



WESTWOOD A BETTER, BRIGHTER, FUTURE



A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN!

We are living in an ever warming climate. The changes to the climate mostly caused by human interference have made it imperative that plans are in place to address the effects. Many common practices are not sustainable long-term, including, most significantly, the burning of fossil fuels as the primary source for heating buildings and water, powering vehicles, equipment, and industrial processes, and generating electricity. The buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, is causing the Earth to rapidly warm and has disrupted the relatively stable climate that humans, animals, and plant life depend upon. Billions of tons of CO₂ are released into the atmosphere from the use of coal, oil, and gas. As a result, climate and weather-related disasters have become more frequent and more intense as the Earth warms. 2017 GHG emissions for the Town of Westwood showed emissions of **147,768** Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide equivalent (MT CO₂e). About 3% of overall emissions were due to Municipal operations and over **67%** came from residential homes and passenger vehicles.

Westwood - A Better, Brighter, Future is our campaign for a just and sustainable future – our Town government is stepping up to lead by example! Over the course of 2023 and 2024, we will collect and analyze data, complete a series of community assessments, engage Town staff, residents, and other key stakeholders to complete a Climate Action, Resiliency & Sustainability Plan (**CRS Plan**) for the Town of Westwood. We will build on our Town's great climate and energy work as well as strategic investment and commitment to excellence as we take collective action for a just and sustainable future. Starting in September the Climate Action Taskforce will embark on a nine month process to collect data and information and get feedback from stakeholders to draft and finalize the CRS Plan. **We will be hosting two Community Visioning Sessions at the Westwood Public Library on Thursday 10/19/23 and 11/2/23 at 6PM.** An Indigenous Proverb states: "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." Through **Westwood - A Better, Brighter, Future**, we will streamline our climate and energy plans, establish guiding principles, goals, and create action steps towards a more just and sustainable future.

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