

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVALS**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of December 16, 2025 Meeting
3. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
4. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Member Appointments and Declaring Open Seats
 - b. Climate Action Plan – Public Engagement Survey
 - c. Prepare for Climate Action Plan Open House
 - d. Establish Member Reach-Out Areas
5. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - a. Review Climate Action Plan Event
 - b. Minnesota Regional Indicators Website
 - c. Climate Action Planning Spreadsheet
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winkelaar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jess Winkelaar, Monika Davis, Josh Keller, and Ewa Prochniewicz.

Members Absent: Bryan Carlson, Mindy Nakamoto, and Ann Sisel.

Others Present: Jeff Dains, City Council; Gregory Goodwine, Ramsey County.

Staff Present: Heather Butkowski and Jim Bownik.

APPROVALS

Chair Winkelaar asked if there were any suggested changes to the commission meeting agenda or the November 18, 2025, commission meeting minutes. There being none, Prochniewicz made a motion to approve. Davis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

A. 2026 Meeting Calendar

The 2026 meeting calendar was presented by Butkowski. When the new members are selected, the commission can discuss whether to keep meeting on the same schedule. Some existing members have conflicts with Tuesday nights.

B. Membership Update

Butkowski reported that she did not hear back from Nakamoto about remaining on the Commission. Final action on membership can be taken at the January meeting when a quorum is present. Due to Greg Williams' death, notice of commission opening will be in the upcoming newsletter.

C. Climate Action Plan – Public Engagement Survey

The Commission reviewed Roseville's recent survey and provided feedback on ways to modify for use by the City of Lauderdale. City staff and Goodwine will finish the survey. The City's intern will create the online survey that will be published in the newsletter.

D. Set Date for Climate Action Plan Open House

The group set February 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for the Climate Action Plan open house.

E. Ramsey County Extreme Heat Adoption Plan

Gregory Goodwine spoke to the County's efforts to create an extreme heat plan. The City's February 11 open house will provide an opportunity for residents to also provide input into the extreme heat plan.

F. Climate Action Planning Template

The commission members started completing the County's Climate Action Plan Framework during the November meeting but ran out of time in December. Staff will work on the draft.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Member Appointments
- B. Prepare for Climate Action Plan Event
- C. Establish Member Reach-Out Areas
- D. Climate Action Plan Template

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date January 20, 2026

Agenda Item Membership

Action Requested

Consent ☐ Public Hearing ☐ Discussion ☒
Action ☒ Resolution ☐ Work Session ☐

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

Initially, Bryan Carlson and Ann Sisel were appointed to one-year terms in December of last year. If they wish to continue, they can be appointed to two-year terms.

The Committee also has two other seats to consider. First, the Committee can advertise to fill Gregory Williams' seat. Second, staff also did not hear back from Mindy Nakamoto on whether she planned to continue on the Committee. Per ordinance, "A member will be deemed to have resigned after three unexcused absences from Commission meetings within a 12-month period." Mindy last attended the March 18, 2025, meeting.

The Committee can vote to declare both seats vacant. Thereafter, staff will advertise the seats in the newsletter and online.

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date January 20, 2026

Agenda Item Sustainability Survey

Action Requested

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| Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Discussion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> | Work Session | <input type="checkbox"/> |

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

As discussed during the last meeting, part of the sustainability plan and grant is to host public input sessions. The survey worked on during the last meeting is available on the City's website. Newsletters are just being delivered. Staff will send out email communication on the survey next week. Attached is copy of the survey. If you completed the survey during our testing, we erased those answers so please complete again when you have time.

Climate Action Plan Survey

The City of Lauderdale is developing a community-wide Climate Action Plan (CAP) to address resilience to climate change and work towards reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

About this Survey

This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and will ask you to share your concerns and ideas about climate change related challenges the city is facing and what can be done in response. This survey is organized into four sections: 1) Demographics 2) Your personal experiences with climate change 3) Your climate change concerns 4) Actions you think the City could take in response.

