



**Working Group Name:** Climate  
**Meeting Date:** March 5, 2012  
**Meeting Location:** One Judiciary Square

**Attendees:** Annie Bennett, Sara Hoverter, Steve Waller, Gretchen Goldman, Kara Reeve, Amanda Campbell, Larry Martin, Cory Connolly, Manuel Oliva, Josh Lasky, Dan Barry (DDOE).

**Main Points/Discussion:**

The Sustainable DC Climate Work Group met on Monday, March 5 to review our goal ranking and to discuss any modifications to our goals. We had previously discussed how to use the highest scoring four climate goals to reframe our work group's output so as to ensure that climate goals make a substantive contribution to the Sustainability DC initiative, and are not redundant to other groups' goals. In the period of time between the February 21 and March 5 meetings a substantial amount of work was conducted off-line by the climate working group.

Having previously sorted through all of our group's goals and actions and categorized them under the four new overarching climate goals, the working group broke into four smaller working groups to complete a redrafting of the goals and actions under the new four broad goal areas.

During the March 5 meeting, these broad goal areas were reviewed and edited. A total of four goal areas were delineated:

*Goal 1A— DC adopts a CO2 reduction goal of 1% by 2015, 10% by 2020, 50% by 2025 and 80% by 2040 (from the 2006 baseline) to guide level of effort associated with energy economy transformation and the related energy, building, and transportation sectors.*

*Goal 1B— DC will ensure that all sectors contribute to emission reductions by setting sector-specific targets and engaging in climate-focused decision-making.\**

*Goal 2 -- The District will implement a means for accountability and oversight to measure performance and progress toward meeting CO2e reduction goals by the end of 2012.*

*Goal 3A -- Prioritize climate data transparency and accessibility in order to empower citizens, organizations, businesses, government agencies, and communities to make informed decisions.*

*Goal 3B -- Ensure all District residents have access to climate education (in mitigation, adaptation, and climate science) and that all public and charter school students in the District demonstrate climate competency before graduating primary school.*



*Goal 4 -- Create and implement an Adaptation/Hazard Mitigation Plan by 2014 to ensure that natural, built, and social systems are resilient to all disasters, including conditions that are increasing with climate change such as heat waves, downpours, sea level rise (in the tidal Potomac), and stronger coastal storms. The plan should include a comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment, and prioritize no/low-regrets actions with greenhouse gas reduction co-benefits.*

For each of these goal areas a number of specific actions were detailed.

**NEXT STEP**

This was the final working group meeting in this phase of the Sustainable DC working group process. The results of the work conducted up to this point will be compiled and provided to the SDC staff in order for them to be able to summarize the top priorities and present this information in the form of a draft Vision Plan.

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