



Biddeford Climate Task Force

An Ad Hoc Committee

Committee Charter

Statement:

The Biddeford Climate Task Force is an ad-hoc committee established by the Mayor to create an action plan that focuses on adaptation, mitigation and sustainability strategies that address the real effects of climate change that threaten our coastal community.

Team Structure:

Team Champion Mayor Alan Casavant

City Staff Liaison Brad Favreau

Team Leader Steve Reiter

Team Members: Meaghan Daly, PhD

William Emhiser

Chrystina Gastelum

Martin Grohman

Andrew Thompson

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Team Scope:

The team has been tasked by Mayor Casavant to create a Climate Change Action Plan pursuant to Biddeford's adoption of a Climate Emergency Declaration Resolution in 2020. The expected duration of the team's charter is 1 – 2 years.

The team shall focus on the City of Biddeford, including its urban core, coastal and other communities and lands within the City's boundaries with long-term goal of achieving

compliance with the State of Maine and federal climate mitigation and adaptation goals and targets.

Together, working with the Mayor, city leadership and staff, the City Council as well as the city’s boards, commissions and committees, community stakeholders, other organizations, communities and educational institutions, as well as the general public, the team shall adopt both short and long-term objectives and targets promoting:

- a) the use of appropriate tools and methods to conduct a greenhouse gas inventory for the City of Biddeford that is compatible with the Global Protocol Community-Scale GHG Emissions Inventories (GPC)
- b) the use of appropriate tools and methods to conduct a climate vulnerability assessment for the City of Biddeford
- c) engagement and collaboration with all stakeholders and the general public
- d) transparency of team activities providing public access and team accountability
- e) learning from and, where appropriate, adopting best practices, as used by other cities, communities and organizations
- f) the provision of effective, cost-efficient, and equitable strategies as part of a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan to become compliant with the [Maine Climate Council’s goals and recommendations](#) as documented in the December 1, 2020 report

The team shall plan to hold regular public meetings, but is allowed by this charter as an ad-hoc committee, to also hold non-public strategy sessions and informational meetings with stakeholders and outside content experts as determined appropriate.

Charter Adopted:

Team Leader:	_____	Date:	_____
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