

CITY OF KINGSTON CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

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2009

- Formed Kingston Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)
- Signed on to Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Pledge

Create Climate Action Plan

Goal: reduce energy usage and GHG emissions 20% by 2020: 20 by 20



- Climate Smart Community Task Force Formed

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KINGSTON'S STEPS

Early 2009

Community advocates initiated a proposal for the City of Kingston to adopt the "Local Government Green Jobs Pledge."

June 2009

CAC began reviewing Green Jobs Pledge and Climate Smart Community Pledge.

August 2009

CAC presented the *Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Pledge* to Kingston Laws and Rules Committee.

October 2009

Kingston Common Council passed the *Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Pledge*, 6-2

Fall 2009

Pledge implementation planning began

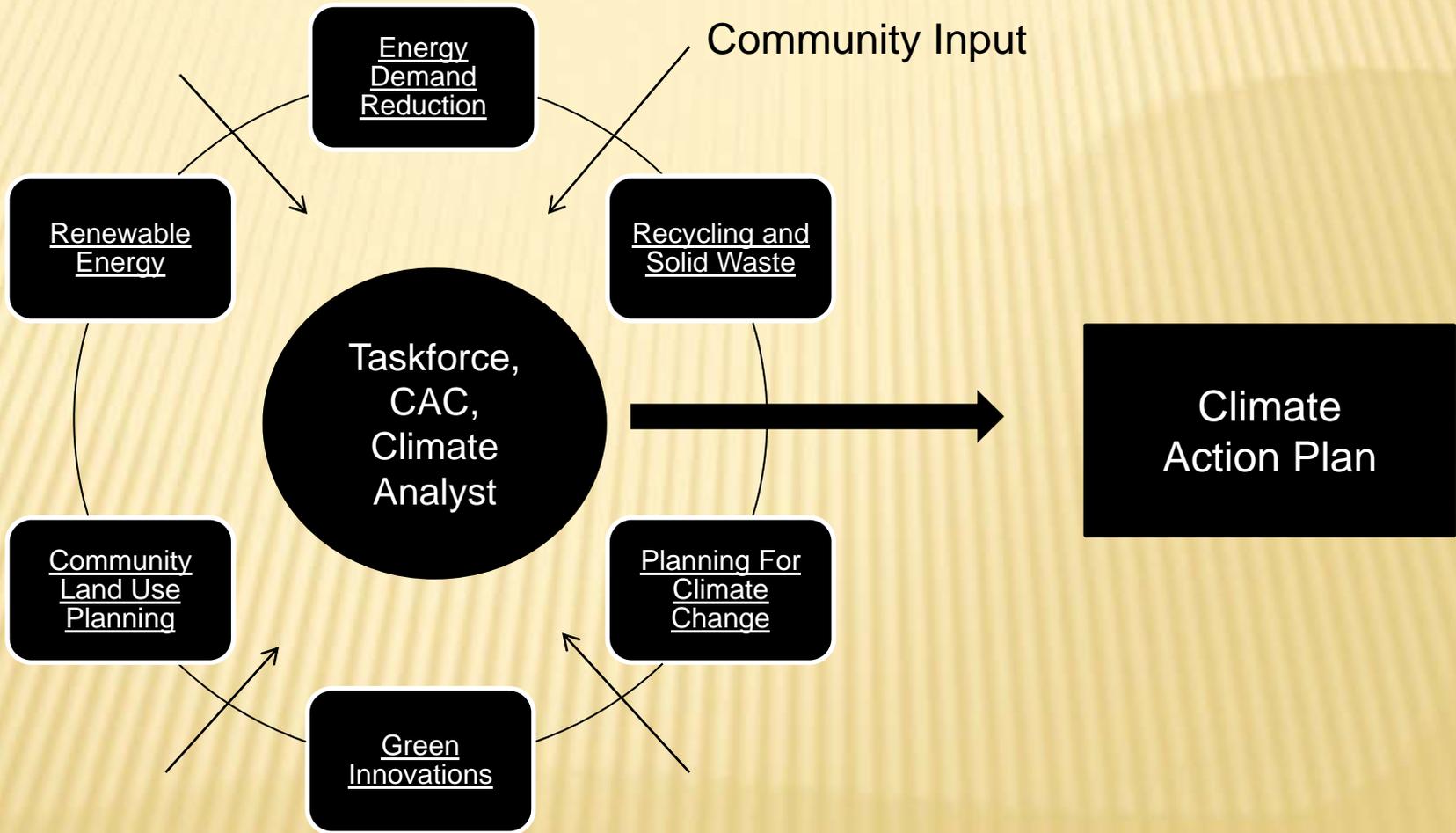
March 2010

Outreached to local community members already working on Pledge Issues; Formed Focus Groups

