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### **Cumberland County Asks Residents & Businesses For Input On Climate Change**

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**Carlisle, PA** – Cumberland County needs the perspective of residents and businesses on the issue of climate change in the county. In a [survey](#) released today by the county's Planning Department, residents, business owners, and local organizations are invited to provide input on their perceptions of climate change risks and actions they would be willing to take to address climate change. The survey will be available through Thursday, April 15. Anyone who lives, works, or owns a business in the county is eligible to take the 7-minute online survey.

The county's climate change planning efforts began in 2020 with Cumberland County's acceptance into the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Local Climate Action Program (LCAP).

Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program, the Local Climate Action Program provides consultants and technical assistance from college faculty and students to assist local governments in developing local greenhouse gas inventories and climate action plans (CAP). The County is working with DEP, Dickinson College and Shippensburg University to complete its CAP.

"Residents and businesses play a key role in responding to climate change issues and we need their help in the planning process," said Planning Director Kirk Stoner. "The plan will focus on agriculture and forestry, commercial and residential properties, energy production, government buildings and operations, waste management, water and wastewater management and transportation."

The CAP will include voluntary energy efficiency, transportation, land use, and waste reduction strategies for residents and businesses that will help combat the impacts of climate change. The results of the survey will be used to assist in developing those strategies for inclusion in the CAP.

To take the survey, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CumberlandCountyCAP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CumberlandCountyCAP).

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