

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET

The City Council is meeting as a legislative body to conduct the business of the City according to Robert's Rules of Order and the Standing Rules of Order and Business of the City Council. Unless so ordered by the Mayor, citizen participation is limited to the times indicated and always within the prescribed rules of conduct for public input at meetings.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVALS

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of February 10, 2026, City Council Meeting
- c. Claims Totaling \$30,447.56

4. CONSENT

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings are conducted so that the public affected by a proposal may have input into the decision. During hearings all affected residents will be given an opportunity to speak pursuant to the Robert's Rules of Order and the standing rules of order and business of the City Council.

8. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

- a. Resolution No. 022426A – Authorizing Transfer of Funds from Fund 226 Communications Fund and Closing the Account
- b. Community Communication Opportunities
- c. Environmental Commission Update – Climate Action Plan Next Steps

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. February Financial Report
- b. Planned Unit Development Application for 2421 Larpenteur Avenue West
- c. Selection of Architect for Lauderdale Municipal Cannabis (March 24)
- d. Revisions to Sewer Utility Ordinance (March 24)
- e. Climate Action Plan Matrix (March 24)
- f. Annual Audit Presentation (April 14)
- g. Annual Police Department Presentation (April 28)

12. WORK SESSION

- a. Staff Project Updates
- b. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Any member of the public may speak at this time on any item not on the agenda. In consideration for the public attending the meeting, this portion of the meeting will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals are requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes or less. If the majority of the Council determines that additional time on a specific issue is warranted, then discussion on that issue shall be continued at the end of the agenda. Before addressing the City Council, members of the public are asked to step up to the microphone, give their name, address, and state the subject to be discussed. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter any discussion without permission of the presiding officer.

Your participation, as prescribed by the Robert's Rules of Order and the standing rules of order and business of the City Council, is welcomed and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

13. ADJOURNMENT

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!

When: Feb 24, 2026 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: February 24, 2026 Lauderdale City Council Webinar

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Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Jeff Dains, Sharon Kelly, Evan Sayre, Duane Pulford, and Mayor Mary Gaasch. Councilors absent: None.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Approvals

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting. There being none, Councilor Sayre moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to approve the claims totaling \$143,895.06. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Sayre to approve the Consent Agenda thereby acknowledging the January financial report and approving the Wastewater Collection System Operation and Maintenance Agreement with PeopleService. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Broadband Franchising Conversation with Cable Commission Attorney Mike Bradley
Recently, Woodbury was the first city in Minnesota to franchise a broadband company. The franchise was negotiated by Michael Bradley who is also the attorney for the North Suburban Communications Commission, of which the City is a member. The franchise is possible due to a recent US Court of Appeals decision that held that broadband was not a telecommunications service. With the change, cities in Minnesota are discussing whether to franchise broadband providers in the same way that cable providers have been franchised. The purpose of franchising is multi-fold but centers around ensuring broadband providers build out in all areas of cities instead of just to households with the means to purchase their services (equity). It also allows cities to more easily control utilities in the rights-of-way as cities are responsible for regulating the orderly use of that space.

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Bradley presented information about how the City may pursue franchising of broadband providers, and how the franchises would be negotiated. After concluding his presentation, he answered questions from the Council.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Opportunity to Join the Cities for Safe and Stable Communities Coalition

Butkowski explained that a coalition of west metro mayors formed the Cities for Safe and Stable Communities. It is a growing coalition of cities organizing in response to the effects of the large federal immigration presence in Minnesota.

Currently, cities have been working independently to address issues arising from immigration enforcement. Together, cities could be more effective both with boots on the ground and publicly representing the challenges faced. The coalition exists to coordinate city responses and communications; share timely, actionable information; reduce duplicative and uncoordinated requests to city staff; and present a clear, consistent local government perspective.

Twelve cities launched the coalition, but they are open to more members. The coalition hired administrative support for this effort that members will share the cost of. As the group grows, the costs shrink. It is estimated to be roughly \$500/month over the next five months.

Councilor Pulford made a motion to join the Cities for Safe and Stable Communities coalition. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Butkowski stated that the next meeting would include the selection of an architect for Lauderdale Municipal Cannabis and revisions to the sewer utility ordinance.

Work Session

A. Staff Project Updates

Butkowski shared that the Environmental and Sustainability Committee will be hosting an open house at City Hall from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on February 11. The event includes catering from Mim's Café.

Butkowski explained the arson incident at the warming house on February 5. The portable toilet was set on fire and the flames spread to the warming house causing mostly some minor damage to the building. City staff will work with our insurance company to rectify the issues. The warming house will remain open until the end of season party on Presidents' Day.

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C. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to those interested in addressing the Council. There being nobody interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

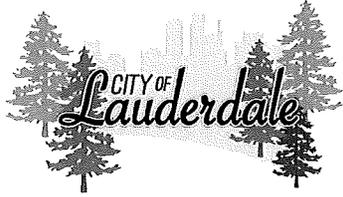
Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk



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Request for Council Action

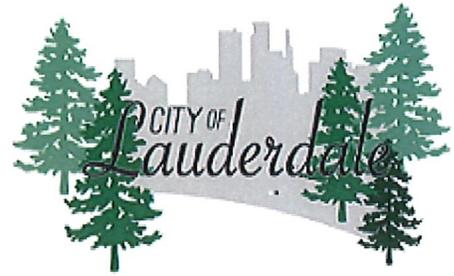
To: Mayor and City Council
From: City Administrator
Meeting Date: February 24, 2026
Subject: List of Claims

The claims totaling \$30,447.56 are provided for City Council review and approval that includes check numbers 29758 to 29773.

Accounts Payable

Checks by Date - Detail by Check Date

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Check No	Vendor No Invoice No	Vendor Name Description	Check Date Reference	Check Amount
ACH	43	Public Employees Retirement Association	02/13/2026	
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 PERA Coordinated	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 PER	1,401.27
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 PERA Coordinated	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 PER	1,214.44
Total for this ACH Check for Vendor 43:				2,615.71
ACH	44	Minnesota Department of Revenue	02/13/2026	
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 State Income Tax	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Stat	879.90
Total for this ACH Check for Vendor 44:				879.90
ACH	45	ICMA Retirement Corporation	02/13/2026	
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Deferred Comp	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Def	1,160.95
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Deferred Comp	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Def	2,016.33
Total for this ACH Check for Vendor 45:				3,177.28
ACH	46	Internal Revenue Service	02/13/2026	
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 FICA Employer Portio	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 FIC.	1,400.36
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Federal Income Tax	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Fed	2,146.68
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Medicare Employer Po	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Mec	327.50
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Medicare Employee Pc	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Mec	327.50
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 FICA Employee Portio	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 FIC.	1,400.36
Total for this ACH Check for Vendor 46:				5,602.40
ACH	47	Public Employees Insurance Program	02/13/2026	
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Dental	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Den	85.20
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Health Insurance	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 Hea	1,510.92
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ACH	93	Minnesota Dept of Employment/Economic	02/13/2026	
		PR Batch 50400.02.2026 MN Paid Leave Empl	PR Batch 50400.02.2026 MN	89.35
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Total for 2/13/2026:				14,050.11
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29761	192 262971499	Comcast Holdings Corporation February Internet	02/24/2026	413.00
			Total for Check Number 29761:	413.00
29762	465 022026	Robert LaMoure Repair Damages to the Warming House	02/24/2026	395.00
			Total for Check Number 29762:	395.00
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			Total for Check Number 29763:	263.96
29764	18 R56461	Minnesota Equipment Inc Tractor Repairs	02/24/2026	2,289.27
			Total for Check Number 29764:	2,289.27
29765	12 2026-007 2026-007 2026-007	NineNorth January Virtual Meeting Charge January Webstreaming & Archiving January Virtual Meeting Production	02/24/2026	107.44 199.68 395.20
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29767	398 3243106964	O'Reilly Automotive Inc Greasing Equipment Supplies	02/24/2026	75.03
			Total for Check Number 29767:	75.03
29768	388 PS-INV109442	PeopleService Inc March Wastewater	02/24/2026	470.00
			Total for Check Number 29768:	470.00
29769	466 022026	Quickwire Communications Refund Right of Way Permit - Wrong City	02/24/2026	100.00
			Total for Check Number 29769:	100.00
29770	135 22595	St Paul Pioneer Press Publish 2026 Summary Budget	02/24/2026	330.60
			Total for Check Number 29770:	330.60
29771	90	Verizon Wireless	02/24/2026	

