

Somerville Climate Update: CEUCC Visioning

How do we want to talk about the SCF Update?

Really integrating climate planning into all city operations and integrating with other city goals & initiatives.

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Something the community can feel ownership over, not just welcome the good work of city staff and consultants.

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Hear from residents and businesses that did not participate in original plan. May not think about climate change often but may be impacted by/benefit from policies/programs.

Looking for synergies of integrating CC into other decisions, actions, etc.

SCF is actionable and concrete!

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How do we want others to talk about the SCF Update?

Somerville residents (especially those who weren't part of the last iteration) feel like SCF is a plan that they can have ownership over, see themselves in, and understand how their day-to-day decisions connect to SCF.

Somerville residents see SCF as integrated with anything they care about in their city: cost of living, quality of life, public health, social justice issues, etc.

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Inclusive, I felt like my voice was heard.

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I am excited Somerville is leading the way and has set ambitious interim GHG goals.

The issues I am most interested in/most effected by are included.

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Show public what we have accomplished (like progress reports but something more measurable/visual)

Fill in the blanks

The goal of the Somerville Climate Forward Update is to...

Collaborate with other cities, partners, etc.

Build a strong city that will be resilient to climate change.

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Be a leader among cities

Demonstrate progress towards our goals *or re-orient them

re-engage the community (remind them about SCF)

evaluate (internally) what is working (and what's not)

Update on resiliency strategies in the community

Broaden the dialogue among residents, businesses, community stakeholders about how climate shows up in their day-to-day.

Assess if we want to amend the City's CC-related goals

Secure political buy-in to direct resources toward implementation

Build understanding to individual actions creating a difference, and creating a community difference

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account for state and federal policy and market updates (Have consultant compare/contrast what's different now and factor in)

Process statement: The Somerville Climate Forward Update will achieve this goal by...

Engaging residents who were not part of the previous iteration

Gaining opinions and ideas from historically underrepresented community members

Keeping equity a visible priority

Working with community leaders

Being clear about how inclusion in SCF will/will not unlock new resources for implementation

Incorporate best practices from peers

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Choose statements to guide project. Draft statements below can be edited, combined, or redone.

The goal of the Somerville Climate Forward Update is to...

...assess the vision, goals, and actions of the plan and update as needed based on new community priorities, data, and best practices.

...evaluate the vision, goals, and actions of the plan and update as needed to build a resilient community that is net zero carbon negative by 2050.

...engage with the community to update the plan, educate stakeholders on the importance of climate action, and showcase the progress the City has made in becoming a more sustainable and resilient community.

Process statement: The Somerville Climate Forward Update will achieve this goal by...

...following engagement best practices like engaging historically underrepresented community members.

...implementing a robust and equitable engagement program that includes engaging historically underrepresented community members, community members not engaged in the original plan development, and community leaders.

...through equitable and transparent communication and engagement opportunities.

CEUCC's role in updated report - advisors to consultants (5 meetings).

Discussion question: How will we achieve our stated goal?

