



# **Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC) Update**

**Board of County Commissioners  
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CCAC Chair Jennison Kipp Searcy  
County Staff Liaison Stephen Hofstetter



# Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

## FY24 Members:

- **Jennison Kipp Searcy** (Chair)
- **Danielle Cucchiara** (Vice Chair)
- **Sage Cera** (Secretary)
- **Carla Brisotto**
- **Jackie Davis**
- **John Nix**
- **Gary Kiebzak**
- **James Fulton**
- **Kathryn Taubert**

Stephen Hofstetter (County staff liaison)

Dr. Dan Zhu and Jennie Ford (City staff liaisons)



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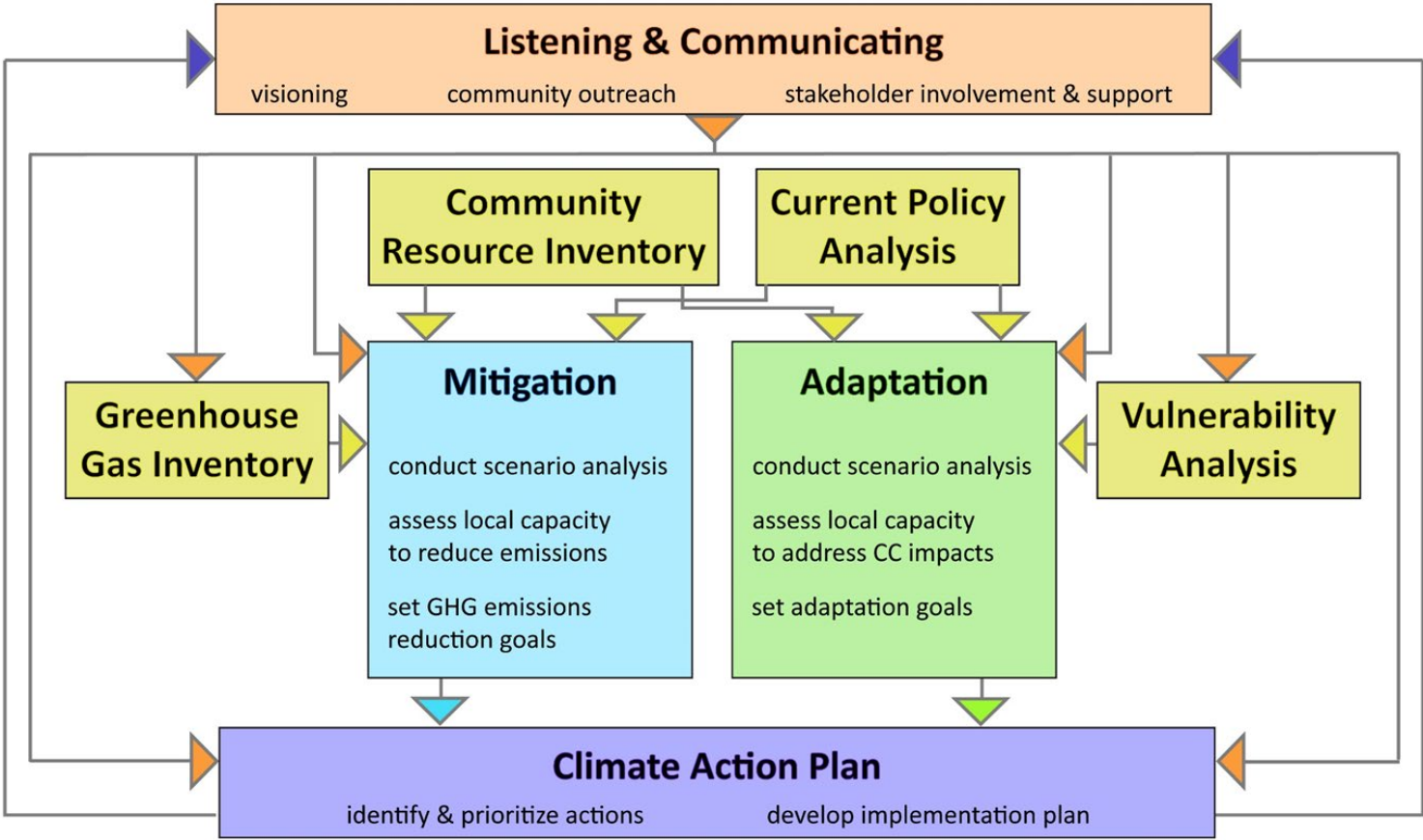
## Purpose (Resolution 2020-68):

- Provide recommendations to Joint Water & Climate Policy Board (JWCPB)
- Assist and advise the County and municipalities on the Climate Action Plan and on innovative climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, policies, and target goals.
- Engage with stakeholders, agencies, non-profits and the community.
- Ensure that neighborhoods and communities that are most impacted or disadvantaged by climate change are taken into account in the development of policy recommendations and the Climate Action Plan.
- Assist in promotion of greater community awareness of climate-related issues and involvement in government climate resiliency initiatives.



## Climate Action Plan Development

### Climate Action Planning Process: Components



\*adapted from "Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning", UN Habitat for a Better Urban Future



## FY2024 Goals:

- **Maintain and establish relationships with community groups:**
  - CCAC members will be point of contact liaisons for collaboration with community groups and interested parties on specific issues
  - Maintain a platform to communicate activities, events, and accomplishments
  - Develop a plan that allows the CCAC to regularly engage with the community



## FY2024 Goals:

- **Work with staff to interpret greenhouse gas emissions inventories to identify next steps and prioritize sectors for emissions reduction**
- **Work with staff to interpret vulnerability analysis**
- **Help coordinate a fall climate summit**





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## FY2024 Goals:

- **Help with marketing and community engagement of the Climate Action Plan (CAP)**
- **Assist with engaging the smaller cities and communities with the development of the CAP**



## Recommendations and Actions to date:

- **Heard presentations on Climate change impacts related to landscaping, tree protection, land conservation, solid waste, energy, flooding and infrastructure, water conservation and water quality, and community engagement**
- **Provided recommendations on two Ecoloop proposals**
- **Representation on the GRU Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Stakeholder Advisory Committee**
- **Continue to provide regular updates to the JWCPB**





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## Accomplishments during first half of FY24:

- **Maintained and added contacts with community groups**
- **Working with staff on draft climate action plan initiatives**
- **Helping to coordinate fall climate summit**



## **Fall Climate Summit** **November 16, 2024** **@ Santa Fe College Blount Center**



We are currently advertising [vacancies](#) on the county website for citizens who are interested.

## Questions?



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