



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (CCAC) Update

**Board of County Commissioners
June 10, 2025**

County Staff Liaison Jennison Kipp Searcy



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

FY '25 CCAC Members:

- Barry Jacobson (Chair Feb to Sept '25)
- Jennison Kipp Searcy (Chair Sept '23 to Feb '25)
- John Nix (Vice Chair)
- Sage Cera (Secretary)
- Jackie Davis
- Kathryn Taubert
- Terry Clark
- Pamela Hawkins
- John Lawson



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FY '25 CCAC Members **Vacating:**

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FY '26 CCAC Member Structure:

- Adding **Youth Voting** and **Alternate** Members
- **Three Member Vacancies** beginning Sept '25
- Barry Jacobson (Current Chair)
- Sage Cera (Secretary)
- Terry Clark
- Pamela Hawkins
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CCAC Purpose (Resolution 2020-68*):

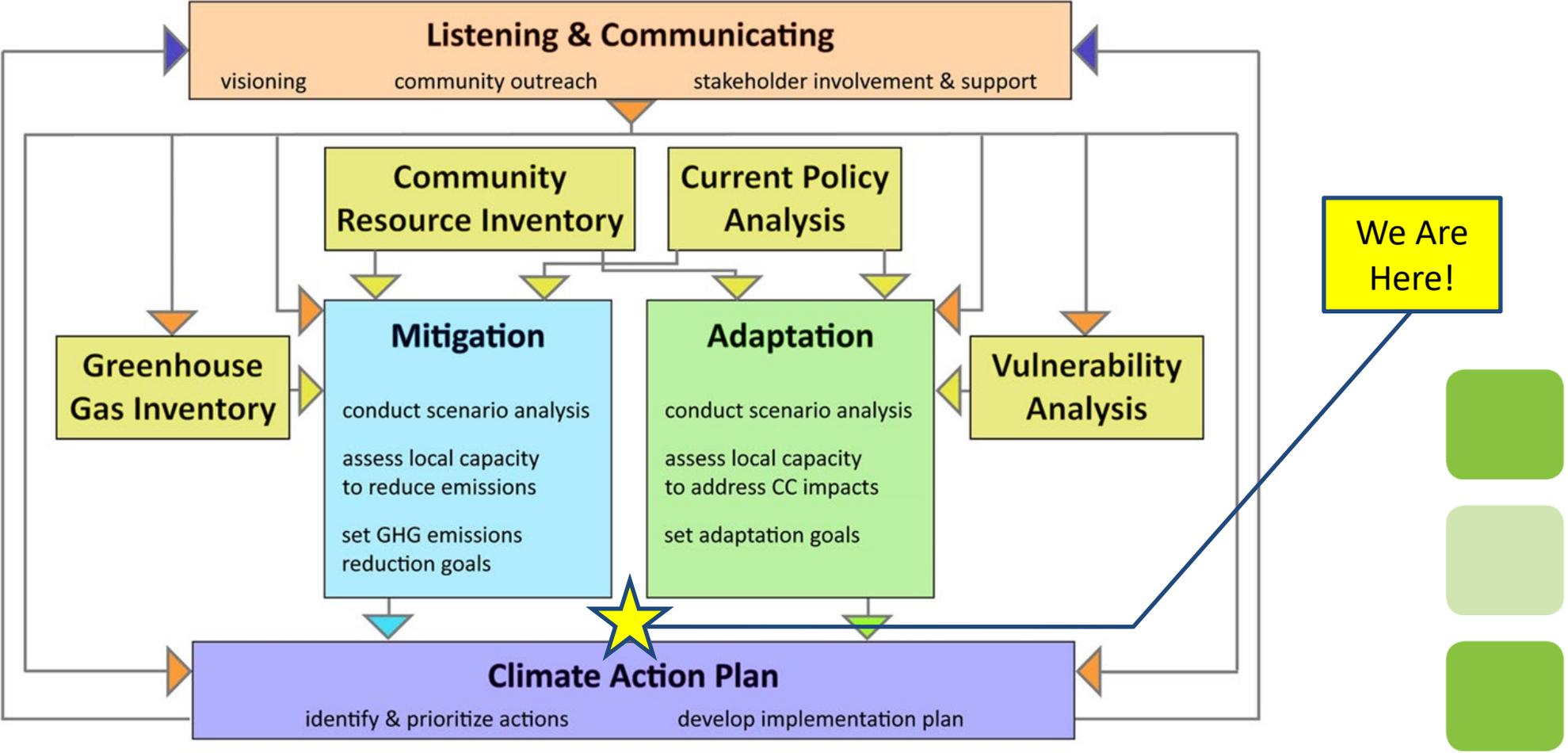
- **Provide recommendations** to Joint Water & Climate Policy Board (JWCPB)
- **Assist and advise the County and municipalities on the Climate Action Plan (CAP)** and on innovative climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, policies, and target goals.
- **Engage with stakeholders, agencies, non-profits 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.

