

Breakout Room 1

What do you see as the City's role in supporting the community's adaptation to climate change impacts?

Providing information so people know what they can do.

Incentives for people to take action

Educate the public on what we need to do as well as incentives. So much of change needs to happen in private hands.

Political leadership and city management

Develop a climate resilience and equity strategy

Planting more trees. Preserving trees we have. Replace surfaces with permeable materials.

Making tough political decisions. Asking developers to do more.

Infrastructure.

Develop policies that protect the city from increasing impacts.

Creating systems and standards for resilience

Good recovery systems for the City, for the residents.

What existing ways do you see or experience the City supporting the community's adaptation to climate change impacts? How can these be improved or expanded?

Netzero for affordable housing

Expand Green roofs: City Hall, library, Wegmans. Incentives and guidance. Expanded green space. City just hired a green infrastructure engineer.

Think about all types of housing, new development and retrofits

Equitable systems. Focus green infrastructure on areas that are already hotter for equitable service.

Adapt existing programs for condo and townhouse communities

energy efficiency, electric. Policy is not robust enough. LEED has significant requirements, but not as much impact as current technologies allow us to have. All new buildings should be all electric, no gas, and net zero. Can't

Stormwater credit fee program. Increase to more than 30%.

Retrofitting is critical and needs to be encouraged

Stormwater management plan, Chesapeake Bay Plan, Sewer Systems. More education for residents to understand and take action.

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Circular systems: cradle to cradle thinking

Historical old town, how do you save it? Look to Netherlands?

resilience/adaptation information center where citizens, businesses, and other stakeholders can exchange/access information on best practices. Also create an associated fund (or information about financing options) for

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To understand the community's interests and help to guide good ideas to the final construction or code implementation

Ensuring equitability across all the citizens of the City

City should be in leadership position - educating residents, holding developers to high green building standards, deploying programs, measuring impact, advocating for policies and funding.

Advocacy
Communication
Equitability

Secure state and federal funding -PK

City's role: Advocate for state and federal policy -PK

Ensure outcomes are equitable -PK

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Do more with trees
Build on stormwater wins
More with HVAC

I hear a lot about focus on flooding in old town but also a lot of complaints that not doing enough. I level on westend where flooding isn't a problem

I see a focus on stormwater, not just tonight but in general.

A lot of focus on tree canopies already, a good thing

Actively facilitate deployment of HVAC and efficiency measures that can help residents who need it most to stay cool affordably. Tap into existing funding (and advocate for more). -PK

and street tree program quickly and be proactive about deploying it equitably. Existing program / existing budget is low hanging fruit. -PK

Stormwater has already won several national awards for being a leader in industry. Specifically WEF Innovation award for the past 6-7 years

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Support for built infrastructure, not just new builds

Need to support condominiums and other high-density housing.

Assess what other coastal communities are doing

Need programs to support adaption of older, existing condo buildings.

Concerted outreach to citizens asking them to do their part and communicating programs.

I don't know but I hope this is an area where the consultants we hired will have really smart recommendations! -PK

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Maintaining open communication

Guiding/encouraging new developments to better manage stormwater

Leading the way for the community's climate change efforts

Expand city tree canopy

Facilitate incentives for private property owners to make changes - condos are particularly an area of need to help move community decision making

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Concerned about increasing heat in the city with fewer and fewer trees. Not seen or heard about programs to help residents impacted by higher temperatures and fewer trees and more buildings

Goal with construction projects for residential buildings, need plans for green spaces as part of the development. Often developers can contribute to a fund and not make the changes themselves

Need to improve addressing heat island impacts of new or enlarged development - especially in affected communities

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Climate adaptation strategies that prioritize climate justice in marginalized communities including attention to energy costs and green space

Address challenges in condo's and other privately owned buildings

Lawn replacement strategy

A more rigorous urban forestry program

Provide better buffer to flood areas in development - greenways or flood zones with no buildings

Give attention to biodiversity

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City needs to ensure that the socially vulnerable people who are also those most impacted by climate change are protected and assisted

Creating grant programs and financial incentives to help individuals adapt.

Education on climate change and adaptation

Grant programs to help homeowners

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City should communicate these efforts with less jargon

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Redeveloping older suburban asphalt-heavy areas along our transit corridors with new mixed-use development with modern stormwater controls and tree canopy

public-private tree planting and tree preservation programs for apartment properties and neighborhoods that lack trees. For example, I know several congregations that would like to help these efforts but don't

Interest in City support for composting

Protecting mature trees during development or home additions where feasible

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Education on climate impacts is critical.

Climate resilience is the new adaptation. Intersection of equity, urban greening, what policies and programs, incentives can be provided.

Clarity of City's role. Guiding principles of how decisions are made.

Development of climate resilience and equity strategy/plan

Support changing behaviors.

How to address private properties. Policies, programs, etc. Protecting trees - store more carbon, support stormwater mgmt.

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enhance tree preservation - water quality, carbon sequestration, wildlife.

Planting native plants. Programs that reduce impacts to wildlife.

Volunteer corps. Could this be supported, evangelize decision for making decision on tree preservation, shrubs, vegetation.

ways to suggest places for catchment basin, or where a tree might be located. How could community members input on where catchment basins could be located. Enhance ways for community tactical input on locations.

Getting tougher on trees--require permits for cutting down trees on private properties.

Community-directed/informed- solutions. Volunteers could assist

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Create an interagency working group on "climate resilience" with a focus on urban greening (trees and beyond)

Litter / waste management - relationship in leveraging those who reduce litter and taking climate adaptation

Expand urban forestry capacity of the city and connect it with stormwater and equity

Community led urban heat mapping similar to what they did in Richmond

Evangelize dog owners - active group to leverage for addressing climate action (adaptation)

Use some of the RPA \$\$ to help pay for a Green Corps of part time residents, even youth to help with urban greening, identify stormwater catchments, etc

Carbon reductions -- german example of reducing hot water heating

Heat extreme concerns - shade area @ bus stops, cooling centers

Western wildfire impacts on Alexandria due to air quality impacts.

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