All questions are optional, but you must click submit on the final page for your responses to be recorded.

Demographics

Please note: The demographic questions are being collected in order to help the City work towards equity and balance in the responses received. Your email address will not be shared. If you would like to receive Climate Action Plan updates and other city news please [sign up via the City's website](#).

1. Email

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2. 1. Would you like us to add your email to the city emailing list?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. 2. Do you live in the City of Lauderdale

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes, I rent a home or apartment in Lauderdale
- ☐ Yes, I own a home or condo/townhome in Lauderdale
- ☐ No

4. 3. Do you work, or own a business, in the City of Lauderdale?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, I own a business in Lauderdale
- ☐ Yes, I work in Lauderdale

5. 4. What age category describes you?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 25 or younger
- ☐ 26 - 39
- ☐ 40 - 54
- ☐ 55- 74
- ☐ 75 and over

6. 5. Your Race/ Ethnicity (check all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White/Caucasian
- ☐ prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other:

Personal Experiences with Climate Change

This section asks you about which effects of climate change have effected you both in Lauderdale and other parts of your life.

7. 6. Have any of the following effects of climate change personally impacted you?
(Check all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Flooding / Flood damage
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Heat stroke or hyperthermia
- ☐ Increased air conditioning use
- ☐ More frequent asthma attacks
- ☐ Longer allergy season
- ☐ Breathing/allergy impacts due to western wild fires
- ☐ Health impact due to air pollution
- ☐ Change in wildlife (fish stock, etc)
- ☐ Tree loss due to storm, flooding, drought, etc
- ☐ Increased contact with mosquitos/ticks
- ☐ Increases in cost or difficulty in obtaining home insurance
- ☐ None of the above

8. Please list any other changes you have noticed or ways you have been personally impacted by climate change

Background Information and Statewide Climate Projections

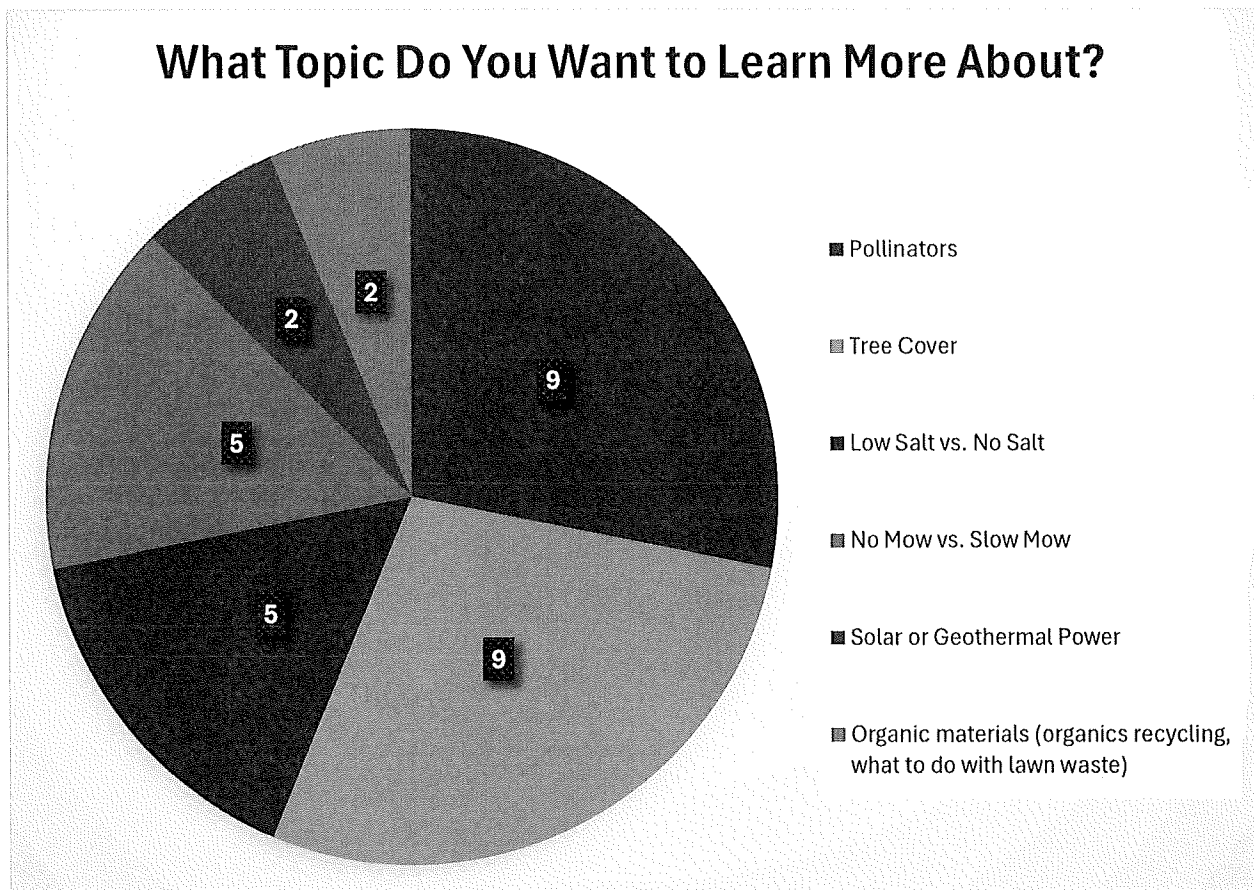
This section provides background information on a previous survey conducted by the Lauderdale Sustainability and Environmental Commission and statewide climate projections in Minnesota if we continue on a 'business as usual' track. See the following maps from the University of Minnesota to better understand how climate change may effect Minnesota and our community.

