach County recently published a policy and procedure manual which formalizes resiliency and sustainability in County capital projects, including requiring projects to meet third party green building standards.

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**Q37**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #2 through program development methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Develop municipal partnership with the Solar Energy Loan Fund program (already in several municipalities across the state) in order to provide safe financing for low- and moderate-income communities. Develop partnerships with community members or organizations to help track energy efficiency data and prioritize improvements. Involve the people most impacted by energy inefficiency, build relationships, and co-create path forward. Partner with community-based organizations and organizations that provide direct services. Often times they are the first line of communication with community members and are great starting point for outreach to populations frequently unengaged by government. Partner with a Commissioner/Mayor to retrofit an affordable housing building. Target energy efficiency programs to parts of the community with the greatest need (defined as level of energy burden) as well as those large consumers. Invite community input early in the program development process. Host listening sessions, focus groups, and workshops to understand the energy needs in communities and what obstacles they are facing when trying to lower their energy usage and bills. Use this information to build programs and improve existing programs to address the identified needs.

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**Q38**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's program development methods?

Palm Beach County's Housing and Economic Department has provided substantial funding for energy efficiency improvements including window replacements, insulation, ENERGY STAR appliances, HVAC upgrades, and LED light fixtures.

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**Q39**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #2 through policy methods?

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**Q40**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #2 is being advanced through policy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We are continuing the set-up toward implementation of EnergyCAP for utility tracking of County facilities. This will ultimately allow us to more readily indicators of site-specific infrastructure failure, compare performance of facilities across the County's portfolio and comparable properties via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, and measure the impact of various facility improvements from the standpoint of utility consumption. Palm Beach County recently published a policy and procedure manual which formalizes resiliency and sustainability in County capital projects, including requiring projects to meet third party green building standards.

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**Q41**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #2 through policy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Include extreme heat as a climate hazard to consider in any municipal resiliency plans Institute cooling centers in the communities facing high indoor heat burden, air pollution, or urban heat island effect Commit municipal savings from solar and energy efficiency being reinvested in wealth-building initiatives in disinvested communities Ensure policies/permits for energy saving installations (green roofs, rooftop solar, storm hardening) are feasible, and if possible expedited and fee-free Push for mandatory requirements over incentives in new construction Provide property tax breaks for landlords who install energy conservation measures in rental housing Require rental units to meet baseline levels of energy efficiency and make more stringent over time Provide financial incentives for energy savings/alternative sources for qualified affordable housing providers/developers with an ultimate goal of having all affordable housing operating at net zero or better in 15 years

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**Q42**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's policy methods?

The County is ensuring that policies are feasible. The County worked to provide expedited solar permitting to achieve SolSmart gold designation.

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**Q43**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #2 through budget/investment methods?

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**Q44**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #2 is being advanced through budget/investment methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We are continuing the set-up toward implementation of EnergyCAP for utility tracking of County facilities. This will ultimately allow us to more readily indicators of site-specific infrastructure failure, compare performance of facilities across the County's portfolio and comparable properties via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, and measure the impact of various facility improvements from the standpoint of utility consumption. Palm Beach County recently published a policy and procedure manual which formalizes resiliency and sustainability in County capital projects, including requiring projects to meet third party green building standards.

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**Q45**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #2 through budget/investment methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Allocate funds annually to pay for outreach campaigns to ensure all communities are aware of energy efficiency programs and assistance Offer financial incentives or financing programs to assist small business owners and/or cash strapped households in efficiency upgrades, and ensure people are aware of incentives Establish a municipality-based weatherization grant program (in addition to County programs) and fund it ( to include weather strapping and caulking to improve air seals, replacing or installing insulation, replacing windows, installing energy efficient air conditioning where it is not otherwise available, and other similar repairs free of charge) Fund energy efficient giveaways (LED light bulbs, smart power strips, weather stripping, etc.) at no cost to the resident and automatically provide to residents who are having a hard time paying their bills or have had utility shut-off Ensure maintenance of green infrastructure is considered in proposal so benefits endure Consider creating a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program or other finance mechanism from successful economic sectors

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**Q46**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's budget/investment methods?

Housing and Economic Development provides assistance for energy efficiency repairs and sustainable improvements for those most in need.

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**Q47**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #2 through education/outreach/advocacy methods?

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**Q48**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #2 is being advanced through education/outreach/advocacy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

As part of our outreach we give a lot of community presentations on sustainability and include guidance for what we can all do to contribute to resilience efforts. We provide bottom-up solutions such as turning off lights, and top-down solutions such as calling your elected officials.