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	6134895860	January Cell Phone		38.81
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29772	425	Vestis	02/24/2026	
	2500907064	February Uniforms		25.53
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29773	74	Xcel Energy	02/24/2026	
	963498493	2430 Larpenteur Avenue W		10.47
	963511028	1885 Fulham Street		147.59
	963511028	1917 Walnut Street		32.25
	963511028	1917 Walnut Street		293.23
	963511028	1885 Fulham Street		311.16
	963571117	Larpenteur Bridge Lights		66.49
	963661190	January Street Lighting		547.92
	963890878	Larpenteur Avenue		63.17
	964037470	1891 Walnut Street		268.22
	964037470	1891 Walnut Street		714.91
Total for Check Number 29773:				2,455.41
Total for 2/24/2026:				16,397.45
Report Total (22 checks):				30,447.56

**LAUDERDALE COUNCIL
ACTION FORM**

Meeting Date	February 24, 2026	Agenda Item	Close Fund 226
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Action Requested

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

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

Historically, Fund 226 – Communications tracked franchise fees paid by Comcast. About 25% of the revenue received by the City is remitted to the Cable Commission that the City is a member of. The Commission uses the funds to support the cable access channel and their lead role in negotiating the franchise renewals. The remaining funds pay for costs related to recording city meetings and broadcasting them on the city’s cable access channel and the internet.

Over the past few years, the Council has discussed Fund 226 a couple of times. The discussions have been around declining revenue due to the loss of traditional cable subscriptions with the increase in cable-like services delivered through the internet. The Council made a couple of decisions to prop up the fund. First, the City allocated \$50,000 from the federal covid dollars to the fund. This was intended to provide a 3 to 5-year backstop on the declining revenue and pay for costs associated with making virtual council meetings possible.

Another decision of the Council starting in budget year 2025 was to no longer use franchise fees to cover a portion of staff time. The fund had historically paid for some staff time as staff were responsible for the recording and airing of city council meetings. Those costs were transferred to the general fund. For budget year 2026, funds were not budget and new accounts were created in the general fund to track cable franchise revenue and expenses with the intent to close the fund.

With the audit completed, the fund can be closed. Hereafter, the franchise fees and cable expenses will be paid out of the general fund. To the extent the franchise fees don’t cover expenses, other general fund revenue will pay the difference.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 022426A – Authorizing Transfer of Funds from Fund 226 Communications Fund and Closing the Account.

RESOLUTION NO. 022426A

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM
FUND 226 COMMUNICATIONS FUND AND CLOSING THE ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, the City has historically tracked the cable franchise fee revenue and related expenses in Fund 226; and

WHEREAS, the continued decline in cable subscriptions has resulted in the fund running at an annual deficit; and

WHEREAS, the tracking of the cable franchise fee revenue in a separate fund is neither a requirement of the terms of the franchise nor accounting standards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE, MINNESOTA THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the transfer of approximately \$36,000.00 from Fund 226 Communications Fund to Fund 101 General Fund as of December 31, 2025.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes that Fund 226 be permanently closed and removed from the Chart of Accounts.

Section 3. All future cable franchise revenue and expenses will be accounted for in the General Fund and expenses in excess of revenue will be paid by ad valorem taxes or other city revenue.

Adopted by the Lauderdale City Council this 24th day of February, 2026.

Mary Gaasch
Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Butkowski
City Administrator

**LAUDERDALE COUNCIL
ACTION FORM**

Meeting Date	February 24, 2026	Agenda Item	Community Comm.
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Action Requested

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 ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

Mayor Gaasch added this topic to the agenda to discuss ways for the Council to meet more regularly with community members. She will provide more information from a recent League of Minnesota Cities event she attended.

If the Council schedules events, it would be great to get them on the calendar a few months in advance so they can get into the newsletter.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

**LAUDERDALE COUNCIL
ACTION FORM**

Meeting Date

February 24, 2026

Agenda Item

Climate Action Plan

Action Requested

Consent Public Hearing Discussion
Action Resolution Work Session

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE AND PAST COUNCIL ACTION:

The Environmental Commission has been working diligently on gathering community feedback to create a Climate Action Plan. We are all thankful that the County has health educator staff that received a grant on our behalf to make this much less of an effort and at little cost to the City.

The Commission has done two outreach efforts. Most recently, they held an open house at City Hall. Following are four pages of notes from the topics discussed during the event. After that are the to-date results of the survey published in January. There are 61 responses so far. Some of the survey questions were cut off on the printed results so a copy of the blank survey was included so you can see the missing information.

Between now and the Commission's March meeting, city and county staff will sort the data into a matrix created by the County. The matrix will identify areas of importance to the City based on the feedback and what role the City will take in acting on the feedback. In some cases, like Transportation, the City may dedicate staff and council time to further a cause (i.e. better transit access) but not necessarily spend physical or monetary resources. However, the City may plan to put forward financial resources to a tree replanting program, for example. The matrix will identify the goals, roles, and responsibilities. The goal is to have the Commission review the matrix at their March meeting. The Council would review after that. The matrix will then be sent to the consultant for the information to be included in the draft Climate Action Plan. There will be a final opportunity for community feedback at the Sustainability Fair in late April.

Staff are looking for any feedback from the Council on the project and the proposed process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

City Hall Open House – 02/11/2026

Clean Economy

- Diverse group of folks (students, elders, renters, families, homeowners)
- Reuse projects like appliance swaps (senior items, pass to freshmen)
- Think of ways to use the walls on the highway – beautification/sustainability project
- Buy nothing – free/swap day for our community
- Clean up and restoration from corporate polluters – make them pay for the damage/accountability
- Green funding initiatives/assistance for small businesses

Clean Transportation

- Sidewalks able to be shoveled and maintained
- Sidewalks area +/- in winter maintenance – taking care of them
- Connectivity between Eustis, Como, etc.?
- Smaller garbage trucks in alleys
- Biking is difficult if you must go down/through 280 – something here to examine?
- Single hauler trash pickup
- Bus stop in Lauderdale vs. just on Larpenteur
- Park & ride is wonderful to use to go from Lauderdale to Minneapolis
- Maintain sidewalks
- Single hauler garbage pickup
- Shuttle that picks up in Lauderdale
- Streetcars
- Transportation options for seniors – shopping, etc.
- Transportation options for the Fern residents
- Include garbage pickup in property taxes

Climate Smart Natural Land

- Tree concerns (disease)
- Community gardens
- Community compost and garden
- Nurture trees and forest (Breck Woods)
- Plantings along the sound barrier wall of 280 – trees, bushes, vines for beauty, cool shade
- Encourage leaving leaves in gardens and composting
- Garbage single company
- Concerned about tree diseases and climate change, hail, etc.
- A single mature tree absorbs roughly 48 pounds (21.8kg. of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year.