Source: Liess, S. Roop, H.A., Twine, T.E., Noe, R., Clark, S., Coffman, D., Dolma, D., Farris, A., Fernandez, A., Gorman, J., Meyer, N. 2025. Fine-scale Climate Projections over Minnesota for the 21st Century. Prepared for the University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership. V1.1 <https://climate.umn.edu/MN-CLiMAT> released September 2025.

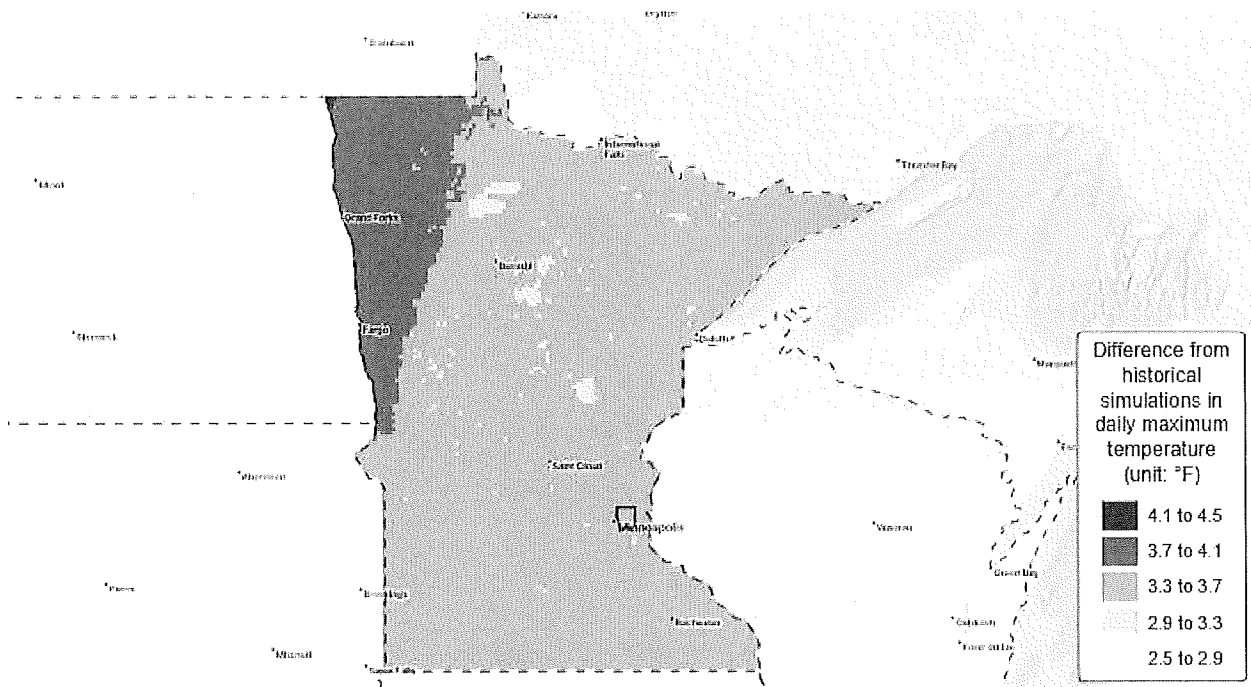
Source: Coffman, D., Black, K., Boyd, K., Clark, S., Greene, B., Saravana, D., Weske, C. 2024. Climate Change in East Central Minnesota. Prepared for the University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership. Version 1; September 2024. www.climate.umn.edu/regional-climate-summaries