**Q49**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #2 through education/outreach/advocacy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Ensure the elderly population, low-income communities, and others facing a high energy burden are aware of energy efficient options available to them (FPL rebates for programmable thermostats etc.) Ensure any information about this program is available in languages commonly spoken in the community and is also accessible to screen readers. Ensure that outreach goes beyond posting a page on the website or a flyer. Conduct direct outreach to target communities that are most in need of programming. This could include robo-calls or text alerts to seniors, contact sheets from other social services, radio programs, piggybacking as part of public-school outreach efforts to parents, etc. All of these direct outreach approaches should be done in a multilingual format. Work with local community-based organizations to be an education partner on energy efficiency behaviors and techniques/installations. Provide educational resources and technical assistance to industry professionals, building owners and managers, and residents on all aspects of energy efficient building design, retrofits, and operations for new and existing buildings. Create or adapt existing apprentice programs to build a skilled front-line workforce, focusing on building and maintaining alternative energy production and energy saving technologies. Give preference to people and projects in the areas of greatest un- and under-employment. Advance the use and adoption of solar energy within government operations and community-wide.

**Q50**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's education/outreach/advocacy methods?

Palm Beach County has recently joined FPL's SolarTogether program. By joining this program we are promoting off-site solar power generation, thereby helping to alleviate air quality issues associated with fossil fuel power production that can disproportionately affect LMI communities. Promoting Solar United Neighbors also promotes on-site solar by organizing group purchase of solar panels. In achieving the SolSmart gold designation, we've implemented several policies which expedite and streamline installation of on-site solar, including expedited permitting for solar installations.

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**Q51**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents to the various methods that you have answered Yes under Mitigation Action #2.

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**Q52**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Mitigation Action #3:

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**Q53**

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Mitigation Action #3? Select all that apply.

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**Q54**

Respondent skipped this question

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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**Q55**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #3 through assessment/planning methods?

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**Q56**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #3 is being advanced through assessment/planning methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We're developing Vulnerability Assessment and Resilience Action Plans with a mitigation strategy that will likely include renewable energy. The plan might include a rooftop solar assessment.

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**Q57**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #3 through assessment/planning methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. For more guidance, visit the full document on the Compact website. If possible, prioritize hiring a people of color or women-owned local contractor or contractors or solar installation company. Require any municipal funding related to solar energy installations be prioritized in communities that have been disinvested. Assess the solar potential of all sites within the community in an equitable manner. Solar potential scores should not be based on property values or historic investments in the area, but rather on the potential for solar energy production and benefits to the surrounding community. Conduct solar feasibility assessment for all affordable housing owned by the municipality. Conduct solar feasibility for all critical infrastructure especially cooling centers/resilience hubs. Conduct an assessment to identify energy use trends, those within the community who are most energy-cost burdened, and prioritize projects for those areas/people. Identify areas with substandard housing and work to improve conditions which can impact quality of life and energy-cost burden. Consider establishing microgrids on municipally owned properties (such as public housing, libraries, and schools). The municipality should model best practices regarding solar energy i.e. identifying which parks, public places, or schools currently utilize or plan to utilize solar energy. Record the savings before and after installation.

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**Q58**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's assessment/planning methods?

Palm Beach County is committed to increasing the participation of small, minority, and woman owned business in the procurement of goods and services. We have SolSmart Gold Certification, which requires implementing best practices for installing on-site solar.

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**Q59**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #3 through program development methods?

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**Q60**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #3 is being advanced through program development methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Develop programs through Vulnerability Assessment and Resilience Action Plans. We anticipate the upcoming VARAP will include policy recommendations for program development methods.

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**Q61**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #3 through program development methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Work with companies like FPL to establish solar microgrids in low- to moderate-income areas of the municipality. Develop municipal partnership with Solar Energy Loan Fund (already in several municipalities across the state) in order to provide safe financing for low and middle-income communities. Partner with local organizations who are working on energy issues to help with outreach. Include community leaders and members in program design. Prioritize spending in municipal-owned affordable housing first, then buildings that provide resources/ services to low- and moderate-income, majority Black residents. Consider ways renters can reap benefits of solar, e.g. community solar projects. Install solar and battery storage in locations that will serve as resilience hubs or cooling centers. Identify what buildings/services will be needed to serve the community in the case of a blackout.

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**Q62**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's program development methods?

The program will include strategy for LMI communities and community leaders. We anticipate the upcoming VARAP will include policy recommendations on equity.

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**Q63**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #3 through policy methods?

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**Q64**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #3 is being advanced through policy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions

The County has a policy and procedural manual to formalize the inclusion of sustainability solutions in County capital projects. These solutions can include solar. We're developing Vulnerability Assessment and Resilience Action Plans, and we anticipate the upcoming VARAP will include policy recommendations for solar energy. In achieving the SolSmart gold designation, we've implemented several policies which expedite and streamline installation of on-site solar, including expedited permitting for solar installations.

