

Dear Community Climate Action Conversation Participant,

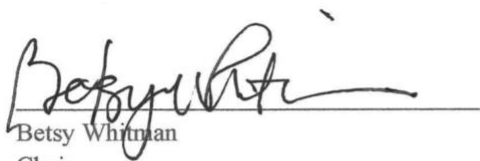
Thank you for participating in the *Community Climate Action Conversation*. The purpose of gathering your input is to help understand perspectives from community groups regarding vulnerabilities and potential actions to mitigate the impacts of climate change in our community. This conversation is led by the community, for the community to help local government build a resiliency to current and expected climate change impacts. These conversations are a chance for community groups to identify priorities and core values, guide where the community wants to see change, and an opportunity to learn about the climate impacts the region is facing and the co-benefits of taking local climate action.

The information gathered from the conversations in the community will help inform a volunteer Technical Advisory Group (TAG) that is now helping to prepare for the implementation phase in order to achieve our goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. This is only possible through collaboration, teamwork, and combined efforts of our entire community. We need to work together to strengthen our economy, help the environment, and improve the health and wellness of community members to ensure the Centre Region continues to thrive in the decades to come.

The Centre Region Council of Governments adopted the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) on November 22, 2021. This plan demonstrates municipal governments’ commitment to addressing climate change and calls on all government entities, residents, businesses, and community organizations to be partners in this effort. The plan identifies Centre Region’s climate vulnerabilities and areas where we can adapt and mitigate climate change impacts in our own community with sustainable strategies targeted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan is only the beginning of our collective effort to prepare a sustainable future for all residents in Centre Region.

We are grateful for your participation in the *Community Climate Action Conversation*. We welcome any and all community voices and ideas and we thank you again for participating!

Sincerely,



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Chair
COG Climate Action & Sustainability Committee



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To learn more about the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan and what local government is already doing to adapt and mitigate climate change, see infographics and additional resources included in the kit.