Sustainability and Environmental Commission 2024 Survey

The City of Lauderdale has a long-standing commitment to sustainability work. With the formation of a Sustainability and Environmental Commission in 2024, commissioners have been working to identify priorities and topics of interest to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change in the Lauderdale community. During this summer's Day in the Park, commissioners asked residents, "which [sustainability] topic do you want to learn more about?" to understand where residents would like to see action. 32 residents voted for one of the six topics. This quick survey, in addition to the current survey you are completing, will inform the CAP planning team draft strategies and actions.



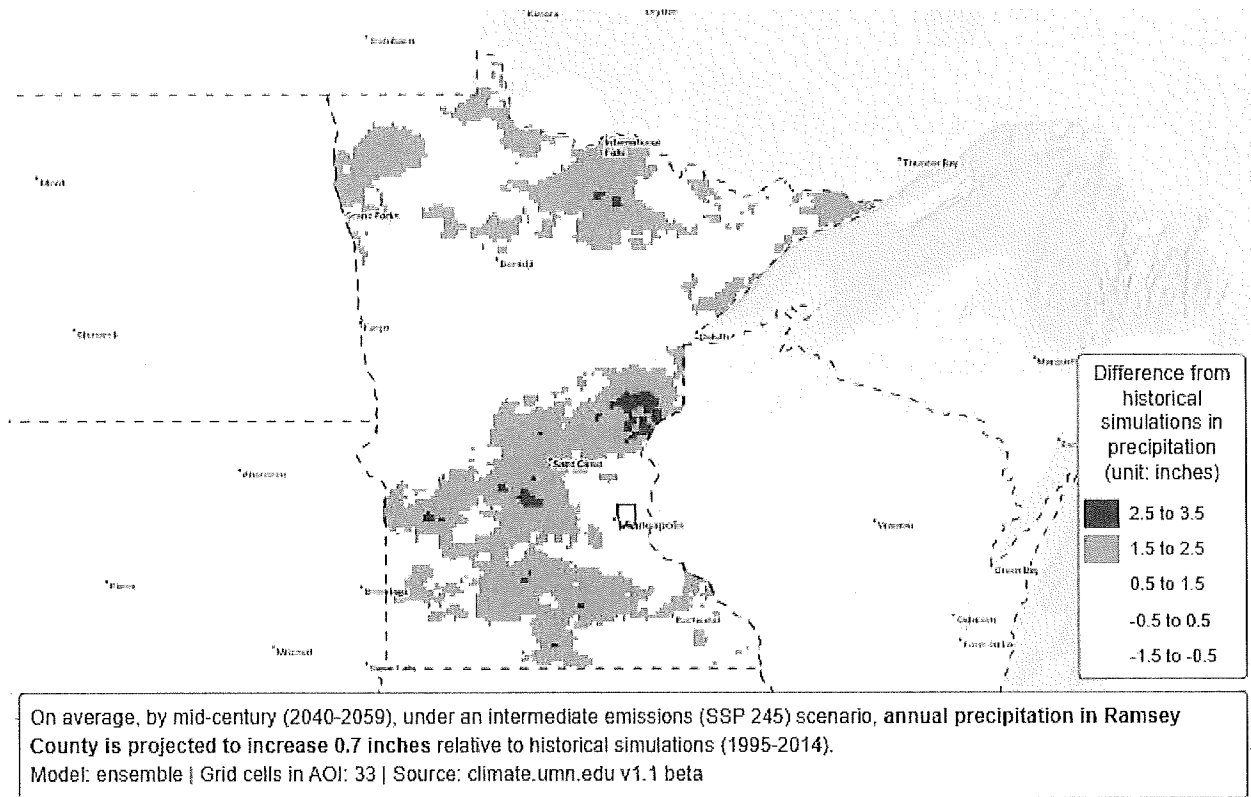
Projected increase in annual daily maximum temperature in 2040-2059 (3.5 degrees Fahrenheit higher in Ramsey County)