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**Q65**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #3 through policy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Participate in programs like SolSmart to reduce barriers to solar installation and reduce soft costs Encourage the creation of solar energy jobs (with living wages) within the municipality Commit that municipality's savings from solar and energy efficiency be reinvested in wealth-building initiatives in disinvested communities Solar permitting should be expedited and fee-free

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**Q66**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's policy methods?

In achieving the SolSmart gold designation, we've implemented several policies which expedite and streamline installation of on-site solar, including expedited permitting for solar installations. Palm Beach County promotes Solar United Neighbors, a community collective purchasing program which allows residents to buy solar panels at competitive rates.

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**Q67**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #3 through budget/investment methods?

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**Q68**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #3 is being advanced through budget/investment methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Beach County has invested in FPL's SolarTogether (on-site) and SolarNow (off-site) initiatives to facilitate infrastructure generating solar power for distribution through the power grid, with the objective of reducing future rates for electricity consumption and increasing utilization of this clean/renewable energy source. The County has also invested in on-site solar at several locations serving signage, pathway and security lighting, boat dock lighting and cell phone charging stations.

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**Q69**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #3 through budget/investment methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Waive permit fees for residential solar installation Prioritize procurement of government operations solar installations from people of color and women owned businesses if possible Commit that municipality's savings from solar and energy efficiency be reinvested in wealth-building initiatives in disinvested communities Devote money/personnel to support and promote solar co-ops Ensure funding for roof hardening/weatherization/insulation is included especially in older, lower quality affordable housing Include funding for battery storage where possible to provide energy redundancy

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Page 52: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #3 (Solar Energy)

**Q70**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's budget/investment methods?

We have devoted some staff time to promoting solar co-ops.

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Page 53: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #3 (Solar Energy)

**Q71**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #3 through education/outreach/advocacy methods?

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Page 54: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #3 (Solar Energy)

**Q72**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #3 is being advanced through education/outreach/advocacy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Beach County promotes Solar United Neighbors, a community collective purchasing program which allows residents to buy solar panels at competitive rates. SolSmart designation includes outreach and communication via the Office of Resilience website on expedited permitting.

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**Q73**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #3 through education/outreach/advocacy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Provide education on lower cost ways for residents to go solar, such as SolarTogether and existing solar co-ops Communicate savings due to solar installation Provide education on the energy system in general Support legislation proposed by local groups to make solar more accessible in Florida

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Page 55: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #3 (Solar Energy)

**Q74**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's education/outreach/advocacy methods?

Promotion of solar and other types of renewable energy are included in Compact legislative priorities.

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Page 56: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #3 (Solar Energy)

**Q75**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents to the various methods that you have answered Yes under Mitigation Action #3.

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Page 57: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q76**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Mitigation Action #4:

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Page 58: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q77**

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Mitigation Action #4? Select all that apply.

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**Q78**

Respondent skipped this question

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 59: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q79**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #4 through assessment/planning methods?

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Page 60: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q80**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #4 is being advanced through assessment/planning methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions

We initiated an EV pilot program to inform future decision making relative to the provision of electric vehicle infrastructure. We just completed installation of electric chargers at the initial County facility included in the pilot program.

We are in the process of drafting an EV infrastructure ordinance for certain types of new development and re-development.

Palm Tran is purchasing electric busses and has installed EV charger infrastructure at one of its facilities. Our Department of Airports is currently negotiating a lease with a private company which will provide electric aircraft services.

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**Q81**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #4 through assessment/planning methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. For more guidance, visit the full document on the Compact website. If possible, prioritize hiring a people of color and women-owned contractor for EV infrastructure. If possible, donate EVs and PHEVs to community-based organizations once phased out of the municipal fleet. Commit to providing EV charging for free for at least a few years, if not indefinitely. Involve the community in evaluation of this action's progress. Assess success in this alongside data about demographics, location, and number of users. Assess the benefit and accessibility of proposed or existing EV infrastructure to low- and moderate-income communities and communities of color. Evaluate how low-income and/or communities of color access mobility and their relative air pollution exposure burden, and utilize this information to inform any EV strategy for the municipality. Ensure groups/individuals representing low-income communities, communities of color, and those with limited mobility are at the decision-making table.

Page 61: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q82**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's assessment/planning methods?

Palm Beach County is committed to increasing the participation of small, minority, and woman owned business in the procurement of goods and services.

We involved the community in the evaluation of EV ordinances.

Page 62: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q83**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #4 through program development methods?

Page 63: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q84**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #4 is being advanced through program development methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We initiated an EV pilot program to inform future decision making relative to the provision of electric vehicle infrastructure. We just completed installation of electric chargers at the initial County facility included in the pilot program.