*Resolution (2025-XX) currently being updated



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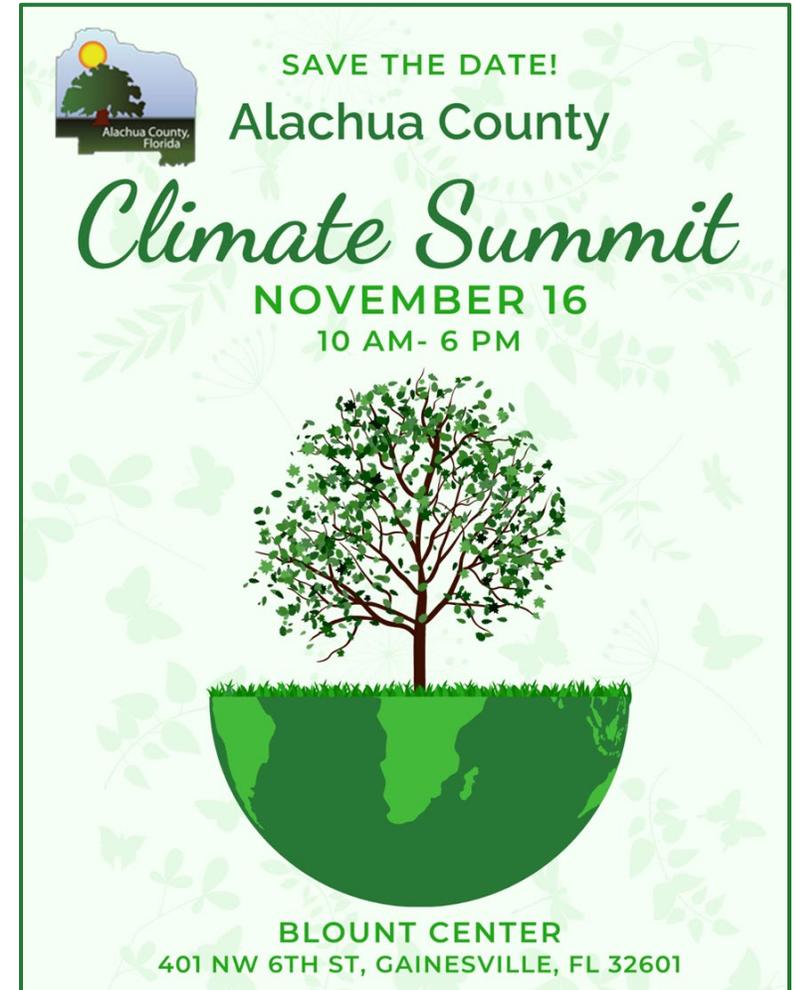
CCAC's Climate Action Planning Process:



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

CCAC FY '25 Goals:

1. **Evaluate and provide input on draft CAP chapters** with the goal of finalizing a draft that can be adopted by the JWCPB in 2025.
2. **Participate in and provide feedback** to staff on the November 16, 2024 Alachua County **Climate Summit**. 
3. **Collaborate with the municipalities, non-profits, stakeholders and others within Alachua County** to increase citizen participation in, and knowledge of what the County and City of Gainesville are doing to address climate concerns.



