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# Climate Program Update

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# Citywide Climate Agenda

Systems change for community climate action



Comprehensive Plan



Wastewater Solids  
Renewal



Transportation System  
Improvements



Homeless Emergency



Emergency Management



Solid Waste Management



# Climate Program Role

## Advancing the Climate Action Framework



Emissions  
Reductions



Climate  
Resilience



Youth  
Leadership



GHG  
Inventory



Internal  
Consultant



Community  
Catalyst





# Foundational Emissions Reductions Strategies

- **Green Buildings Program**
  - Draft coming to Council in August
- **Citywide EV Infrastructure Strategy\***
  - Selecting consultant and building community partnerships
- **Building Decarbonization Program\***
  - Providing support for local building owners to comply with State standards

\* Funded by Climate Commitment Act



# Enhancing Resilience with Overburdened Communities

Key outreach question:

How can we increase safety and reduce stress during severe weather emergencies?

## Unhoused Survey

Thrive2Survive surveyed **47** unhoused community members about their unique needs during severe weather.

## Community Conversations

Council for the Homeless led small group conversations with **32** residents of affordable housing.

## CBO Listening Sessions

City of Vancouver met with **9** community-based organizations serving environmental justice, BIPOC, and disability communities.

\* Funded by Dept. of Commerce Solar Plus Storage for Resilient Communities Grant





# Building Capacity with Youth Climate Leaders

- Recruiting high school students for Youth Climate Leadership Program
- Focus on climate justice, civic engagement, community resilience
- Climate Program, Water Center, Office of Equity & Inclusion

**Application deadline: August 4**

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Lower Columbia  
Estuary  
Partnership



# Creating Ripple Effects

## Internal Consultants

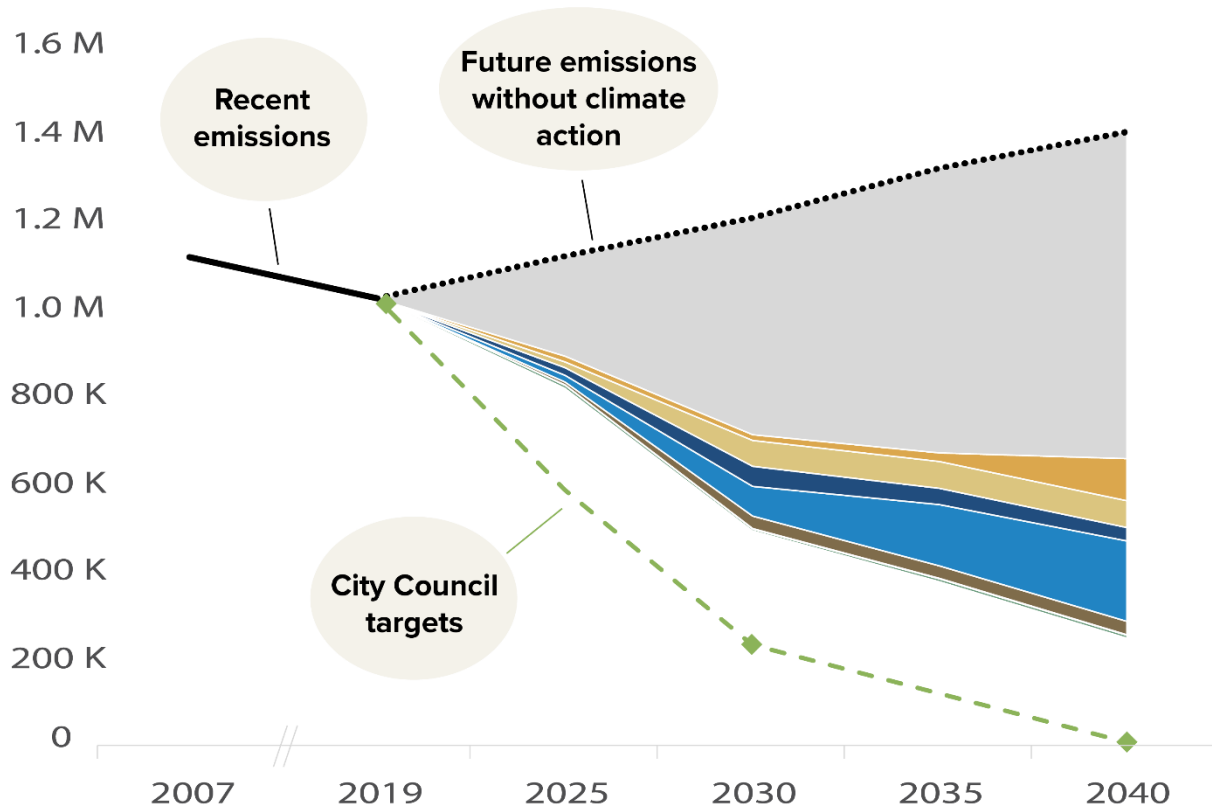
- Maintaining emissions data
- Advising departments and budget committee
- Capacity building and funding
- Cross-department coordination

## Community Catalyst

- Climate Pubs
- Supporting capacity at CBOs
- Collaboration with Clark Public Utilities on EVs and solar
- Engaging with green tech



### 2019 GHG Inventory



## Next: 2023 GHG Inventory

- Sept. 16 Workshop – 2023 GHG Inventory Results
- Identify key areas for 2025-26 investments to maximize progress
- Provide guidance on strategy refinements for the 2026 CAF update





# Thank You

