



Agenda Item Summary

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Alachua County Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation on final Climate Action Plan document

Recommended Action:

Hear staff presentation and accept Climate Action Plan.

Prior Board Motions:

At their regular board meeting on September 9, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted the Strategic Guide with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

The BOCC held a workshop on the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) on August 26th and gave suggestions on the current draft and supporting staff bringing back a final CAP for completion in November.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal impacts anticipated

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

As one of the objectives of the Alachua County FY26 Strategic Guide, the County is to implement a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and develop resilient strategies and solutions, stating to *guide and cultivate environmentally, socially, and economically resilient strategies and solutions to climate change for the whole community through adoption and implementation of the climate action plan, including lessening the dependence on fossil fuels and increasing energy efficiency in county operations*. Alachua County's CAP is a comprehensive and integrated strategy for responding to climate vulnerabilities by fostering resilience and sustainability. 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 is a request for the Board to accept this final draft. Staff plans to provide annual updates on the status of the CAP and the action items completed each year.

The final Alachua County CAP includes an introduction, message from the manager, 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. 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>. Due to the length of the CAP, it is not included as an attachment on this agenda item, but it can be viewed at the above-referenced link.