Thriving Communities - How Can We Best Use our Resources?

- Shade trees “artificial canopy”
- Places of worship (peace?)
- Cool place during power outages
- Library? Other options?
- Affordable housing
- Winter compost collection
- Community connection and support – more neighborhood activities
- Save the trees
- Pond was good
- Native plants in boulevards
- Single company garbage pickup
- Save the sliding hill
- Thriving communities - feedback
- Reduce H₂O – reuse
- Emergency hub facilities – be prepared

Clean Energy & Efficient Buildings

- White building?
- Solar Efficiency improvements? Wait?
- Solar 100% of what you use now? State restrictions?
- Snow loading on solar panels roof angle
- City Hall solar coming soon!
- Big trees in boulevards, smaller trees in backyards
- Invest City resources in solar energy
- Promote solar (how?)
- Generation rate of solar, 10% above what you use, legislative/state policies
- Lauderdale seems vulnerable to wind damage + power & internet outages. Usually due to something that happens outside of city boundaries. But also sometimes overhead lines vs wind and vs big garbage trucks running into poles + motor vehicles of all sizes sliding on icy or wet pavement into poles on the streets and in the alleys. Bad enough in spring and fall but more than a few hours in the summer or winter is hazardous. What can we do to prevent some of these weather-related accidental or storm caused outages? What can we do to make Lauderdale less vulnerable and/or speed recovery from these events? Press telcoms & Xcel to move utilities Underground. Micro grid the city and build Solar + batteries to make Lauderdale, at least temporarily independent from the grid? Get a generator for city hall & maybe wireless internet to provide a close emergency shelter space or at least place to charge & use communication devices?

Healthy Lives

- Unpredictable changes in weather, effects from climate warming on insects, more are moving north
- Plant more trees, it helps to cool the environment
- Are we prepared for weather emergencies? Like tornadoes?
- Pollinator gardens, vegetable gardens in yards
- Help for those who want to plant their boulevards with bee & butterfly friendly native plants
- Encourage residents to landscape for bees to the curb

- Edible landscaping, conservation of resources – rainwater capture, gardener energy
- Wildfire smoke affecting plants and covering with soot/dust
- Excessive use of plastic in food packaging
- Wild-looking gardens are OK
- Noticeable difference of heat and wildfires
- Rain gardens, bee lawns – what's next?
- Get children & youth involved in learning/gardening
- Water quality, testing water

Climate Action Plan Survey

61 responses

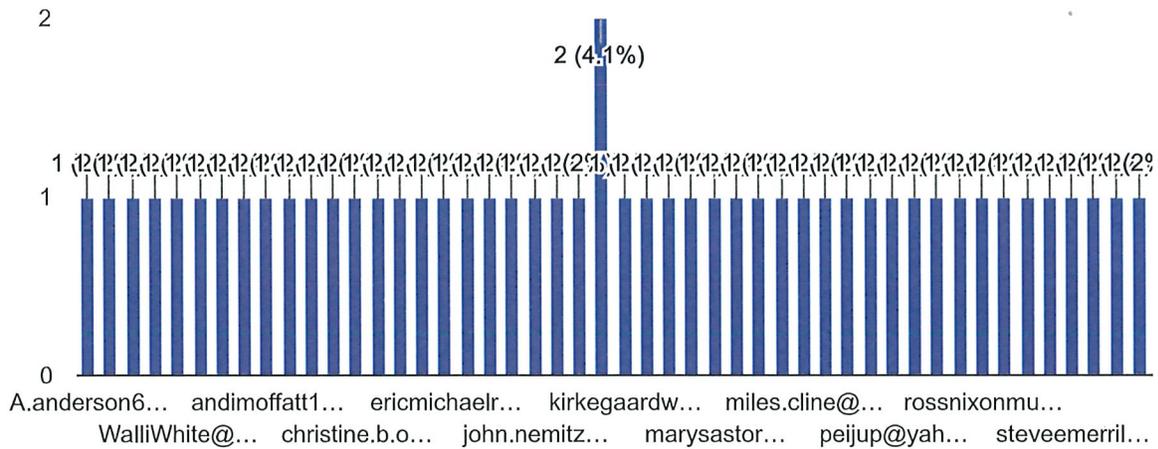
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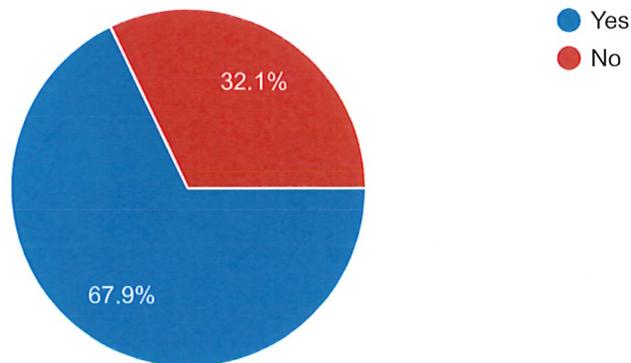
49 responses



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

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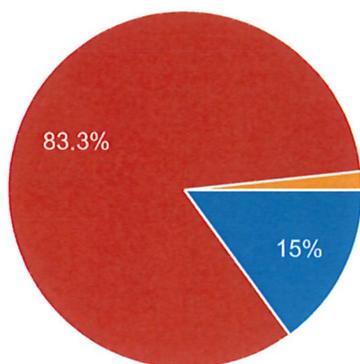
56 responses



2. Do you live in the City of Lauderdale

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60 responses

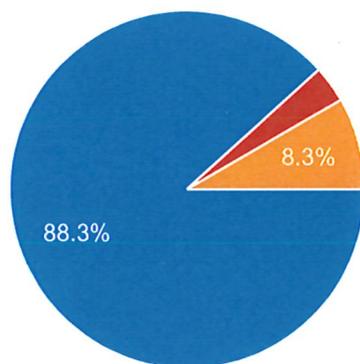


- Yes, I rent a home or apartment in Lauderdale
- Yes, I own a home or condo/ townhome in Lauderdale
- No

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

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60 responses

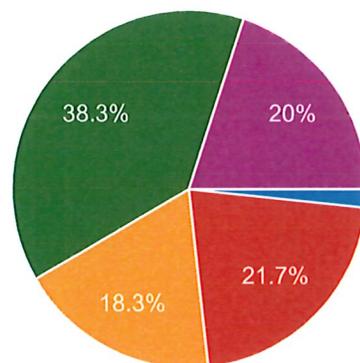


- No
- Yes, I own a business in Lauderdale
- Yes, I work in Lauderdale

4. What age category describes you?

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60 responses



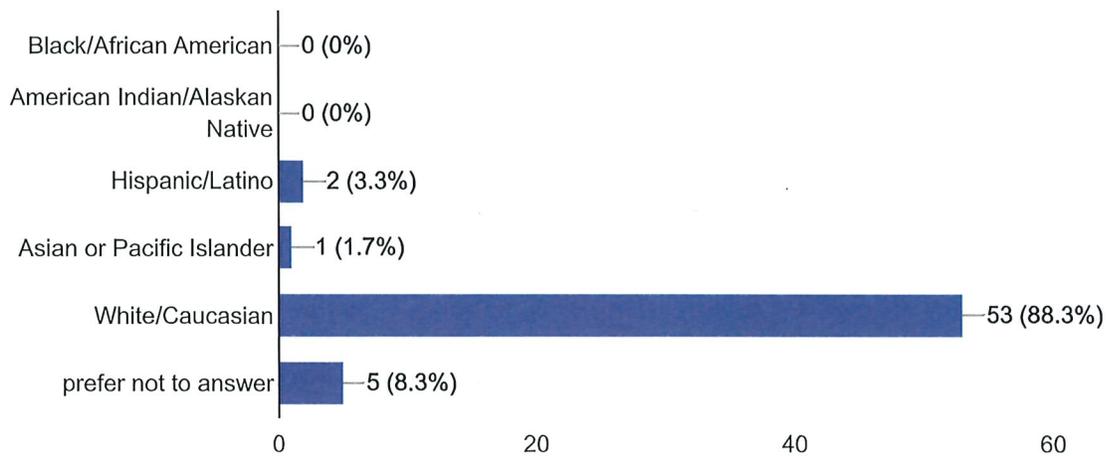
- 25 or younger
- 26 - 39
- 40 - 54
- 55 - 74
- 75 and over