FY '25 Accomplishments: Draft CAP Review

- JANUARY
 - Water & Aquifer Protection
 - Waste Management & Resource Consumption
 - Natural Resources & Conservation
- FEBRUARY
 - Energy
 - Land Use & Transportation
- MARCH
 - Flooding Management & Infrastructure
 - Public Health (drafted as Heat & Mental Health)
 - Agriculture & Food Security
- APRIL
 - Introduction



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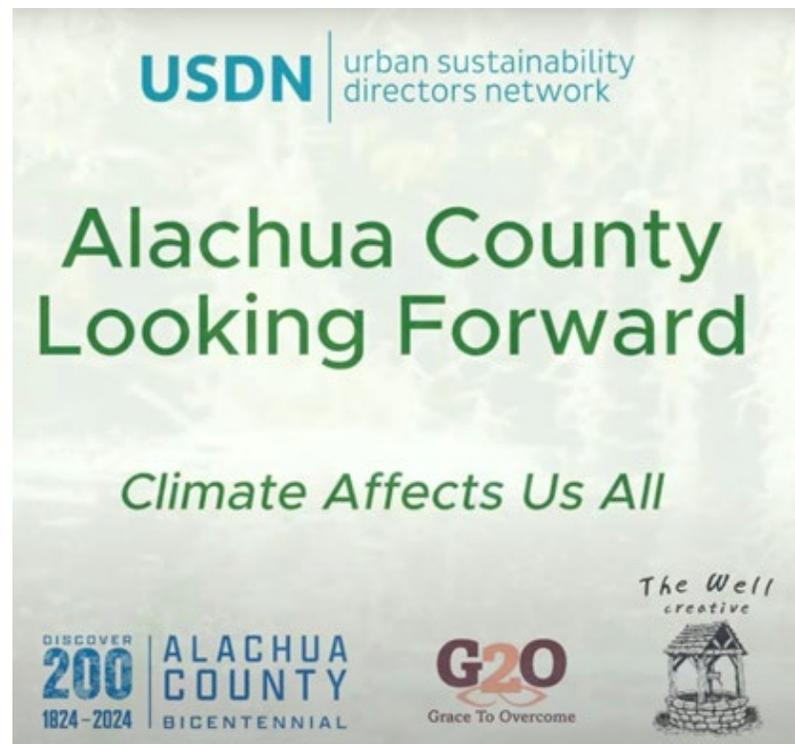
FY '25 Accomplishments: November '24 Climate Summit

- Active CCAC member guidance, planning, execution, participation, and engagement at the event with **over 170 attendees**



FY '25 Accomplishments: Broad Stakeholder Collaboration

- One example: April 2, 2025 premiere of the 30-minute film sponsored by USDN: “Alachua County Looking Forward: Climate Affects Us All”



CCAC FY '25 Next Steps:

- Assist with **development and review of a Green Industries draft CAP chapter** and continue to **provide input to move the CAP from draft to final** for adoption this fall
- Help coordinate the **planning and delivery of a Climate Festival** scheduled for November 15, 2025 at the Alachua County UF/IFAS Extension Office in Newberry
- Continue ongoing **stakeholder outreach to invite feedback and engage residents** with the County's climate initiatives and CAP
- Provide guidance to staff and the JWCPB on **CAP implementation through a climate dashboard**



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Questions?

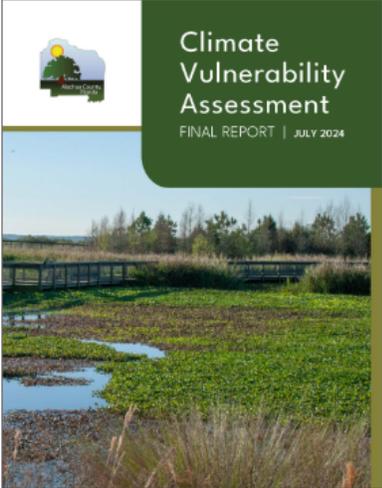
Climate Initiatives

Alachua County is dedicated to being a resilient community in the face of climate changes and impacts affecting our community today and into the future. To accomplish this goal, the County Commission is working to adopt a Climate Action Plan in 2025.

Climate Action Plan

The county is currently releasing first drafts of climate action plan chapters to receive input from the public and our Citizen Climate Advisory Committee. These chapters will be added to the list below as they become available. If you have specific comments or suggestions you can fill out the [Draft Climate Action Plan Form](#).

- [Introduction](#)
- [Vocabulary and Acronyms](#)
- [Waste Management and Resource Consumption](#)
- [Water and Aquifer Protection](#)
- [Water Strategies Table](#)
- [Natural Resources and Conservation](#)
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www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/epd/Pages/Climate-Initiatives.aspx

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