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Charleston County Offers Virtual Town Hall to Present Draft Climate Action Plan Recommendations

Charleston County is offering a virtual town hall for residents to learn more about the County's path towards a sustainable and resilient future. Now and in the future, residents will be impacted by environmental challenges like rising temperatures and flooding which will affect quality of life in Charleston.

In this webinar, we will discuss a critical milestone in our journey towards a sustainable Charleston County! Having incorporated valuable community feedback, we're ready to present recommendations on how we plan to meet our greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Join us on Thursday, January 18 via Zoom at 6 p.m. Register here.

Why is Charleston County working on a Climate Action Plan?

In 2021, Charleston County Council prioritized sustainability by hiring its first sustainability professional and voted to adopt a <u>Climate Action Resolution</u>. One of the priorities in the Climate Action Resolution is to encourage the development and implementation of a community-based integrated Climate Action Plan.

Why is reducing carbon emissions important?

Carbon dioxide makes up the majority of greenhouse gas emissions globally. According to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the concentration of greenhouse gasses, including carbon, is increasing and changing the global climate by intensifying the natural greenhouse effect, which determines the Earth's climate. The results we see are weather events like increased flooding, droughts, hurricanes, and hotter temperatures. If we are able to reduce the quantity of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide being emitted, we can lessen these effects.

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