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



60 responses

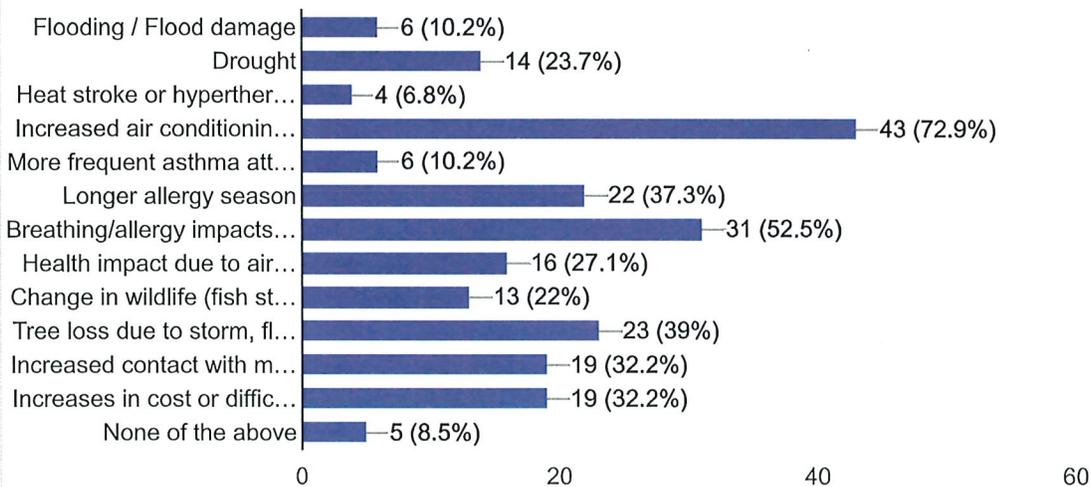


Personal Experiences with Climate Change

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



59 responses



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

18 responses

Psychological stress

Decrease in insect and bird populations

Increased heating costs.

Have noticed that lawn goes completely brown more often in summer now if I don't water.

increased humidity reducing activity outdoors and sensitivity to heat

large storms causing a large tree to fall. bad air quality due to smoke from wildfires over the summer. hail damage.

Water usage increase due to drought

Of the boxes checked above, I believe that these issues have been exacerbated over the past few years as conditions have become more extreme.

Increased flooding in spring/ice damage in winter

Higher energy bill costs

Extreme weather conditions caused me reducing time doing activities outdoor.

Extreme heat or extreme cold limits my time outdoors.

Fewer animals like pheasants

Increase in heating bills

Increased cost of utilities due to high cost of green energy initiatives.

Cloud seeding and weather engineering needs to stop. It is poisoning our land (gardens) and water sources . It creates unhealthy air to breathe. It takes away our sunny days.

Smoke from wildfires

fewer trees in my community leads to less shade



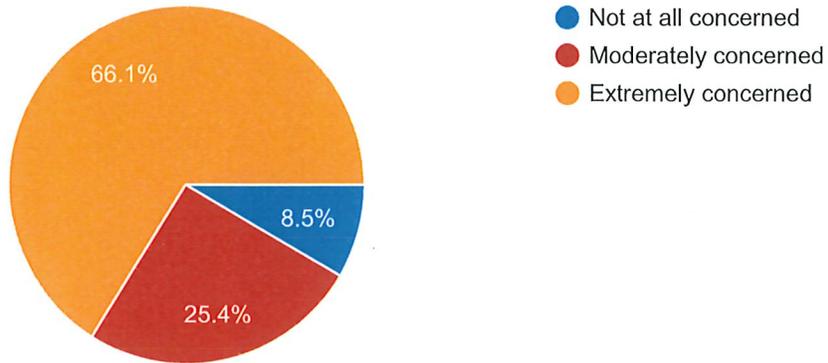
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Climate Change Concerns

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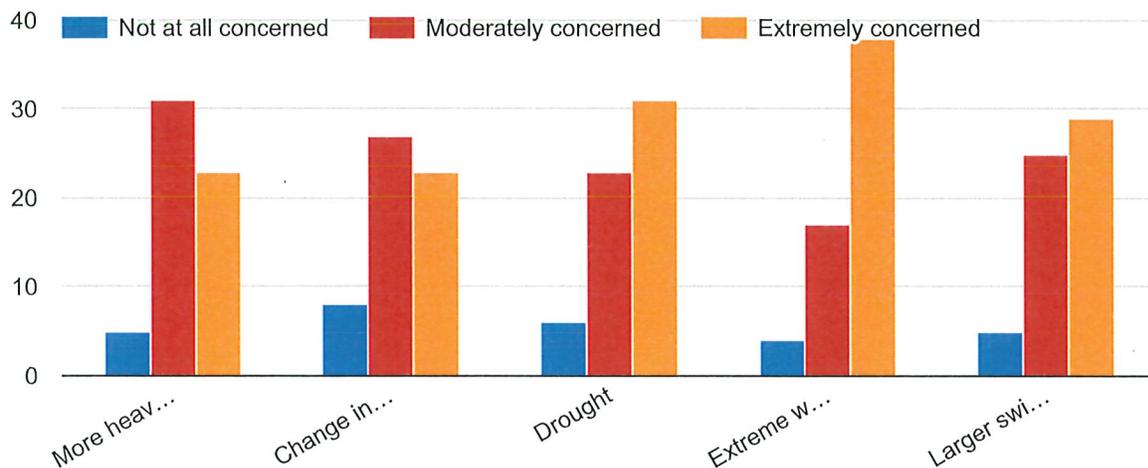
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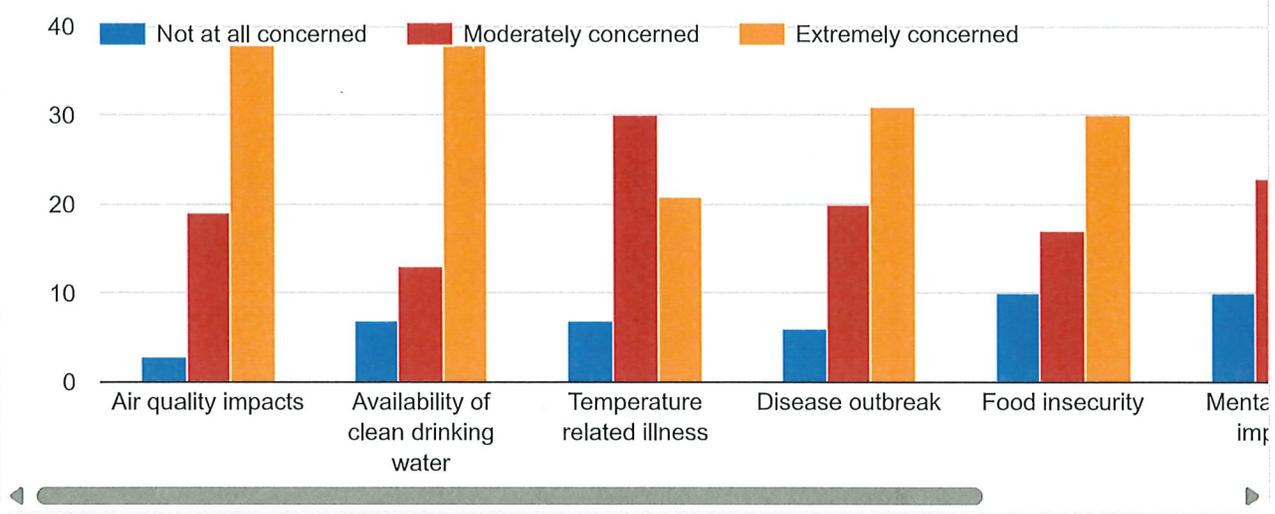


