



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Climate Action Plan Workshop**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Public workshop to hear an update and provide feedback on the progress of the draft climate action plan.

**Recommended Action:**

Hear staff presentation

**Prior Board Motions:**

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) made a November 5, 2019 motion to establish the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee and directed staff to develop and strengthen climate policies.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal impacts anticipated

**Strategic Guide:**

Environment

**Background:**

As part of the Alachua County FY23 Strategic Guide, the county is to create a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and develop CAP recommendations. Alachua County's draft CAP is a comprehensive and integrated strategy for responding to climate vulnerabilities by fostering resilience and sustainability. Its purpose is to guide, develop, and cultivate environmentally, socially, and economically resilient strategies and solutions to climate change for the whole community. In practical terms, the CAP serves as a roadmap for the County to adapt and put resiliency into action, protecting public health, safeguarding natural resources, and ensuring a vibrant quality of life for all who live here. This workshop is an opportunity for the Board of County Commissioners, staff, and members of the community to receive an update on the draft CAP status, strategies, and action items and share input on next steps in the overall effort.

The draft Alachua County CAP includes an introduction and eight focus area chapters, each with tailored goals, strategies, and actions: Agriculture and Food Security; Energy; Flood Management and Infrastructure; Land Use and Transportation; Natural Resources and Conservation; Heat and Health;

Waste Management & Resource Recovery; and Water & Aquifer Protection. Draft chapters are posted along with related Alachua County climate initiatives and a link for interested stakeholders to submit feedback at this webpage: <https://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/epd/Pages/Climate-Initiatives.aspx>.