

Who we are

Manitoba's Climate Action Team (CAT) is a coalition of environmental organizations in Manitoba working together to envision, investigate, and promote a road to climate resilience in our province. Member groups came together in late 2017 to independently review and consult with the public over the Province's recently released Climate and Green Plan. CAT was formed one short year later when the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) 1.5 Report was released, stating

how fast we need to drastically cut greenhouse gas emissions in order to prevent irreversible outcomes. This drove home the need for an intentional, collaborative, and grassroots effort to push toward the future that we want.

Coalition members include: Climate Change Connection, Wilderness Committee - Manitoba Office, Green Action Centre, Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition and Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Manitoba Office.





Our vision: to build a collaborative and resilient zero-carbon society that operates within the constraints of nature.

Our mission: to provide a framework for individuals, organizations, and communities to communicate and collaborate on a non-partisan, specific, and actionable path that will help Manitoba achieve resilience to climate impacts and move swiftly toward a fossil-fuel free future.

How are we accomplishing this mission and vision?

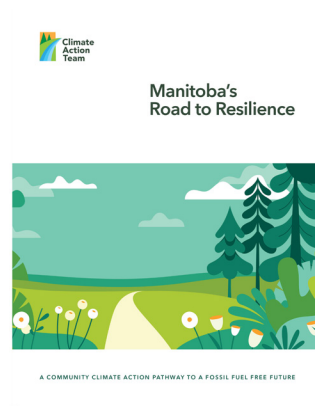
Through the Road to Resilience: A Community Climate Action Pathway to a Fossil Fuel Free Future and the Communities for Climate project.

What is the Community for Climate Project?

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What is the Road to Resilience?

The Road to Resilience is a pathway that explores the key topics that need to be addressed and strategies that need to be implemented to reach zero emissions and societal resilience in Manitoba. Each section comes with suggestions for policy and regulation changes to give us levers to make change happen. Key Performance Indicators (KPI) are suggested to help us understand how we are doing and to allow us to manage our progress toward the objectives.



Community for Climate

A project facilitated by Manitoba's Climate Action Team

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Among these 10 communities, five were Indigenous communities, four were settler communities and one was an urban

community. They included Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Swan Lake First Nation, Little Black River First Nation, Sandy Bay First Nation, Pinaymootang First Nation, Altona, Brandon, Manitou, Clearwater, and Waverley in Winnipeg.

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Project Areas

Discussions, feedback, and results from every aspect of the project will be used to produce a Community Climate Action Plan for each community involved.

Community (Presentations/Workshops)

There will be 5-10 public workshops/presentations in each community between now and March 2024. Each community has chosen different topics, but all of them relate to how you and your household can be part of mitigating and adapting to climate change in your region.

Earth Team (Community Building Green Audit)

Community champions in Swan Lake First Nation, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Brandon, and Altona have each put together a group of community members, called the Earth Team, who are participating in a community building green audit with CAT's green audits team. We will meet together five times to not only conduct an in-depth audit of a building in the community, but also equip group members with the skills and tools needed to conduct further audits on their own. At the end of the project the community's Earth Team will receive a report with recommendations from CAT's green audits team, as well as up to \$7500 to implement recommended actions from the report.

Working Group (Developing Community Climate Action Plan)

Community champions in Swan Lake First Nation, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Brandon, and Altona have each put together a group of community members, called the Working Group, who are participating in a series of consultations and conversations about climate change mitigation. This group will work together with our team, incorporating contributions from the Earth Team and the broader community (via workshops and presentations), to develop a Community Climate Action Plan. Once the Climate Action Plan has been developed, up to \$50,000 will be awarded to go towards implementation of pieces found in the plan.

Activities in Phase II

