

# REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

NOACA External Affairs Committee

April 22, 2022



# INTRODUCTION ED-CEO

- This presentation will an overview of NOACA's effort to develop a Climate Action Plan
- The presentation will also provide highlights from the recent Climate Action Summit (March 15, 2022), the first Strategy Committee meeting (March 29, 2022) and the first Technical Working Group meeting (April 19, 2022)
- NOACA staff seek full engagement from Subcommittee and Advisory Council members to support this effort.

# ACTION REQUESTED

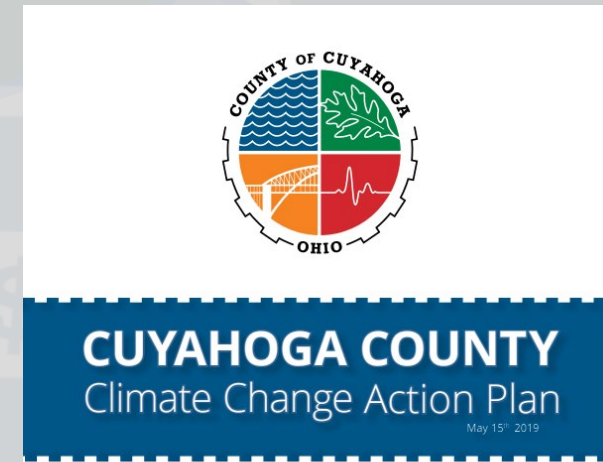
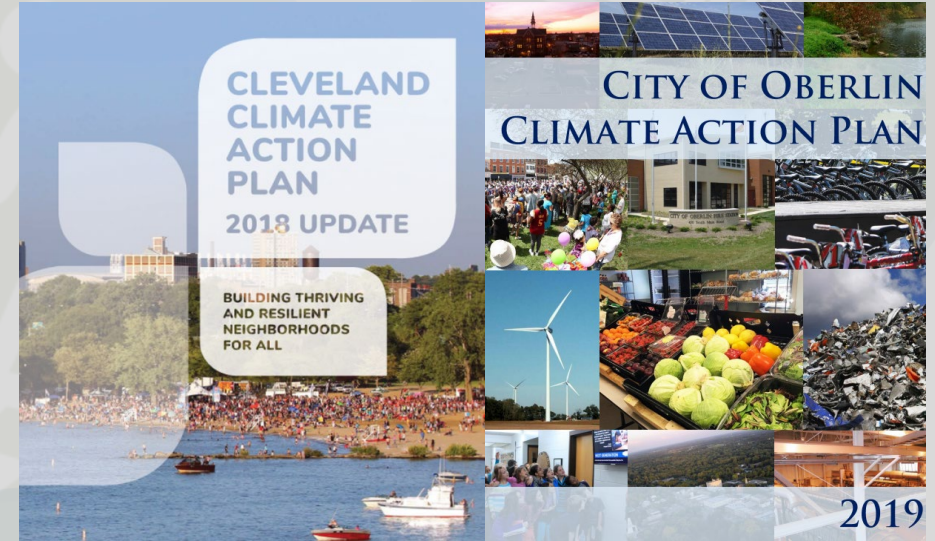
No action requested at this time. This item is for information and discussion only.

# PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

# BACKGROUND

- NOACA will embark on regional climate action plan (CAP)
- Plan will consider co-benefits of climate planning for region
- Response to the global climate emergency and expressed public support
- Existing local plans will inform and support the regional plan (e.g. Oberlin, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County)



# BACKGROUND

## Regional Climate Action Plan Major Project Components:

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
- Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Climate Mitigation Strategy
- Climate Adaption Strategy

## Inventory results will guide decision about strategies

- Focus on transportation (mobile emissions) only; OR
- Comprehensive strategies (mobile and non-mobile emissions (required for GCoM membership)

# BACKGROUND

## NOACA Climate Action Plan- Development Schedule

**Climate Action Summit**  
March 2022

**Technical Workshop #1**  
May 2022

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory/Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**  
August 2022