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**Q85**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #4 through program development methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Build partnerships between community-based organizations, the municipality, transportation agencies, and other stakeholders Offer technical assistance to community groups working to advance this goal Include a partnership with a community-based organization that focuses on job training in disinvested communities to help inform this project Include community leaders and members in program design Install chargers in public parking lots and high-use municipal facilities (parks, administration building) Ensure EV charging is available (and free including parking) for municipal employees Invest in electric busses

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Page 64: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q86**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's program development methods?

Palm Beach County is committed to increasing the participation of small, minority, and woman owned business in the procurement of goods and services.

We involved the community in the evaluation of EV ordinances.

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Page 65: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q87**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #4 through policy methods?

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Page 66: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q88**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #4 is being advanced through policy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We are working on an EV ordinance for certain types of new development and re-development.

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**Q89**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #4 through policy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Mandate EV charging infrastructure in future commercial & multi-family developments Deploy public EV charging infrastructure in low- and moderate-income parts of the community and with top employers Waive parking fees when an EV is paying for charging in that space Create a tiered procurement policy that ensures that plug-in hybrids and EVs are considered before any internal combustion engine vehicle Offer streamlined permitting, lower to no fees, and other incentives for EV charging projects

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Page 67: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q90**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's policy methods?

We are working on mandating EV charging infrastructure in future commercial and multi-family developments so that multifamily residents have access to EV infrastructure.

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Page 68: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q91**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #4 through budget/investment methods?

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Page 69: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q92**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #4 is being advanced through budget/investment methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We are investing in electric vehicle ready infrastructure (i.e. chargers and electrical systems/improvements) for public and employee use at a selection of County government facilities as part of a pilot program to inform future decision making relative to the provision of electric vehicle infrastructure.

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**Q93**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #4 through budget/investment methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Use EV vehicle tax rebate to invest in chargers Analyze fuel and maintenance savings from EV switch and use the savings to create a charger fund Subsidize the cost of charger installation in affordable housing development Create a group purchase program for residents to receive deep discounts on EVs Partner with car and lease dealerships to provide incentives for purchase of EVs by municipal residents. Pilot with those neighborhoods with the greatest disinvestment and/or those neighborhoods with the greatest VMT potential

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Page 70: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q94**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's budget/investment methods?

As part of our EV pilot, we will be collecting data on equipment usage at the selected county facilities and evaluating results to inform the potential for future program expansion.

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Page 71: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q95**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #4 through education/outreach/advocacy methods?

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Page 72: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q96**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #4 is being advanced through education/outreach/advocacy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

We regularly interact with EV outreach groups such as the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the Clean Cities program. Before the current COVID crisis, we had scheduled an EV demo day with SACE.

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**Q97****Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #4 through education/outreach/advocacy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Provide multi-lingual and ADA accessible workshops educating the public on the benefits of EVs and how they can pay for themselves over time despite the higher upfront cost. Meetings/workshops for education/outreach should take place at a variety of times, including evenings, offer food and childcare to reduce barriers to attendance and participation. The meetings should be advertised by a community-based communications and outreach consultant/partner who is from the targeted community(ies). The advertising efforts should include a variety of mediums and start at least a week prior to the meeting. The communications/outreach consultant should reach at least 300 people in advertising for the meeting. Create/promote a charger network map. Make sure this map is well-promoted so people will feel comfortable making the switch.

Page 73: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q98**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's education/outreach/advocacy methods?

We do have a charger network map. We prefer multi-lingual equipment during procurement. Installations include fully ADA-compatible spaces.

Page 74: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #4 (Electric Vehicles)

**Q99****Respondent skipped this question**

Please provide any supporting documents for the various methods that you answered YES under Mitigation Action #4.

Page 75: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q100****Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Mitigation Action #5?

Page 76: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q101**

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Mitigation Action #5? Select all that apply.

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**Q102**

Respondent skipped this question

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 77: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q103**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #5 through assessment/planning methods?

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Page 78: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q104**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #5 is being advanced through assessment/planning advocacy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions

The Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency has a team which specifically works to promote safe bicycle facilities. The County includes bicycle lanes where practicable. Palm Tran provides mass transit throughout the County.

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**Q105**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #5 through assessment/planning methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Implement policy/norms to allow for flexible scheduling and working from home. Provide employees and managers with training to ensure this is successful and respectful Promote transit benefits. Work with employers and transit agencies to develop ways to incentivize employee ridership (e.g. rebates for employees who gave up use of employer parking facilities) Choose a bus stop design that provides shelter from the sun and rain and ensure proper maintenance throughout the lifespan of the infrastructure Explore different modes of transportation, not just buses (and if so, consider electrification of the local bus system), but also expand train routes especially to lower income communities Identify high air pollution areas due to transit (e.g. bus lots) and prioritize electrified transit in those areas Meaningfully include community members who rely on public transit as a primary form of transportation at the decision-making table when it comes to accessing mobility needs and planning future changes/improvements

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Page 79: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q106**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's assessment/planning methods?