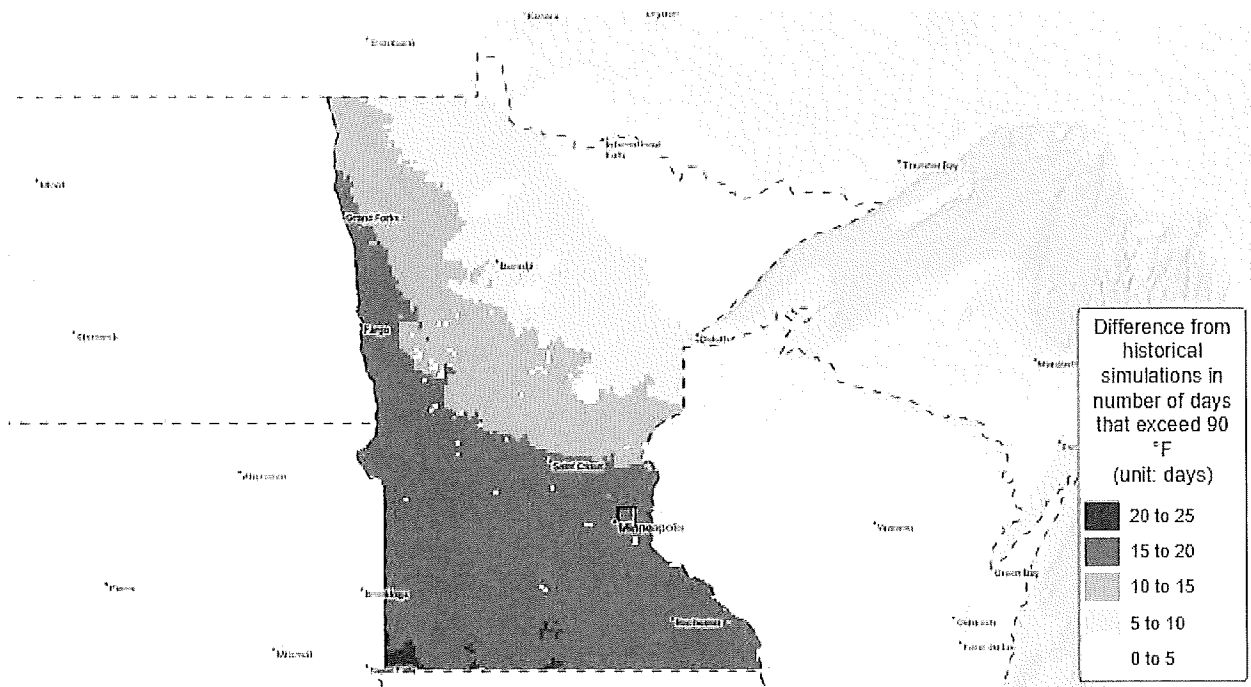
On average, by mid-century (2040-2059), under an intermediate emissions (SSP 245) scenario, annual daily maximum temperature in Ramsey County is projected to increase 3.5 degrees Fahrenheit relative to historical simulations (1995-2014).