**Climate Mitigation Strategy**  
January 2023

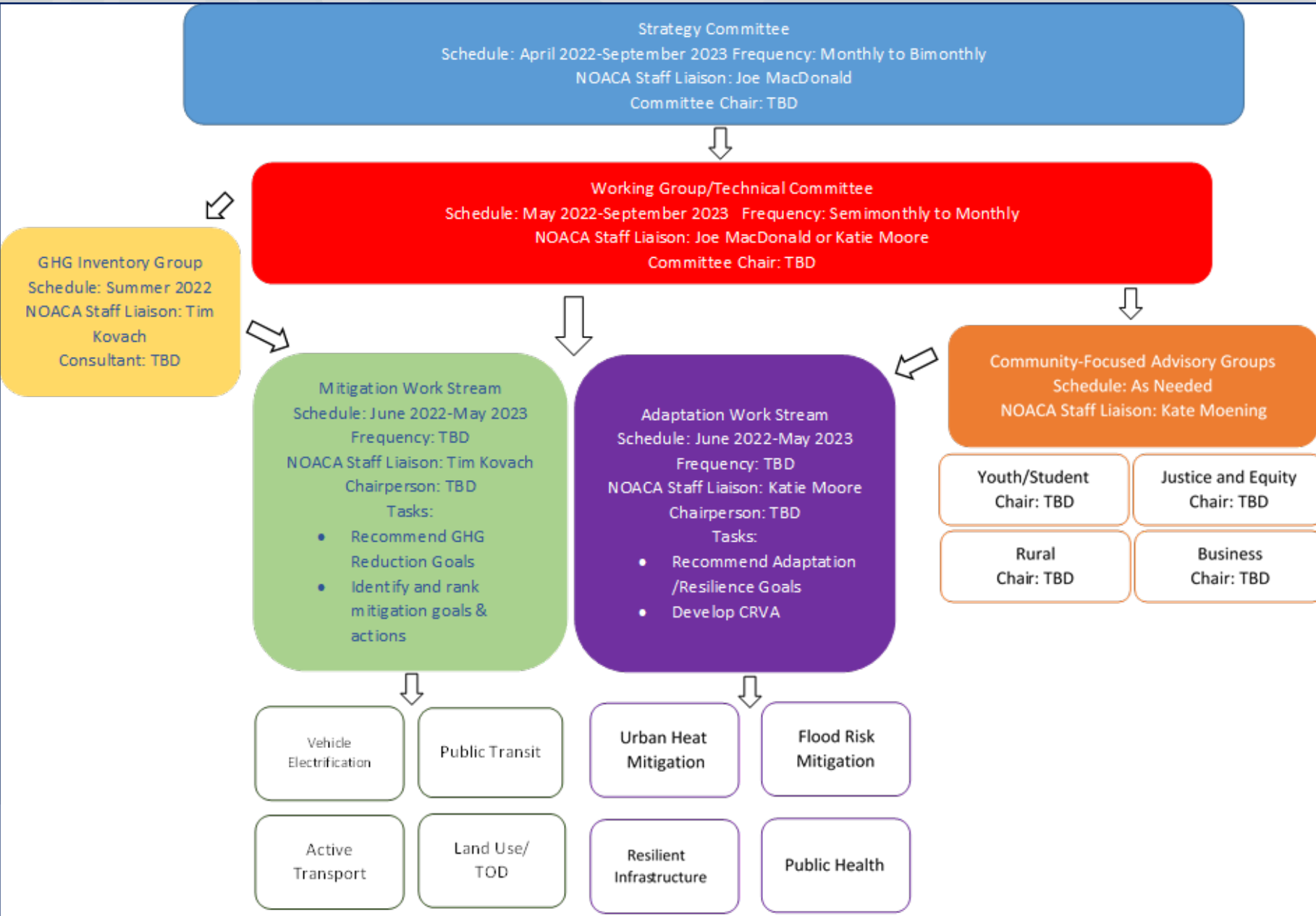
**Climate Adaptation Strategy**  
March 2023