Palm Tran strives to provide sheltered stops wherever practicable. We track VMT's in the County greenhouse gas inventory and have benchmarked them against other jurisdictions as part of our LEED for Cities and Communities certification.

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Page 80: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q107**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #5 through program development methods?

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Page 81: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q108**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #5 is being advanced through program development methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Tran is pursuing purchasing electric busses and has installed EV charger infrastructure at one of its facilities. The long-range goal is to convert Palm Tran's fleet to electric busses.

The Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency has a team which specifically works to promote safe bicycle facilities.

The County includes bicycle lanes where practicable.

Palm Tran provides public transportation services in the rural area of Palm Beach County. In addition to fixed-route and paratransit services, Palm Tran provides a dial-a-ride service in the Glades area. The Go Glades service is a pilot program, which delivers dial-a-ride service in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay rural areas of the county.

The County has implemented Webex technology to promote virtual meetings.

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**Q109**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #5 through program development methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Partner and develop relationships with co-working space providers To encourage adoption of working from home to reduce overall VMT, partner with telecommunications company to ensure there is access throughout the municipality to high-speed internet and that communities are not left behind in the digital divide Work with transit operators and those who maintain our public transportation systems. Include community leaders and members in program design Ensure whoever is designing programs to reduce VMT rides transit from all parts of the municipality to become aware of difficulties that may exist in some parts of the municipality but not others (e.g. no sidewalks, no shade, etc.)

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Page 82: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q110**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's program development methods?

Palm Tran provides public transportation services in the rural area of Palm Beach County. In addition to fixed-route and paratransit services, Palm Tran provides a dial-a-ride service in the Glades area. The Go Glades service is a pilot program, which delivers dial-a-ride service in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay rural areas of the county.

Palm Beach County provides fair wages for all transit workers.

The County is currently implementing broadband access across the community to allow work from home.

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Page 83: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q111**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #5 through policy methods?

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Page 84: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q112**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #5 is being advanced through policy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Tran is pursuing purchasing electric busses and has installed EV charger infrastructure at one of its facilities. The Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency has a team which specifically works to promote safe bicycle facilities. The County includes bicycle lanes where practicable.

Palm Tran provides public transportation services in the rural area of Palm Beach County. In addition to fixed-route and paratransit services, Palm Tran provides a dial-a-ride service in the Glades area. The Go Glades service is a pilot program, which delivers dial-a-ride service in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay rural areas of the county.

The County has implemented WebEx technology to promote virtual meetings.

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**Q113**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #5 through policy methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Develop codes or policies encouraging the use of pedestrian-friendly planning options like complete streets and parks no less than 'x' miles from every home. Have fare free days with extreme heat or high air pollution to encourage less cars on the road. Amend municipal code to mandate long-term bike parking facilities and shower facilities at places of employment to encourage bike transportation.

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Page 85: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q114**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's policy methods?

Palm Tran is pursuing purchasing electric busses and has installed EV charger infrastructure at one of its facilities. The Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency has a team which specifically works to promote safe bicycle facilities.

Palm Tran provides public transportation services in the rural area of Palm Beach County. In addition to fixed-route and paratransit services, Palm Tran provides a dial-a-ride service in the Glades area. The Go Glades service is a pilot program, which delivers dial-a-ride service in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay rural areas of the county.

The County has implemented WebEx technology to promote virtual meetings.

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Page 86: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q115**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #5 through budget/investment methods?

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Page 87: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q116**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #5 is being advanced through budget/investment methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, and federal government provide funding for Palm Tran services.

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**Q117**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #5 through budget/investment methods? Below are several suggested ways that a local government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Consider incentives for the public to ride transportation, e.g. discount or make ridership free during rush hours. Develop grants and provide financial resources for the installation of infrastructure necessary to support telecommuting. Ensure annual budget allocation to maintain sidewalks and build them where they don't exist to connect low-income communities or communities of color to transit stops. Pay transit workers a living wage.

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Page 88: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q118**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's budget/investment methods?

Palm Beach County provides fair wages for transit workers. Palm Tran operated fare-free transit services during COVID-19 for 143 days.

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Page 89: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q119**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing Mitigation Action #5 through education/outreach/advocacy methods?

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Page 90: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q120**

Provide a brief description of how Mitigation Action #5 is being advanced through education/outreach/advocacy methods. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Tran provides outreach to the Palm Beach County community through a dedicated in-house public relations team. The Transportation Planning Agency regularly solicits community input on projects.

