

City of Windsor Climate Action Report Summary

- Windsor does not have a community-wide climate action plan. Although it does have a corporate climate action plan.
- The City completed a Community Energy Plan in 2017 and this plan serves as a surrogate climate action plan for the whole community. However, two other plans also contextualize climate action in Windsor, including the Environmental Master Plan (2006, 2017) and the Climate Adaptation Plan (2012). The City's Corporate Climate Action Plan for its own operations was initiated in 2017.
- The Community Energy Plan targets a 40% reduction in per capita emissions by 2041, using a 2014 base year. This target reduction is less than the province's reduction targets, in relative terms. Ontario's targets, using 1990 as a base year, are 37% reduction by 2030 and 80% by 2050 or about a 50% reduction in 2041 using a 2014 base year.
- Monitoring and reporting is not done on an annual basis. For example, the Report on the State of the Environment is completed approximately every four years. The reporting schedule of the Community Energy Plan recommends "a comprehensive inventory of energy use and GHG emissions be completed at least on a biennial basis."
- Funding of climate action is not commensurate with the scale of the crisis nor the significant action that is recommended in the City's plans. Climate action implementation funding currently lacks cohesion and transparency.