8. How concerned are you about the following weather projections for Minnesota?

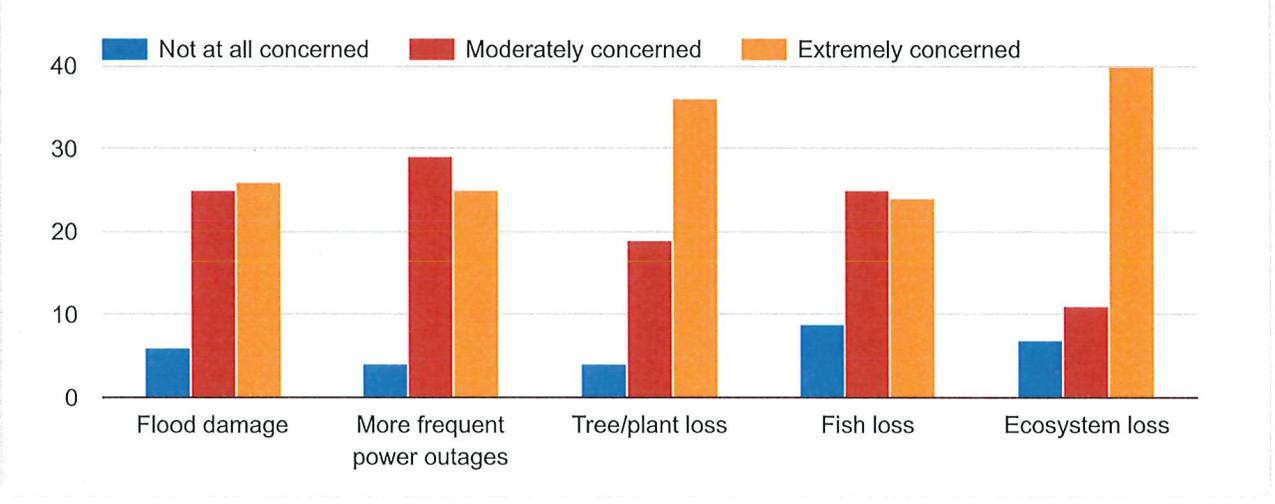
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9. How concerned are you about the following possible human health impacts of climate change?



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



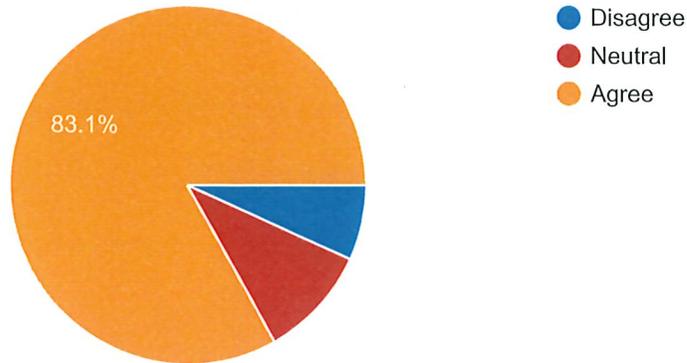
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11. How much do you agree with the following statement: "It is important for Lauderdale to take action to prepare for the projected impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions?"



