



# PROJECT CYPRESS NEWSLETTER

In the six months since Project Cypress was awarded its first round of funds through the US Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) Regional Direct Air Capture (DAC) Hubs program, we have done much work toward project planning and pre-design in conjunction with many federal and state agencies and conducted a lot of small-scale community engagement activities. And we have more exciting updates to share!

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Expansion to Shreveport

Recently, the Project Cypress Team announced the expansion of our DAC Hub to an additional site in Shreveport, Louisiana. This expansion allows Climeworks and Heirloom to build a direct air capture (DAC) workforce across multiple geographies in the state, creating a corridor of economic opportunity spanning Northwest and Southwest Louisiana. As the project moves forward, Climeworks will develop their technology in the Southwest at a site near Vinton and Heirloom will develop their technology at the Port of Caddo-Bossier.

Due to the uniqueness of both regions, the Project Cypress team will be creating and participating in targeted community engagement activities in each location – The Project Cypress Northwest (NW) site in Shreveport and the Project Cypress Southwest (SW) site in the Lake Charles area. We kicked some of them off in late June when the team hosted roundtables, attended small meetings with stakeholders, hosted an open information session, and participated in a small forum alongside OCED.



[Want to learn more?](#)  
[Read about these meetings on our website!](#)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### On the Ground in Louisiana

In late June, members of the Project Cypress Team met with stakeholders from government, workforce development, and community-based organizations in Shreveport and Calcasieu Parish to discuss aspects of project development. During these productive conversations, the team received valuable input on how the project can have a positive impact in the communities surrounding the two facilities. As the project continues, feedback from members of these communities will help drive the equitable impacts the team is working to have in the region.



In addition to these meetings, Project Cypress hosted an Open Information Session to distribute application packets for the Project Cypress SW Community Engagement Council. Finally, an invitation-only Shared Principles session was hosted at the same venue to begin a dialogue with a small number of community members about the DAC Hub project. This session, hosted by an independent third-party research group, is an additional avenue to gather community insight and feedback. These types of meetings will continue throughout the next six months on both smaller-and larger-scales and are meant to encourage impacted project communities to share their priorities and concerns with OCED and Project Cypress. **If you are contacted by a local marketing agency and invited to participate in one of these Shared principles sessions, we encourage you to do so to help guide us in developing the kinds of community engagement opportunities you want to see related to this DAC hub.**

[Read about these meetings on our website!](#)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL UPDATES

### Project Cypress Southwest Community Engagement Council Updates

Applications opened for the Project Cypress Southwest Community Engagement Council (CEC) in June. Community members appointed to the council will be compensated for their time. Applications are open until **August 9, 2024**, and can either be submitted online or via mail. **Paper copies of the application are available at the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Office – 1015 Pithon Street Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601.** If you'd like to apply, more information can be found on the [Community Engagement Council](#) page on our website.

There are plans to establish a CEC for the Project Cypress Northwest location. Applications will go live in late summer and are open for anyone living in and around the Greater Shreveport Area to apply.

[Interested? Apply today!](#)