April 2010

Initial Focus Group Planning Meeting Held

CLIMATE SMART STRATEGY



2010

**NYSERDA Energy Management
Personnel Grant
\$52,486**

2011

**Kingston Hired Climate Analyst
(March 2011-April 2012)**

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Draft Timeline	
<u>GHG Inventory and Draft Climate Action Plan</u>	
Review other Plans	April-May 2011
Raise Funds for ICLEI or other software	April-May 2011
Develop scope/baseline for utility/data	April-May 2011
Choose/Develop GHG protocol	April-June 2011
Gather utility data for city Central Hudson Fuel Oil Bills	April-July 2011
Gather best available data for community inventory	April-July 2011
City Vehicle Inventory and Analysis	May-July 2011
Input utility/energy data into GHG software	June-August 2011
First draft of GHG Inventory for Task Force Review	August/September 2011
Develop and Grow Task Force	May 2011-March 2012
Develop Mission/Vision for Task Force	May-July 2011
Develop outline/template for Kingston Climate Action Plan	April-June 2011
Subcommittee Chairs submit Draft Measurable Outcomes for each Plan Section	May-June 2011
Meet with Common Council committees and members as appropriate to advance plan	April 2011-March 2012
Deadline for input for each section from subcommittee/Task Force	June 30 2011
Draft Plan sections (working with subcommittee input) (Climate Analyst works subcommittees to develop respective sections. Subcommittee provide input/exchange/sharing of information pertinent to respective section)	May- September 2011
Begin to present Draft sections of Plan to Common Council?	Starting September 2011
First completed Draft Plan	October 2011
Task Force Review of Draft Plan	October 2011
Complete Task Force Review of first draft	October 31, 2011
Public meeting(s)? /Community presentation(s)?	November 2011
Redraft Plan based on input	November-January 2012
Task Force review of redraft	January –February 2012
Finalize Draft Plan	End of February 2012
Present Plan for Adoption to Common Council	March 2012

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City of Kingston, 100 Water Street, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 2R1

ICLEI

- **City joined ICLEI**
- **Assistance with GHG inventory and plan**

Clean Air Cool Planet Community Catalyst Fund

- **Marketing**
- **ICLEI Membership**
- **Printing**



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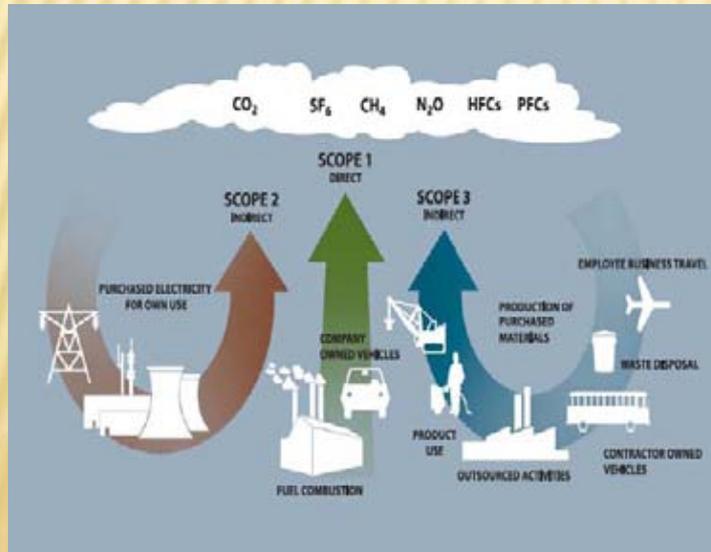
Data Collection: Used 2010 as Baseline Year

Government

- Utilities
- City Department Heads

Community

- Energy Information Administration
- American Community Survey
- Utilities
- NYSDEC Office of Climate Change



Local Government Operations Protocol

- Organizational scope
- Baseline Year
- Sectors
- Emissions sources

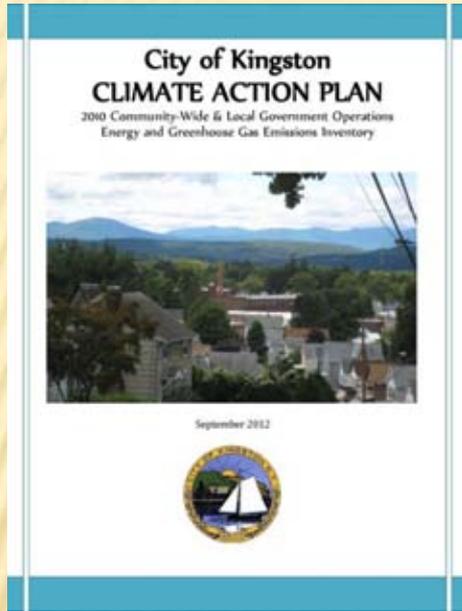
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- DRAFT Climate Action Plan with GHG Inventory
- Findings, Goals and Recommendations
- Five Major Sectors:
 - Energy and Renewables
 - Land Use and Transportation
 - Materials Management
 - Sustainable Resource Management
 - Climate Adaptation

Community Outreach
Climate Action Webpage
Climate Action Updates
Renewable/Solar Tours
Planning Board Workshop
Brochure
News Articles



Public Availability



- Hard Copies Available:
Monkey Joe Roasting Co.
Hudson Valley Coffee Traders
Kingston Library, in reference
City Clerk's office
City Parks and Recreation office
- Executive Summary, Full CAP and Appendices available as PDFs at KingstonCAC.org & Kingston-ny.gov

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Public Comment

- Complete Survey Monkey Questionnaire, outlined by CAP section
- Submit written comments during 60 day period
- Midway through Comment Period, held large Public Meeting
- Climate Smart Task Force reviewed, responded and addressed every comment

October 2012, Kingston Climate Action Plan
Adopted by Common Council

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Since then

1. Climate Analyst no longer with City
2. Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Task Force, has taken on implementation
 1. New Name: Branding?
 2. More Stakeholders
3. VHB is providing technical support for prioritization of recommendations (hundreds)
 1. Consolidate recommendations
 2. Create apples to apples criteria
 3. Rank
 4. Get Community Engaged
 5. Achieve Goals



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Goals

- ❖ Incorporate into Comprehensive Plan
- ❖ Save City Money/Reduce Energy Costs
- ❖ Increase Environmental Stewardship and Climate Planning Awareness
 - ❖ 20 by 20
- ❖ Don't let this be a 268 page document on the shelf. It's a plan for action.

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