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**Q121**

**Yes**

Is equity being embedded into Mitigation Action #5 through education/outreach/advocacy methods? Below is a suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Host listening sessions, focus groups, and workshops to understand what is and isn't working. Prioritize riders but also those that are unable to use public transit to understand obstacles to ridership. Build programs around these solutions and include transit workers in these discussions

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Page 91: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q122**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this action's education/outreach/advocacy methods?

The Transportation Planning Agency regularly solicits community input on projects.

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Page 92: Greenhouse Gas Emission Mitigation Priority Action #5 (VMTs)

**Q123**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please provide any supporting documents for the various methods that you answered Yes under Mitigation Action #5.

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Page 94: Adaptation Priority Action #1 (Internal Capacity Assessment)



**Q124**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Adaptation Action #1? This should include identifying potential staff and financial resources/capacity. In some cases, staff/resources may already be supporting activities and projects that help support and advance adaptation/resilience, but not identified as such. Should sufficient internal capacity not exist, seek support from your county, other municipalities, and other potential partners and develop a plan for how your city will prioritize capacity for adaptation/resilience-building work.

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Page 95: Adaptation Priority Action #1 (Internal Capacity Assessment)

**Q125**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress in Adaptation Action #1? Select all that apply.

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**Q126**

**Respondent skipped this question**

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 96: Adaptation Priority Action #1 (Internal Capacity Assessment)

**Q127**

Provide a brief description of the work you are advancing related to Adaptation Action #1. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

Palm Beach County created a dedicated Office of Resilience in 2017. In 2018, the County initiated the infrastructure cross-departmental team, which advances adaptation efforts.

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**Q128**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Adaptation Action #1? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Assess the capacity to include equity considerations, including community engagement & outreach. Assessment includes consideration of how well prepared the community is to advance adaptation initiatives in more vulnerable/disinvested communities. Assess agency understanding of inequity and historic environmental wrongs in the community (and how inequities may be exacerbated by government practices/policies). Provide training for staff, emphasizing the importance of correcting these issues and avoiding further harms in the future. Assess areas of the municipality that have been disinvested or are low-income. Staff has worked to build and maintain relationships and trust with community-based organizations, key thought leaders, and residents in the areas of the municipality which have been disinvested. Assess and collaborate with Departments that provide/direct social services to residents or that work on equity as adaptation partners.

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Page 97: Adaptation Priority Action #1 (Internal Capacity Assessment)

**Q129**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this adaptation action?

The County has provided staff training.

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Page 98: Adaptation Priority Action #1 (Internal Capacity Assessment)

**Q130**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents under Adaptation Priority Action #1.

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Page 99: Adaptation Priority Action #2 (Vulnerability Analysis)

**Q131**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Adaptation Action #2? Conduct vulnerability analysis of hazards related to climate change including, but not limited to, sea level rise, tidal flooding, saltwater intrusion, extreme weather, heat. The analysis should assess exposure and sensitivity of various assets including, but not limited to critical infrastructure, communities/populations, historic/cultural assets, transportation, natural resources, and economic assets. Assessment should seek to identify what factors contribute to elevated exposure and sensitivity, and what physical, social, institutional, human, and financial capacities exist to adapt, and where there are gaps.

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Page 100: Adaptation Priority Action #2 (Vulnerability Analysis)

**Q132**

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress in Adaptation Action #2? Select all that apply.

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**Q133**

Respondent skipped this question

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 101: Adaptation Priority Action #2 (Vulnerability Analysis)

**Q134**

Provide a brief description of the work you are advancing related to Adaptation Action #2. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

The Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County recently completed a vulnerability assessment which covers seven municipalities plus part of unincorporated Palm Beach County. The County recently received CDBG-MIT funding for a vulnerability assessment covering the entire unincorporated part of the County.

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**Q135**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Adaptation Action #2? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Consider all properties, people, and communities equally in the Vulnerability Analysis or Assessment. The methodology should not prioritize or focus on areas with higher taxable value. If study scope includes proposing adaptation strategies, those strategies considered should be prioritized based on potential to reduce risk to human life and other key indicators based on community members' experiences. Include opportunities for meaningful community input as part of the vulnerability analysis process. Use community feedback and information based on stakeholder experiences in the data analysis. Incorporate community feedback via asset-mapping exercises, seek assistance with prioritizing/ weighing criteria for the vulnerability assessment, ground-truth the findings of the analysis, etc. Include a social vulnerability assessment as part of the overall vulnerability assessment. At minimum, Federal SOVI or SVI maps can be used, but ideally the assessment should be rooted in the community itself. Depending on the type of project, the following social factors may be relevant to include in your analysis: redlining, low- and moderate-income populations, energy burden, rent/cost of living burden, language spoken at home, vehicles per household, elderly residents, average year built of housing, and tree canopy, among others. Include an assessment of organizations in the community that may help advance the municipality's adaptive capacity, or organizations which will help communicate with populations frequently unengaged by government.

