



2020 University Park Climate Action Framework

Background / Purpose

This framework is intended to help the Mayor, Town Council, and Town employees consider greenhouse gas emissions reductions and increased resilience to climate change as part of every Town decision. The framework provides a list of questions to ask about any proposed policy or action to ensure that the Mayor, Town Council, Town employees, and the public understand the extent to which climate change is being considered in decisions within the control of the Town. The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Mayor, Town Council, and Town employees use these questions to qualitatively (at a minimum) and quantitatively (as feasible) assess the climate change effects of proposed actions prior to making decisions.

Does the Proposed Policy or Action...?

1. Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Transportation?

(Yes/No/Not Applicable, Explanation)

2. Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Built Environment?

(Yes/No/Not Applicable, Explanation)

3. Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Waste Programs?

(Yes/No/Not Applicable, Explanation)

4. Increase the Resilience of Built Infrastructure to Unavoidable Changes in the Climate?

(Yes/No/Not Applicable, Explanation)

5. Increase Resilience Through Habitat Diversity and a Healthy Tree Canopy?

(Yes/No/Not Applicable, Explanation)

6. Increase Community Involvement in University Park Emissions Reductions and Resilience Efforts?

(Yes/No/Not Applicable, Explanation)