Model: ensemble | Grid cells in AOI: 33 | Source: climate.umn.edu v1.1 beta

Projected increase in annual precipitation in 2040-2059 (an increase of 0.7 inches for Ramsey County). **Note:** On average, rain events are projected to intensify, meaning more rain will likely fall in a single storm, with longer dry periods in between. Additionally, due to warming temperatures, by mid-century, the number of days per year with at least 1 inch of snow cover is expected to decline by 12 days in East Central, MN (Coffman, et. al., 2024)



Projected number of days that exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit in 2040-2059 (an increase of 15.3 days per year for Ramsey County)



On average, by mid-century (2040-2059), under an intermediate emissions (SSP 245) scenario, annual number of days that exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit in Ramsey County is projected to increase 15.3 days relative to historical simulations (1995-2014). Model: ensemble | Grid cells in AOI: 33 | Source: climate.umn.edu v1.1 beta

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Climate Change Concerns

This section asks you about what future effects of climate change you are concerned about both in Lauderdale and other parts of your life. Refer to the previous section (Background and Projections) to help answer the following questions.

9. 7. How concerned are you about climate change in general?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Not at all concerned
- ☐ Moderately concerned
- ☐ Extremely concerned

10. 8. How concerned are you about the following weather projections for Minnesota?

Mark only one oval per row.

| | Not at all concerned | Moderately concerned | Extremely concerned |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| More heavy rain events | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Change in precipitation | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Drought | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Extreme weather events (heatwaves, wildfires, cold snaps, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Larger swings in weather (rapid shift between conditions - hot/cold or wet/dry) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

11. 9. How concerned are you about the following possible human health impacts of climate change?

Mark only one oval per row.

| | Not at all concerned | Moderately concerned | Extremely concerned |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Air quality impacts | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Availability of clean drinking water | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Temperature related illness | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Disease outbreak | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Food insecurity | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mental health impacts | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Risks to vulnerable people | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

12. 10. How concerned are you about the possible infrastructure and ecosystem impacts of climate change?

Mark only one oval per row.

| | Not at all concerned | Moderately concerned | Extremely concerned |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Flood damage | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| More frequent power outages | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Tree/plant loss | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fish loss | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Ecosystem loss | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Taking Action

This section asks what actions you think the City of Lauderdale should take in response to climate change.

Please note: The example actions shown in this section are only to understand opinions. Example actions may or may not be reflected in the plan that is developed.

13. 11. How much do you agree with the following statement: "It is important for Lauderdale to take action to prepare for the projected impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions?"

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree

14. 12. Please select the following Transportation actions you would support or engage in (check up to three):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ I would use carpools and rideshare programs to commute to work if they were available.
- ☐ I would ride the bus if it ran more frequently and during more hours of the day.
- ☐ I would walk or ride a bike at least once more per week if there was access to safe bike routes.
- ☐ I would use shared mobility options if they were more available (carpool, HourCar /Evie, etc).
- ☐ I would support the City financing electric vehicle charging stations for public use.
- ☐ I would support the City replacing its city vehicles with electric and hybrid vehicles.
- ☐ I do not support actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in transportation.