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Page 102: Adaptation Priority Action #2 (Vulnerability Analysis)

**Q136**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this adaptation action?

Palm Beach County has prioritized including social vulnerability in its recent Coastal Resilience Partnership Vulnerability Assessment and upcoming unincorporated County Vulnerability Assessment.

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Page 103: Adaptation Priority Action #2 (Vulnerability Analysis)

**Q137**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents under Adaptation Priority Action #2.

Page 104: Adaptation Priority Action #3 (Resilience Plan)

**Q138** **Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Adaptation Action #3?

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Page 105: Adaptation Priority Action #3 (Resilience Plan)

**Q139** **Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Adaptation Action #3? Select all that apply.

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**Q140** **Respondent skipped this question**

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 106: Adaptation Priority Action #3 (Resilience Plan)

**Q141**

Provide a brief description of the work you are advancing related to Adaptation Action #3. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

The Department of Airports is currently working on a sustainability management plan. The County has recently received CDBG-MIT funding for a resilience action plan for the entire County.

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**Q142**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Adaptation Action #3? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Provide multiple benefits or co-benefits in disinvested communities based upon community input. Prioritize the solutions/resources in the Plan by their potential to reduce risk rather than by geography, property values, or income. Engage and collaborate with the community as part of the development of the Plan. Ensure at least 50% of the solutions come directly from community members and/or organizations that represent community members from disinvested communities. Use an Equity Toolkit to identify and correct any unintended impacts (and potential benefits) of actions within that Plan on low-income disinvested communities, or communities of color. Ensure the toolkit for each action is made public for accountability and discussion. Develop metrics and milestones that are reported on publicly so the municipality can be held accountable. Set expectations with the community on the format and frequency of reporting. Ensure solutions sufficiently address all climate threats. Take into consideration how climate threats affect individuals and neighborhoods differently (based on various factors including social determinants of health). Include a mix of solutions including a mix of policy and capital projects. Capital projects should include a plan and budget for upkeep and maintenance. Include strategies that protect the lives and health of outdoor workers.

Page 107: Adaptation Priority Action #3 (Resilience Plan)

**Q143**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this adaptation action?

The County will prioritize strategies that address LMI households in the upcoming resilience action plan.

Page 108: Adaptation Priority Action #3 (Resilience Plan)

**Q144**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents under Adaptation Priority Action #3.

Page 109: Adaptation Priority Action #4 (Risk Reduction & Planning)

**Q145**

**Yes**

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Adaptation Action #4? This may include comprehensive plans, housing initiatives, post-disaster redevelopment plans, stormwater management plans, transportation plans, and land development regulations, inclusive of low-impact development. Sea Level Rise projections should be included in all planning activities.

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Page 110: Adaptation Priority Action #4 (Risk Reduction & Planning)

**Q146**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Adaptation Action #4? Select all that apply.

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**Q147**

**Respondent skipped this question**

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 111: Adaptation Priority Action #4 (Risk Reduction & Planning)

**Q148**

Provide a brief description of the work you are advancing related to Adaptation Action #4. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

The Engineering and Public Works Department includes sea level rise projections in their work. The County recently formalized inclusion of resilience considerations in all County capital projects. The County has recently updated its Coastal Management Element to comply with Peril of Flood statute requirements.

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**Q149**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Adaptation Action #4? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Engage and collaborate with the community as part of the development of the Plan. Ensure at least 50% of the solutions come directly from community members and/or organizations that represent community members from disinvested communities. Design and write the Plan to protect all communities equally and encourage risk reduction in areas most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The Plan also takes into account unintended consequences—such as gentrification—and provides solutions to mitigate/diminish negative impacts posed by solutions. Include an equity statement and explicitly state how equity was included in the development of the Plan and how equity was integrated into the recommendations. For redevelopment-specific actions or plans, ensure they are designed to improve conditions and resilience for burdened or disinvested communities rather than restore them to their current condition. Use an Equity Toolkit to identify and correct any unintended impacts (and potential benefits) of any Plan, policy, or budget decision on low-income disinvested communities, or communities of color. Ensure the toolkit for each policy/plan/budget decision is made public for accountability and discussion. List the affirmative steps made to incorporate and to include community input. Proactively consider equitable relocation strategies wherever it may be necessary. Include ways to minimize/eliminate displacement and incorporate equitable outcomes for existing communities in all relevant Plans.

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Page 112: Adaptation Priority Action #4 (Risk Reduction & Planning)

**Q150**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this adaptation action?

The County has adopted the Climate Compact's RCAP, which includes equity considerations in planning.

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Page 113: Adaptation Priority Action #4 (Risk Reduction & Planning)

**Q151**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents under Adaptation Priority Action #4.

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Page 114: Adaptation Priority Action #5 (Policy)



**Q152**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Adaptation Action #5? This may include improving stormwater management practices, adopting urban heat policies, updating infrastructure standards, conducting remediation of contaminated sites, and updating building codes.

