



**CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION 2020-8**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO  
ESTABLISH THE CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AS A  
STANDING COG COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum appreciate and value a balanced approach in planning and actions to continue to achieve social, environmental, and financial stability for the future of the Centre Region; and

**WHEREAS**, all six Centre Region municipalities are certified as “Sustainable Pennsylvania” municipalities, which is recognition for the policy and practice of using sustainability to advance community prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum passed Resolution 2020-1 on July 27, 2020, to develop and implement a pragmatic, fiscally responsible strategy to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to changing climate conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum wish to create a Climate Action and Sustainability Committee to provide oversight of strategic and coordinated actions among the COG municipalities to successfully implement the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft responsibilities of the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee are:

- i. To review state and federal policy, provide guidance, and recommend programs and COG policies, and project initiatives relating to climate adaptation and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- ii. To provide oversight of how to measure, monitor, and assess reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to meet reduction targets over time.
- iii. To promote local climate preparedness and collective risk management efforts that improve resiliency and adapt to climate change in the Centre Region.
- iv. To advance the Centre Region as a leader in diverse sustainable practices that contribute to environmental and human health, economic prosperity, environmental justice and social equity.
- v. To recommend bidding specifications for the Refuse and Recycling Program to the General Forum and to recommend actions on major policy issues affecting that program.

- vi. To coordinate studies, plans, and proposals with other COG Committees as they relate to major land use policy, transportation projects, and other infrastructure projects.
- vii. To study and prepare recommendations on sustainability policy, issues or projects in the Centre Region as requested by the Executive Committee; an

**WHEREAS**, the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum has the authority, as outlined in the Articles of Agreement, to “*establish such standing, special or ad hoc committees as deemed appropriate to conduct its business*”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERE RESOLVED:** That the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments hereby authorizes that the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee be established as a COG standing committee, with representatives from each Centre Region municipality and a liaison representative from the State College Area School District and from Penn State University, and further, final representation should be reviewed by the new CAS Committee in the first quarter of 2021 to determine if other stakeholder groups should also be represented, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Climate Action and Sustainability Committee shall deliberate and ratify its mission, responsibilities, and member representation by mid-2021.

**RESOLVED**, this *twenty-third day of November 2020*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:



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By:



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