**Technical Workshop #2**  
April 2023

**Final Climate Action Plan**  
June 2023

# BACKGROUND

## Public and Stakeholder Engagement



# BACKGROUND

## Strategy Committee

Schedule: March 2022-June 2023 Frequency: Monthly to Bimonthly

NOACA Staff Liaison: Joe MacDonald

Committee Chair: TBD



## Working Group/Technical Committee

Schedule: March 2022-June 2023 Frequency: Semimonthly to Monthly

NOACA Staff Liaison: Joe MacDonald or Katie Moore

Committee Chair: TBD

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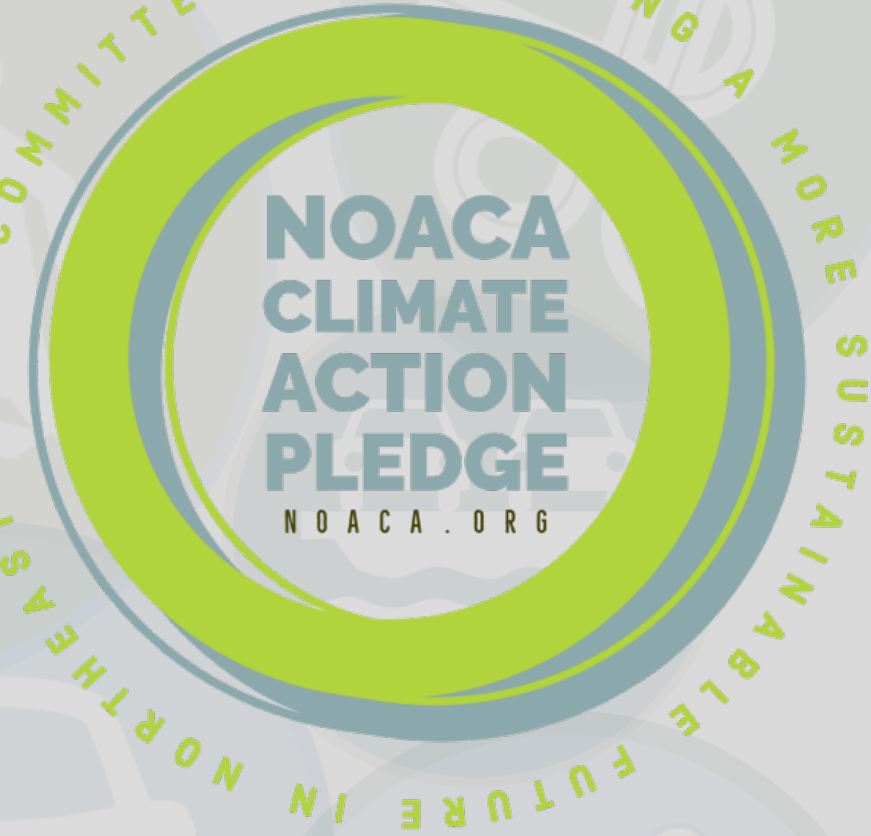
## Climate Action Summit Highlights

- Partnership with Cleveland Foundation and George Gund Foundation
- Over 200 attendees
- Moderated panel discussions
  - Benefits of a climate action plan
  - How to achieve success through regional partnership
- Mindmixer Platform: NOACALive!
  - Climate action pledge
  - Poll questions

# BACKGROUND

## NOACA's Call to Action

1. Take the Climate Action Pledge
2. Share a thought on MindMixer



# BACKGROUND

## Steps to Join us on MindMixer:

### 1. Visit NOACA Live

<https://noacalive.mindmixer.com/>

### 2. Register to create an account

**SIGN UP** <sup>?</sup>

I already have an account >  
Or use Facebook, Google, LinkedIn

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Password

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# BACKGROUND

## Climate Action Plan Strategy Committee: Roles

Provide NOACA staff and Technical Working Group expertise, direction, and guidance to inform and educate communities in Northeast Ohio about the significant co-benefits of regional climate action planning and the climate emergency; engage the Technical Working Group, work streams and public advisory groups to help inform the content of the CAP; lead regional discussion and establish priorities to develop mitigation strategies to reduce mobile emissions and adaptation strategies to enhance climate resilience in Northeast Ohio.



# BACKGROUND

## Climate Action Plan Strategy Committee

- First meeting held March 29, 2022
- Leaders from 51 organizations invited
  - 34 attendees
  - 40 have committed to participate
- Introductions included response to the question: “What do you need to see in the CAP for it be successful?”

# BACKGROUND

## CAP Strategy Committee (cont.): What do you need?

- Equity
- Measures
- Diverse strategies
- Actionable next steps
- Collaborative goals
- Engagement of all NEO communities
- Greater understanding of the problem and its urgency
- Elevated priority at home organization; connect goals
- Reduce energy use, greenhouse gas emissions
- Connect between place and economic growth

# BACKGROUND

## Climate Action Plan Technical Working Group: Roles

- Works directly with NOACA staff to develop the four major components of the Climate Action Plan
- Coordinates with workstreams and advisory committees
- Reports progress and makes recommendations to the Climate Action Strategy Committee (CASC)

# BACKGROUND

## Climate Action Plan Technical Working Group

- First meeting held April 19, 2022
- Membership determined by CASC
  - 30 attendees at kick-off meeting
  - 58 leaders and staff were identified for the Group

Additional technical experts and staff may assist the working group during the process, as needed.

# BACKGROUND

## NOACA CAP Technical Workshop #1 (May/June)

- Two-day event to discuss development of plan and begin working on key components
- Day 1 will provide climate planning technical background
- Day 2 will focus on:
  - Greenhouse Gas Inventory
  - Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Strategy Committee, Technical Working Group, and subgroup participants are invited

# NEXT STEPS

- **NOACA staff will implement the CAP Project Management Plan; hire a consultant; continue engagement; and prepare for NOACA's first CAP Technical Workshop**
- **External Affairs Committee will receive quarterly CAP updates**



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**NOACA: Planning For Greater Cleveland**

NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