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Page 115: Adaptation Priority Action #5 (Policy)

**Q153**

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress in advancing Adaptation Action #5? Select all that apply.

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**Q154**

Respondent skipped this question

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 116: Adaptation Priority Action #5 (Policy)

**Q155**

Provide a brief description of the work you are advancing related to Adaptation Action #5. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

The Engineering and Public Works Department includes sea level rise projections in all their work. The County recently formalized inclusion of resilience considerations in all County capital projects. The County has recently updated Code in line with Peril of Flood Compliance.

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**Q156**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Adaptation Action #5? Below are several suggested ways that a local/tribal government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Engage and collaborate with the community as part of the development of the Plan. Ensure at least 50% of the solutions come directly from community members and/or organizations that represent community members from disinvested communities. Ensure policy is written to protect all communities equally and that it encourages risk reduction in areas most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The policy should also take into account unintended consequences—such as gentrification—and provide solutions to mitigate/diminish negative impacts posed by solutions. Policies are written to improve the resilience of disinvested communities. Policies are written to ensure equal access to new or proposed technology (e.g. public EV charging locations). Policies are written to improve conditions for disinvested communities through stronger remediation requirements or stormwater considerations. Ensure contamination is not a barrier to adaptation. Remediate past harms while working to adapt to future threats, and take those future threats (like flooding) into consideration when selecting clean-up alternatives. Apply for EPA Brownfields grants if funding is the major obstacle. Use an Equity Toolkit to identify and correct any unintended impacts (and potential benefits) of any policy on low-income disinvested communities or communities of color. Ensure the toolkit for each policy decision is made public for accountability and discussion.

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Page 117: Adaptation Priority Action #5 (Policy)

**Q157**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this adaptation action?

The County has adopted the Climate Compact's RCAP, which includes equity considerations in planning.

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Page 118: Adaptation Priority Action #5 (Policy)

**Q158**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents under Adaptation Priority Action #5.

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Page 119: Adaptation Priority Action #6 (Capital Projects)

**Q159**

Yes

Is your local/tribal government advancing activities related to Adaptation Action #6? This may include living shorelines, water infrastructure, resilience hubs, parks & open spaces, urban greening, tidal valves, pump stations, road/bridge elevation.

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Page 120: Adaptation Priority Action #6 (Capital Projects)

**Q160**

Respondent skipped this question

Please indicate as to why you've been unable to make progress on Adaptation Action #6? Select all that apply.

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**Q161**

Respondent skipped this question

What resources could assist you in advancing this action?

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Page 121: Adaptation Priority Action #6 (Capital Projects)

**Q162**

Provide a brief description of the work you are advancing related to Adaptation Action #6. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but rather a list of the most impactful actions.

The County recently formalized inclusion of resilience considerations in all County capital projects. The County implements living shorelines projects.

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**Q163**

Yes

Is equity being embedded into Adaptation Action #6? Below are several suggested ways that a local/local government can embed equity into this climate action provided as supportive guidance. This is not meant to be exhaustive of every possible action. Respondents can include actions not included in this list. Engage and collaborate with the community as part of the development of the Plan. Ensure at least 50% of the solutions come directly from community members and/or organizations that represent community members from disinvested communities. Capital projects benefit all community members equally. Low-income disinvested communities, or communities of color are prioritized (i.e. for green spaces, resilience hubs, parks etc.) Prioritize resilience capital projects by the potential to reduce risk to human life and critical infrastructure rather than based on income or tax value. Display resilience capital projects on a map with underlying layers showing demographics such as race, income, etc. to visually show that investments are not only being made to benefit high-tax value and/or waterfront properties. This map should also speak to the amount of investment in different parts of the municipality, including disinvested areas. Use an Equity Toolkit to identify and correct any unintended impacts (and potential benefits) of any capital project on low-income, disinvested communities, or communities of color. Ensure the toolkit for each project is made public for accountability and discussion. Ensure capital projects also take into account unintended consequences such as gentrification and provide solutions to mitigate/diminish negative impacts posed by solutions. Ensure the burden of public funding for capital projects is equitable across communities. Include a plan for upkeep and maintenance for any capital project. List the affirmative acts of community outreach.

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Page 122: Adaptation Priority Action #6 (Capital Projects)

**Q164**

Please provide a brief explanation of the ways in which you are embedding equity into this adaptation action?

Capital planning projects are prioritizing investments in areas most in need of infrastructure repairs including areas with high concentrations of LMI communities.

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Page 123: Adaptation Priority Action #6 (Capital Projects)

**Q165**

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide any supporting documents under Adaptation Priority Action #6.