

## **AEAC Climate Action Plan Priority Document (November 2025)**

*The below content are ten items we would like to see addressed in the City of Allentown's Climate Action Plan (CAP) categorized by our purpose statement.*

### **I. Advise City Council and the Administration on Environmental Issues**

1. **Advance Municipal and Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets**  
Recommend measurable, science-based emission reduction goals for both municipal operations and the broader community.
2. **Lead by Example Through Sustainable City Operations**  
Encourage city departments to implement sustainability practices in procurement, facilities, and fleet management.
3. **Develop and Support Climate-Aligned Policy and Ordinance Updates**  
Recommend policy and regulatory changes that advance sustainability goals to institutionalize climate considerations in city governance.
4. **Integrate Equity and Public Health in Climate Action**  
Recommend measures that ensure that city climate actions benefit all residents, prioritizing environmental justice and community health outcomes.

### **II. Encourage Sustainable Design and the Reduction of Environmental Impacts**

5. **Improve Building Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Design**  
Promote energy benchmarking, retrofits, and green building standards in both public and private development, as well as in municipal reviews of permits and land development.
6. **Transition to Renewable and Resilient Energy Sources**  
Support renewable energy installations on city properties and expand incentives for community-wide adoption.
7. **Expand Sustainable Transportation Options**  
Advise the City on policies for public transit, electric vehicles, and walkable, bikeable infrastructure to reduce carbon emissions.

### **III. Promote the Protection, Conservation, Management, and Use of Natural Resources**

8. **Enhance Urban Tree Canopy and Green Infrastructure**  
Promote increased tree planting and stormwater-absorbing landscapes to increase native plants and reduce flooding, heat, and pollution.
9. **Support Sustainable Land Use and Smart Growth**  
Continue advising the City on land development that reduces sprawl, preserves green space, and supports compact, mixed-use communities.
10. **Strengthen Community Climate Education and Engagement**  
Engage in community environmental programs that empower residents through outreach and partnerships that promote stewardship of the city's natural and built environment.