

Community Development Committee
Budget Discussion 3 –
Climate Change Activities
June 2, 2014

Thrive MSP 2040 calls for the Council to –

“expand its role supporting local governments in climate change planning to assist their efforts toward mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.”

Identifying aligned possibilities

Council will...	Community Development may....
Use climate change as a lens...	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Define a climate planning requirement for Livable Communities grants?2) Help investigate procurement rules?
Recognize the state's goals for greenhouse gas reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Implement an urban forestry grant program?2) Expand support for EQB?

Identifying aligned possibilities

Council will....	Community Development may...
Expand the information and technical assistance provided to local governments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Expand Local Government Handbook?2) Pursue becoming Green Steps partner (and funding)?3) Help with coordination of stormwater guidance?4) Help support demonstration reuse projects for rain/stormwater?5) Help support MEPC efforts?6) Lead renewed LCCMR grant proposal ?7) Participate in permanent metro localized temperature data collection?

Identifying aligned possibilities

Council will...	Community Development may....
Work with partners on the feasibility of energy improvements and pursue group purchasing where it helps	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Help with MEPC for generic assessments of energy technologies?2) Develop Community Solar Gardens?
Develop and disseminate info about climate change, regional indicators and emissions inventory	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Help work with EQB and CSEO?2) Lead next phase of regional indicators work?

Identifying aligned possibilities

Council will...	Community Development may....
Provide technical assistance to local governments.... in partnership with Green Steps Cities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Work with stakeholder groups to identify valuable help?2) Help asking for state bond, Clean Water Fund, or LCCMR funding?
Provide information to local jurisdictions about climate change risks ...	Develop more Comp Plan information (with input from experts and partners)?

Identifying aligned possibilities

Council will...	Community Development may....
Assess risks from a changing climate and potentially rewards	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Identify potential competitive advantages we could magnify (e.g. water cluster; detailed urban temperature data)?2) Garner support for Transit funding through enhanced communication about climate change?
Create incentives to reward local governments that set and make progress on GHG reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Pursue state funds to set up a grant program?2) Work with Council Finance to investigate providing credit support or loans to cities?

Identifying aligned possibilities

Council will...	Community Development may....
Collaborate ... and convene local governments and broader communities to address climate change	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Work with state agencies and local partners to provide sponsorship of events (EQB, PCA, DOC, DEED, MCWD, NARC and others)?2) Lead work with Science Museum on relevant display content?3) Convene metro stakeholders to be proactive and avoid non-attainment risk for criteria pollutants?
Invest to reduce energy use in buildings and operations, and be among leaders in the region	Pursue funding for audits and energy fixes on FAHP homes owned by Council/HRA?

Next Steps

- Adding/editing ideas for possible actions
- Considering:
 - priorities among them
 - participation within Council
 - collaboration opportunities for synergies outside Council
 - Metrics, should we pursue
- Funding Request

Funding Request

- 2015 Annual Budget (Unrestricted levy dollars):
 - = \$500,000?
 - 2 FTE staff?