15. 13. Please select the following Building actions you would support or engage in (check up to three):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ The City should offer incentives for rental properties to meet energy efficiency standards reducing costs for owners and tenants.
- ☐ It would be beneficial for me to know the energy score of a house before buying it.
- ☐ The City should offer incentives for energy and water efficiency and solar readiness.
- ☐ I would support the City and utilities in expanding incentives for customers switching from using gas to electricity.
- ☐ The City should require higher energy efficiency standards for all municipal building projects.
- ☐ The City should power all new municipal buildings with 100% renewable electricity.
- ☐ I do not support actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in buildings, housing, and development.

16. 14. Please select the following Energy actions you would support or engage in (check up to three):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ I would pay \$5-\$10 more per month for a subscription to local solar power generation.
- ☐ Community solar should be available at lower cost to low- and moderate-income customers.
- ☐ I'd be willing to pay more for electricity at certain times of day and less at others to meet energy resilience goals.
- ☐ I'd support the City creating incentives for residents and businesses to install solar power.
- ☐ The City should invest in innovative technologies that enhance renewable energy usage.
- ☐ New residential and commercial buildings to be "solar ready" (designed and constructed to make future installation of solar easy and less expensive).
- ☐ I would support the City installing cost-effective renewable energy at City owned properties.
- ☐ I do not support actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in energy.

17. 15. Please select the following Waste reduction actions you would support or engage in (check up to three):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ I would support the City expanding food recycling/ compost collection service in the community.
- ☐ I think my rates should be based on the amount of trash I throw away.
- ☐ I think businesses should be required to have recycling collection.
- ☐ I would support incentives to recycle construction materials.
- ☐ I'd support the City partnering or investing in processes that divert usable items for reuse.
- ☐ I support organized collection (the limiting of one hauler collection).
- ☐ I would support organized collection of bulky items such as mattresses, furniture, and appliances..
- ☐ I do not support actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in waste management.

18. 16. What would you like to see the City do to help residents or businesses prepare for the impacts of climate change or reduce greenhouse gas emissions? List any other actions you would like to see here.

19. 17. How would you like to be involved in creating a plan to address climate change in Lauderdale? (check all that apply):

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Community forums
- ☐ Host a conversation with a group I am connected to
- ☐ Follow updates via email or website
- ☐ Surveys
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Find more information at community events already taking place

20. 18. The Environment and Sustainability Commission is hosting an open house for residents to learn more about the climate action planning process and to share feedback on what you would like to see included in the plan. This event will take place on February 11, 2026 from 5pm - 7pm at Lauderdale City Hall.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ I will plan to attend
- ☐ I am unable to attend but interested in future events
- ☐ I am unable to attend and NOT interested in future events

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA TOPIC FORM

Meeting Date January 20, 2026

Agenda Item Sustainability Open House

Action Requested

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|---------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Discussion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Action | <input type="checkbox"/> | Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> | Work Session | <input type="checkbox"/> |

DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC:

The Sustainability Plan Open House event is scheduled for February 11 from 5-7 p.m.

The bulk of the meeting will be spent planning for the open house. Staff met with Gregory and we came up with a few ideas. Noted are how many commissioners we need per table.

Table 1: Three laptops to assist attendees in completing survey (one commissioner).

Tables 2-7: Clean Transportation; Climate Smart Natural Land; Clean Energy and Efficient Buildings; Thriving Communities; Healthy Lives, Clean Economy (one commissioner/staff per table).

Table 8: Ramsey County Resilience Survey Table (staffed by Ramsey County).

We need to determine during the meeting how we will facilitate the tables.

Postcards from the Future: Gregory will explain his idea for Postcards from the Future. This is something attendees can decide whether to participate in. We can use the comments/quotes from the postcards in the final Climate Action Plan (staffed by Ramsey County).

Kids Table: We have crafting kits in the closet to put out as well as drawing and coloring supplies to keep kids occupied while parents participate (staffed by Ramsey County).

We will order some easels and other supplies to facilitate the open house. Gregory said the grant will pay for them and refreshments. Where should we order from?