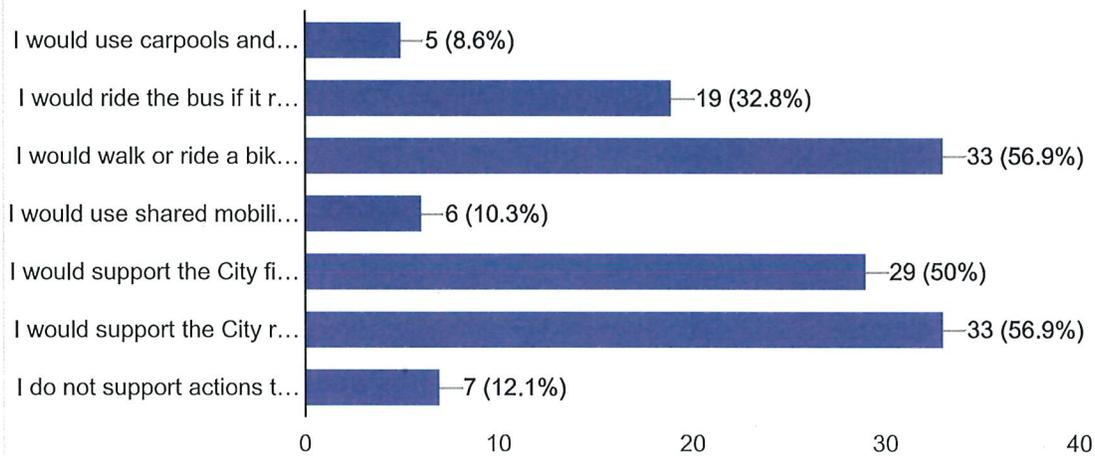
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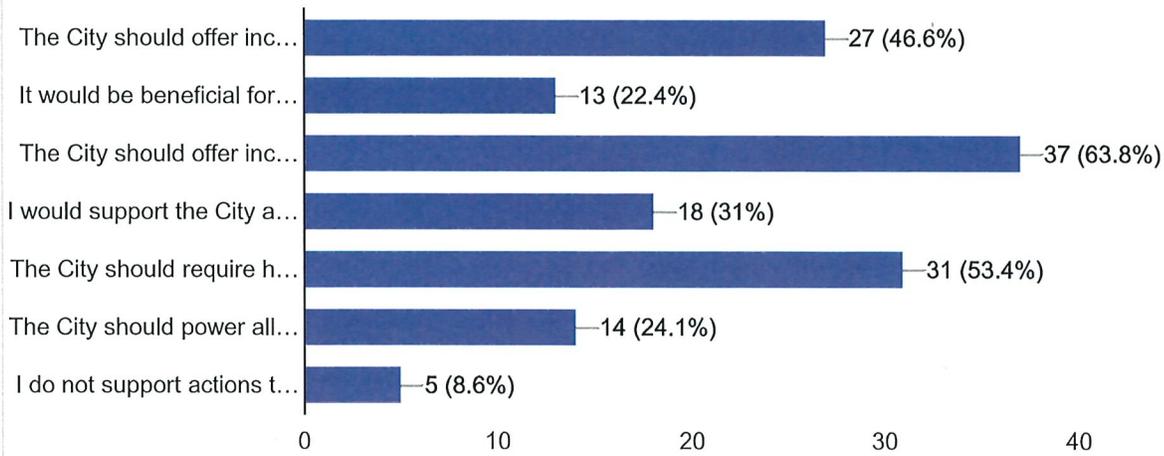
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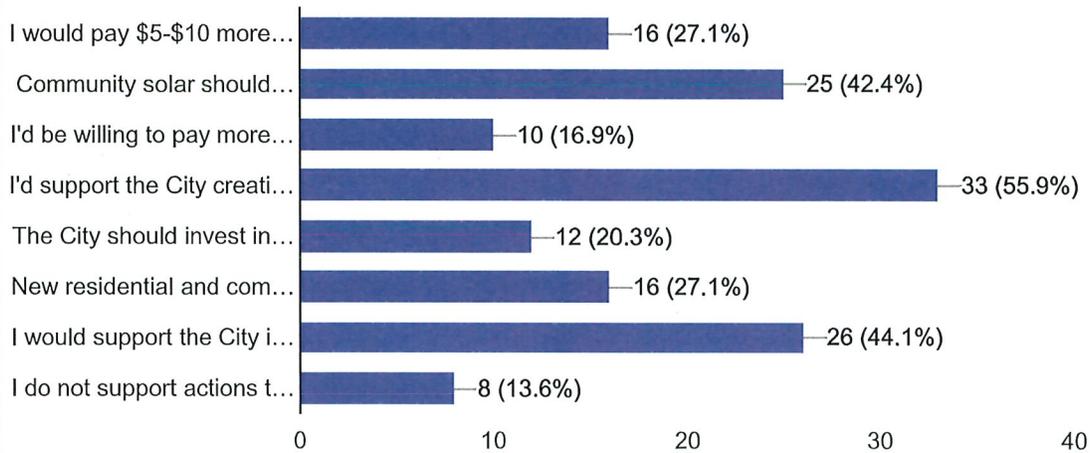
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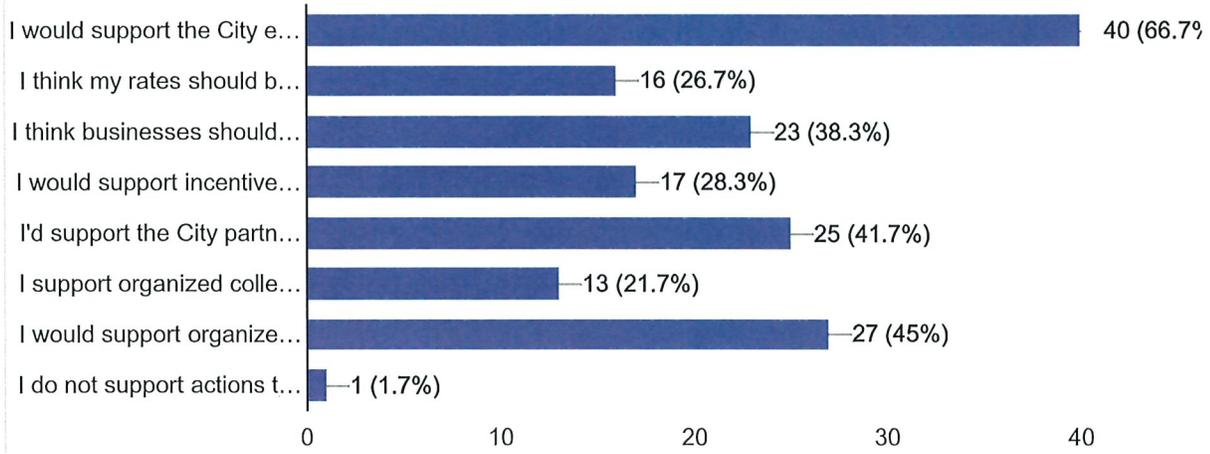
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15. Please select the following Waste reduction actions you would support or engage in (check up to three):



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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.

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The city should be more transparent regarding the 2030 comprehensive plan. Which would tear down the single family homes on Larpenteur Ave and replace with affordable housing infrastructure. Kick backs from the Met Council should also be made transparent to all residents regarding their financial aid to the city.

A single garbage hauler for Lauderdale!!

I would love to see more recycling and composting options throughout the city. More incentives for landlords to improve their units and make them more sustainable would be great.

Protect Breckeoods

Give the people a break who are actually trying to reduce gas emissions.

Cheaper Solar

Any effort to support residents migrate to solar power (including plug-in solar support)

Big supporter of native planting - having more education around this, maybe incentives for residents who do plant natives, a native garden in the park maybe?

There is no reason to exploit this agenda. We cant stop wildfires . Rather stop the crap they are releasing in the air from airplanes! Spraying all that crap is what is injuring us!

Plant bushes, vines and trees along the east side of the Hwy 280 sound barrier. Preserve and protect the Lauderdale Nature Area south of Larpenteur, including the woods known as Breck Woods, and work with Falcon Heights to maintain its continuity with the wooded land along the old trolley tracks in Falcon Heights. Explore the possibility of creating a community solar field in the watershed drainage area just west of Hwy 280 and north of Como (former site of Goodwill).

No non-reusable bags(plastic or paper), compost only takeout containers and bags. Compost options. Solar Power Action Planning Meetings.

Incentive and or education for tree trimming/care



Shovel arpenteur sidewalks do people xan actually walk, reduce waste, really implement comp plan green space, local transportation like the roseville circulator

Curbside organic recycling and organized collection are two, low hanging fruit items that could be readily implemented and have significant impact

Pass along any new or pertinent information from credible organizations who study these topics.

Improve walkability and decrease car-focused infrastructure

Improve the electrical grid to weatherproof it. For example, burying as much as possible to protect from storm damage.

More education to people in this topic (Emergency preparation and assistance)

Require commercial lawn services to reduce or eliminate pollutants and pesticides and, instead, adopt climate-friendly methods of lawn care, like natural gardens, fruit trees, and less lawn mowing. More gardens, less lawn, everywhere. Less machinery and more gardeners.

Insulation and conservation.

Eliminate high power and unnecessary public lighting causing light pollution.

Emergency preparedness plans

Lauderdale does best by doing less

I'd like the city to focus more on affordability of rising utilities and tax costs

Plant more trees in productive places (ex: around play grounds to shade the playground, along the street to cool the asphalt/concrete, etc)

Subsidies for solar, geothermal, wind install, or home insulation improvements.
Would like to see solar panels installed on top of, and a wind turbine behind (catch wind from 280) City Hall. Upgrade publics work building, upgrade City Hall installation, upgrade public works equipment to electric where feasible, like trucks and park mowers, weed whippers, snow blowers, etc.

Encourage planting more trees for shade and protect existing trees

Collaborating with a solar company to get a group of houses to install panels so all get a reduced cost / some oversight of the quality and connectivity of the installation.
Promote the conversion of regular lawns to more native/drought resistant/reduce use of chemicals/resilient yards and gardens.



Have city periodic collection events for chemicals, paint, electronics, etc. that people may accumulate or discard inadequately instead of taking them to collection centers.

