

The Fort Collins Climate Action Plan is long, so Pretty Brainy is providing you with a quick summary of where you can find certain aspects of this amazing plan based on your curiosities and interests.

These goals came after many pages of the document that describe why Fort Collins so desperately needs a climate action plan (not just Fort Collins in general, but why our planet needs climate action). By focusing on the urgency of this issue, the beginning of this document also focuses on the fact that everybody has a role in climate change, no matter how big or how small. There is a list of different ways the Fort Collins is being directly affected by climate change (page 6). The risks of climate action and inaction are outlined (page 15). The sense of community, safe bike zone, and numerous partnerships that Fort Collins has given the city great potential for climate change (page 16).

History of Fort Collins climate action (page 13).

1999- First climate action plan

2003- Created an energy policy with Platte River Power Authority to increase renewable energy and home energy efficiency

2007- Created “Zero Energy District”

2008- Updated climate action plan, 80% down from 2005 levels in 2050

2013- Zero waste by 2030 goal

2014- Updated Climate Action Plan, with a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050

Percentage of greenhouse gas emissions that come from different sources (page 18). These emissions are expected to face exponential growth. The actions that the entire Fort Collins community can take to stop this exponential growth start in Chapter 3 of the document (page 21). “The strategies and tactics described here are grouped in four major sectors: reduce energy use in buildings, reduce energy use in transportation, reduce emissions from electricity, reduce waste and eliminate landfill emissions by recycling or composting.”

Goals of the Climate Action Plan (page 21 and on):

Build in Efficiency From the Start

Make Existing Homes More Efficient

Increase Energy Efficiency in the Institutional, Commercial, and Industrial Sectors

Shift Land Use Patterns to Shorten Trips and Reduce the Need to Drive

Drive Adoption of Multimodal Transport

Accelerate Adoption of Fuel Efficient and Electric Vehicles

Advance Utility-Scale Renewable Energy Supply

Advance Residential and Commercial Solar Adoption

Shift Heating Loads to Biofuels, Geothermal, and Electrification

Road to Zero Waste

Carbon Sequestration

Plan for how to financially approach the City of Fort Collins Climate Action Plan (page 45).