

# Information Item

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2023

## Topic

Local Planning Stories: Planning for Climate Change

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. §473.145

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Eric Wojchik, Planning Analyst, 651-602-1330, with City guests: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner, City of Fridley; Emma Struss, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, City of Bloomington

**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

## Background

At the [Committee of the Whole meeting](#) on April 7, 2021, Council staff provided a summary analysis of climate action planning as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite. At the March 2, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting, staff presented an analysis on [Local Planning Priorities](#). While this is not a required policy area, local governments are integrating climate planning into their comprehensive plans and as part of their overall community priorities.

During Earth Week, the Committee's April 19th meeting will host invited local government representatives to discuss in more detail how their communities are planning for climate action and sustainability, plus moving forward to implement initiatives and programs that further resilience for all residents of their community. Staff from the cities of Fridley and Bloomington will each share their own community's story, and then Council staff will facilitate a panel discussion with our guest speakers. Following this, Council members will have opportunities to engage in the conversation.

Council members may want to review a previous Local Planning Stories panel on [Equity in Planning](#) at the April 20, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting where local staff from the cities of Belle Plaine and Bloomington shared their cities' journey to integrate equity into local planning.

Council staff will continue to invite local government representatives to share their planning stories with the Council to provide an opportunity to hear directly from communities and highlight exceptional planning efforts. Council staff welcome ideas on topics for future conversations.