

Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Update for Town Meeting

November 2022



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Winchester

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Climate Action Plan | 2020

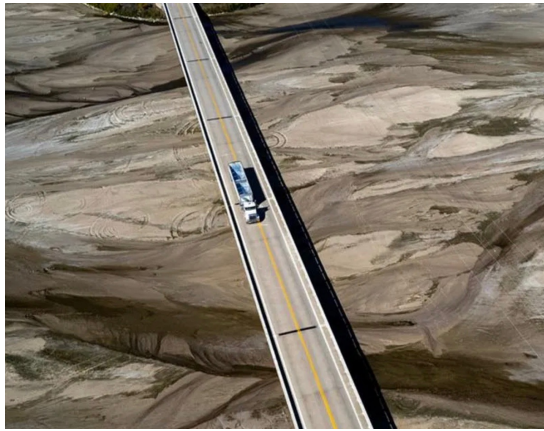


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Summary Points:

- Winchester has a Climate Action Plan (CAP), a Sustainability Director (SD), and a Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC)
- While we still have a long way to go, Winchester is making good progress on the implementation of its CAP
- Please become familiar with our Climate Action Plan, so that collectively, we can ensure positive results for Winchester

Climate-related changes in the world around us have numerous implications for Winchester



Increase in Weather-Related Events



Growth in Number of Electric Vehicles



Volatile Energy Markets / Lowering Cost of Renewables

Winchester's CAP helps us adapt to these events

Contributor	Description
Climate Action Plan (CAP)	Winchester's original CAP was approved in 2011. Current plan approved by SB in April 2020. Guides Winchester's approach to climate change by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="927 539 1717 582">1) Mitigation of carbon emissions, and<li data-bbox="927 596 1956 639">2) Improved resilience to increasing climate events
Sustainability Director (SD)	Town Employee, Ken Pruitt, leading day-to-day implementation of the CAP
Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC)	7 voting members, complementary skills, including one voting High School representative

The CAAC's objective is to help Winchester implement the CAP, thoughtfully reducing carbon pollution and adapting to climate change, thereby improving quality of life in our Town

While there is a long way to go, we have made progress implementing Winchester's Climate Action Plan

- Education:
 - Sustainability Department Website created
 - Climate Solutions Week – 20 events with hundreds of attendees
- Infrastructure:
 - Charging Stations – Successful \$103K grant received by Town for fast EV charging stations
 - Lynch Elementary – Design is highly energy efficient (Net Zero with Solar)
 - DPW Food Waste – Expansion of composting collection
- Residents:
 - WinPower 100 adoption increasing (100% renewable energy - currently costs less than Eversource basic rates)
- Supporting Town Policy:
 - Sustainable Building Policy – Under development
 - Heat Response Strategy – Approved by Select Board
 - Urban Forest Preservation and Enhancement – Gathering input

Please become more familiar with our Climate Action Plan and Sustainability efforts. We look forward to your input and contributions – Thank You!

- <https://www.winchester.us/DocumentCenter/View/4633/Climate-Action-Plan-2020>
- <https://www.winchester.us/757/Sustainability-Department>