Classes on recycling

save and replace our trees

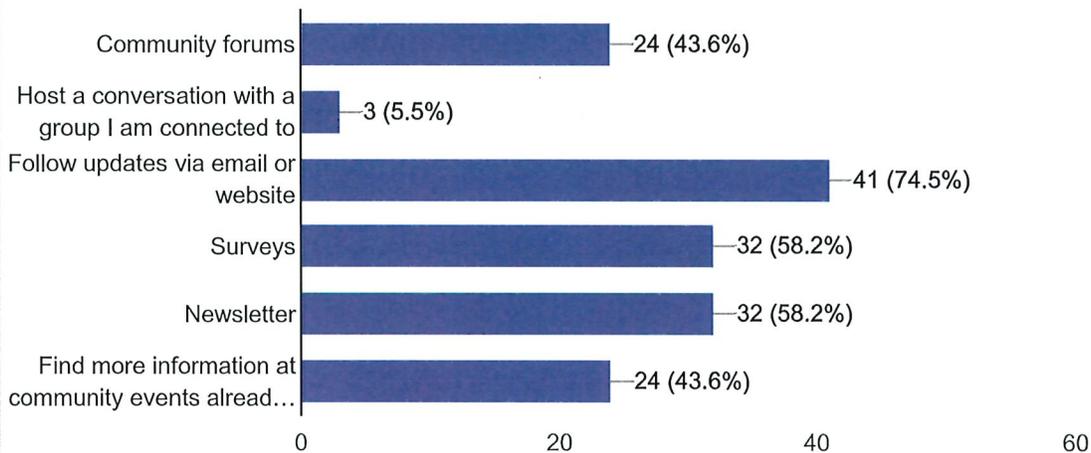
Team with UofM to energy audit all buildings in the entire town then use as basis for energy improvement projects

Using data & experiences as city scale medium term (10 year ?) research project to watch energy efficiency/energy bill #s & \$

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

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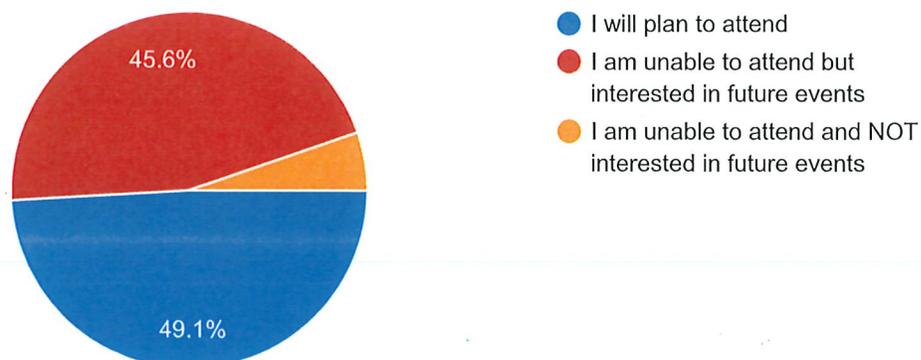
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18. The Environment and Sustainability Commission is hosting an open house for residents to learn more about the climate action planning process and to share feedback on what you would like to see included in the plan. This event will take place on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

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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

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

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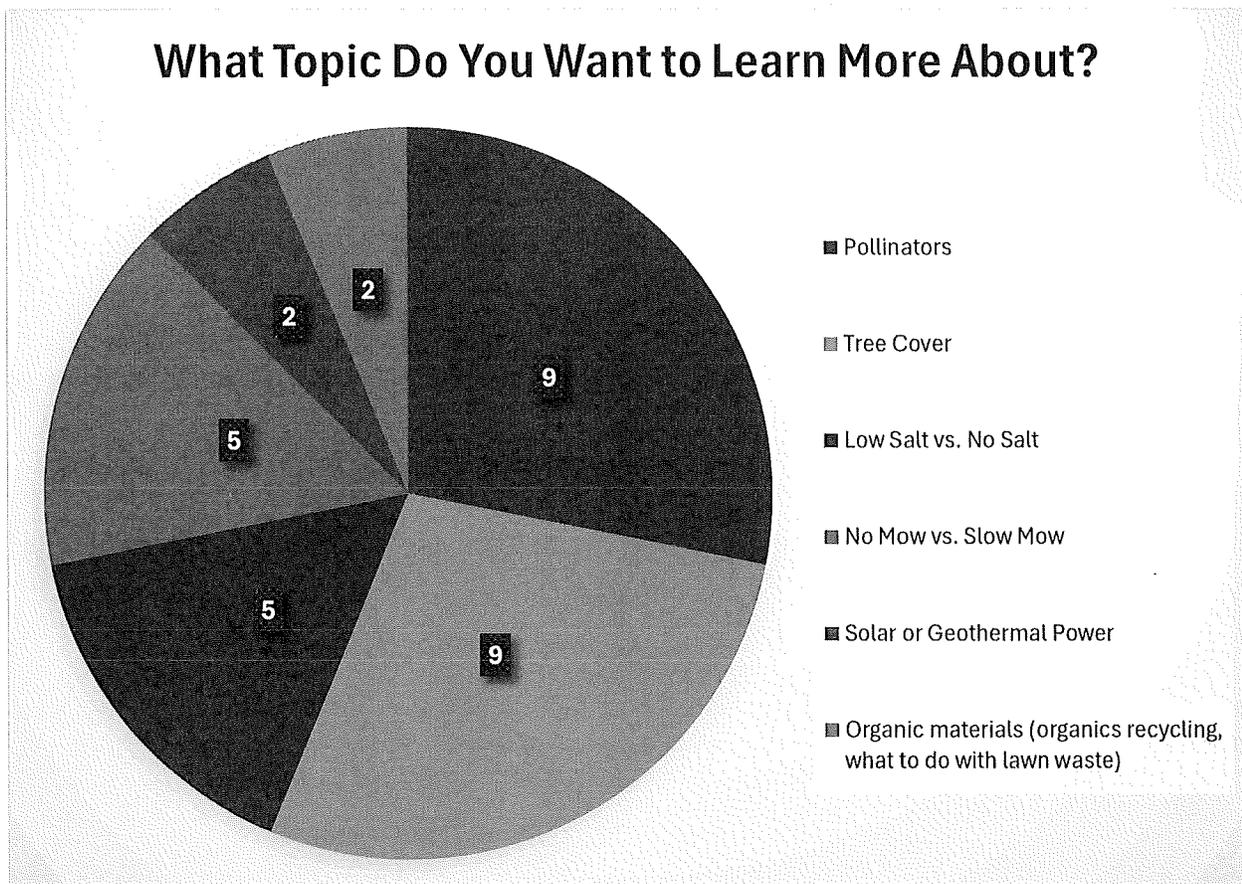
This section provides background information on a previous survey conducted by the Lauderdale Sustainability and Environmental Commission and statewide climate projections in Minnesota if we continue on a 'business as usual' track. See the following maps from the University of Minnesota to better understand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

