

RVAgreen 2050 is the City of Richmond's equity-centered climate action and resilience planning initiative to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and help the community adapt to Richmond's climate impacts of extreme heat, precipitation, and flooding.


Planning Process Update


-  **Pre-Planning** 2017-2019
-  **Understanding Community Priorities** 2020
-  **Plan Development** 2021
-  **Adopt & Implement** 2022


We're listening. The goal of this phase of the RVAgreen 2050 planning process is to listen to the community and gather information on successes, challenges, and everyday needs. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we adjusted our engagement plans based on impacts on residents and moved our focus to engaging organizations that work to empower communities on the frontlines of climate change. Additionally, to reduce redundancy, we found previous surveys and reports from other organizations to help identify and add context to the community priority list. A community-wide online survey will round out this phase of the process.


What We've Heard


The RVAgreen 2050 planning process is centering equity and the priorities of Richmond's frontline communities. Explore the priority areas we heard about in this phase of the process and learn how each priority is connected to the climate crisis at rvagreen2050.com.


 **Racial Equity & Environmental Justice:** Richmond's racist past has created systems that serve our community in inequitable ways, from education and healthcare to government and natural resources. Our Black and African American and Hispanic and Latino communities in particular face more harm due to crises such as climate change and COVID-19 due to historic and systemic racism.


 **Engagement & Communication:** Many voices are underrepresented in public processes for several reasons, including lack of trust and burnout from participating in past efforts that have seen limited results.

 **Government Accountability:** Residents want to be involved and informed during decision making processes. We must build trust between government and the community through open and honest communication.

 **Community Wealth:** Richmonders want improved access to jobs and wrap-around services that provide education, job training, job retention, and living wages.

 **Housing & Buildings:** Richmond's buildings should be safe and affordable. This includes providing access to efficient and affordable housing across the city.

 **Neighborhoods:** Richmonders want to live in safe and beautiful neighborhoods that promote safety, sustainability, and beauty, and provide access to green space.

 **Health & Well-Being:** Richmonders are concerned with water and air quality, violence, food access, and the impact these issues have on mental and physical health.

What's Next?

The RVAgreen 2050 planning process will identify actions and strategies that address these community priorities **and** help to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and help make our community more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Learn more and get involved at rvagreen2050.com.