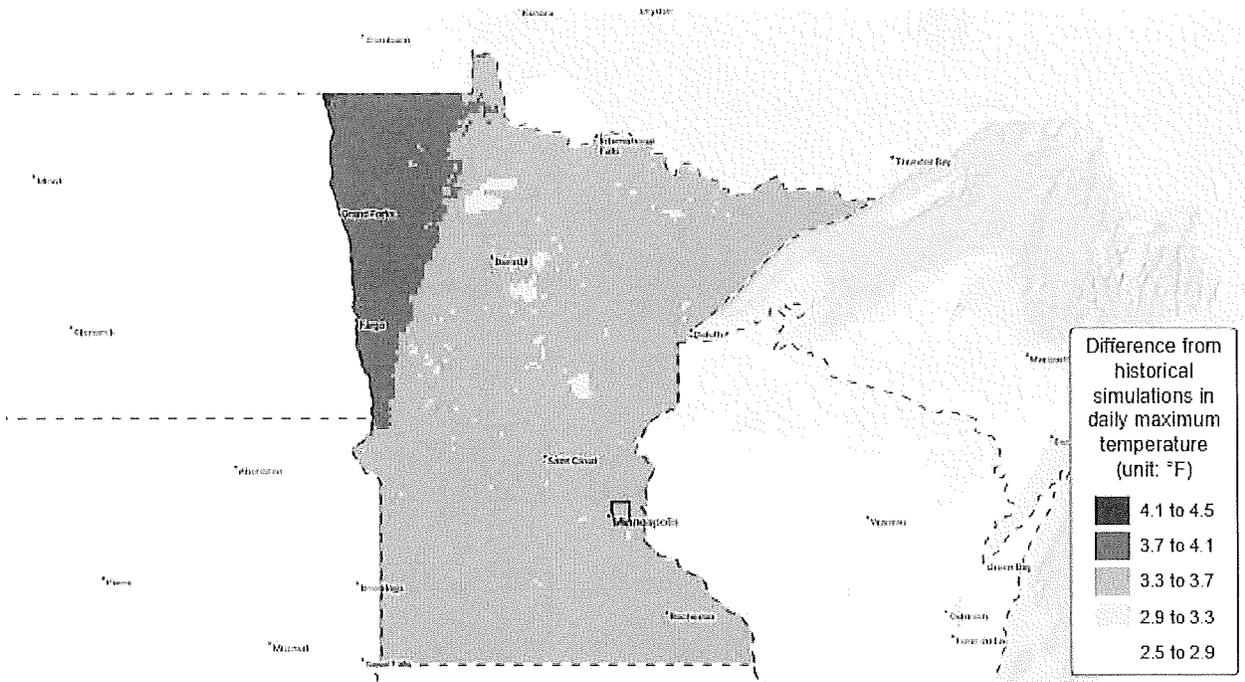
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Sustainability and Environmental Commission 2024 Survey

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.

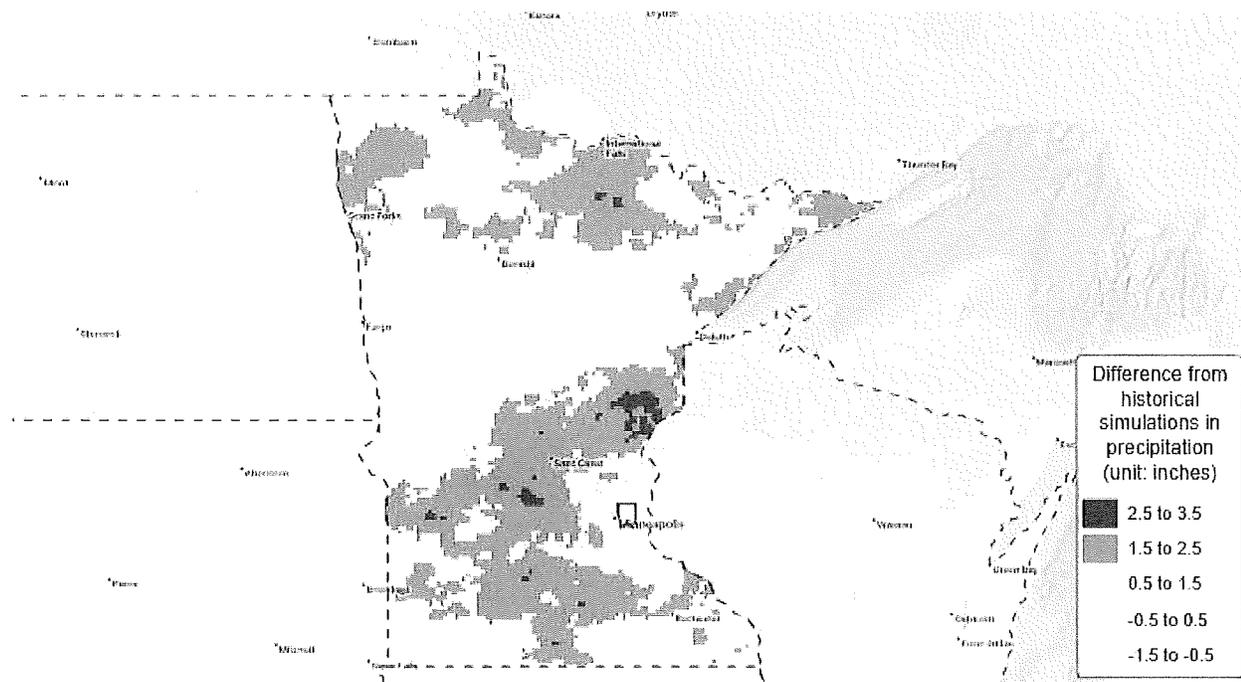


Projected increase in annual daily maximum temperature in 2040-2059 (3.5 degrees Fahrenheit higher in Ramsey County)



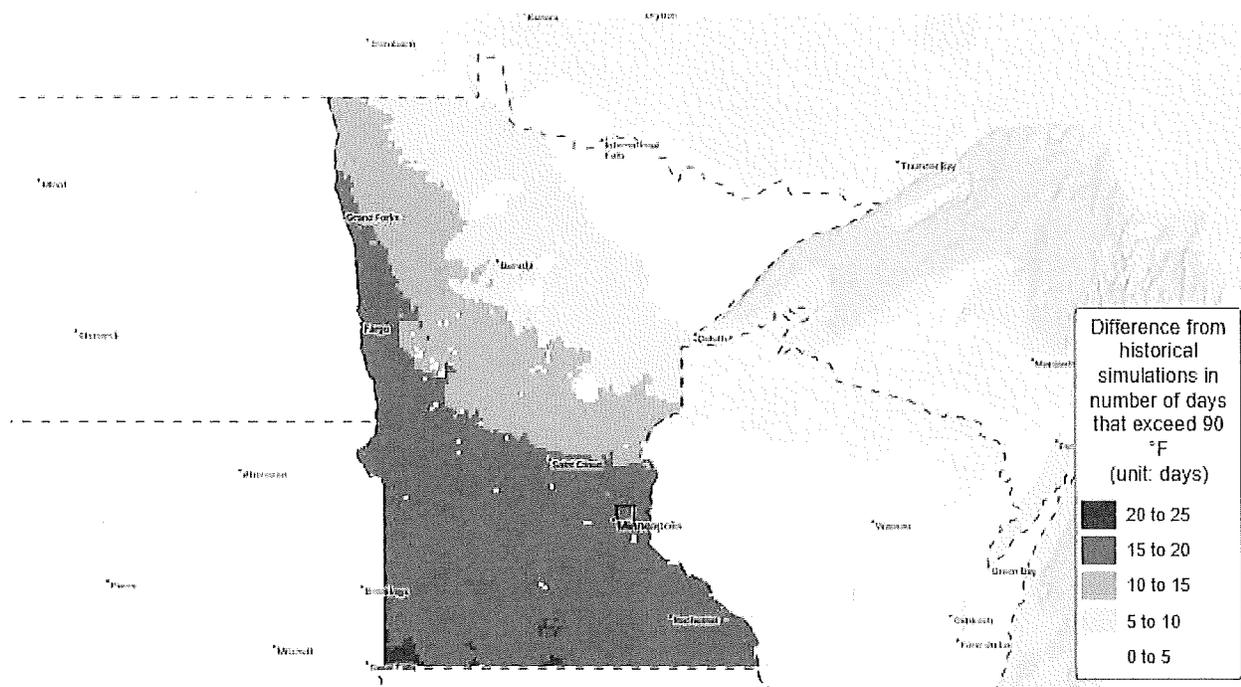
On average, by mid-century (2040-2059), under an intermediate emissions (SSP 245) scenario, annual daily maximum temperature in Ramsey County is projected to increase 3.5 degrees Fahrenheit relative to historical simulations (1995-2014).
Model: ensemble | Grid cells in AOI: 33 | Source: climate.umn.edu 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)



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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