

Net Zero Emissions by 2040

Setting a Science-Based Emissions Reduction Target for Louisville



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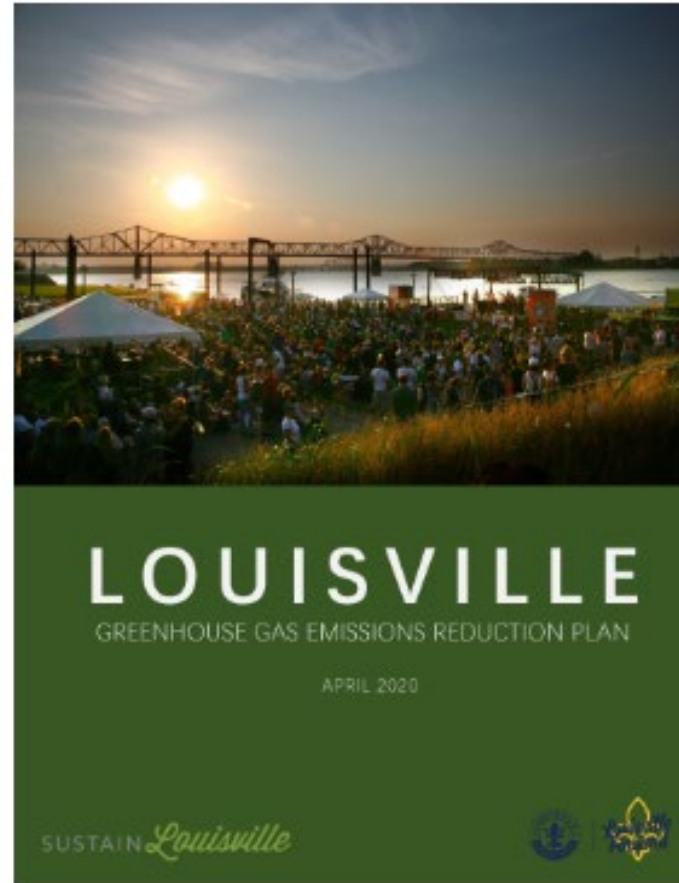
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Louisville's Current Emissions Reduction Goals



**Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
Report**



**Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
Plan**

Current Target:

**80% Reduction in GHG
Emissions by 2050**

*2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Reduction Plan*

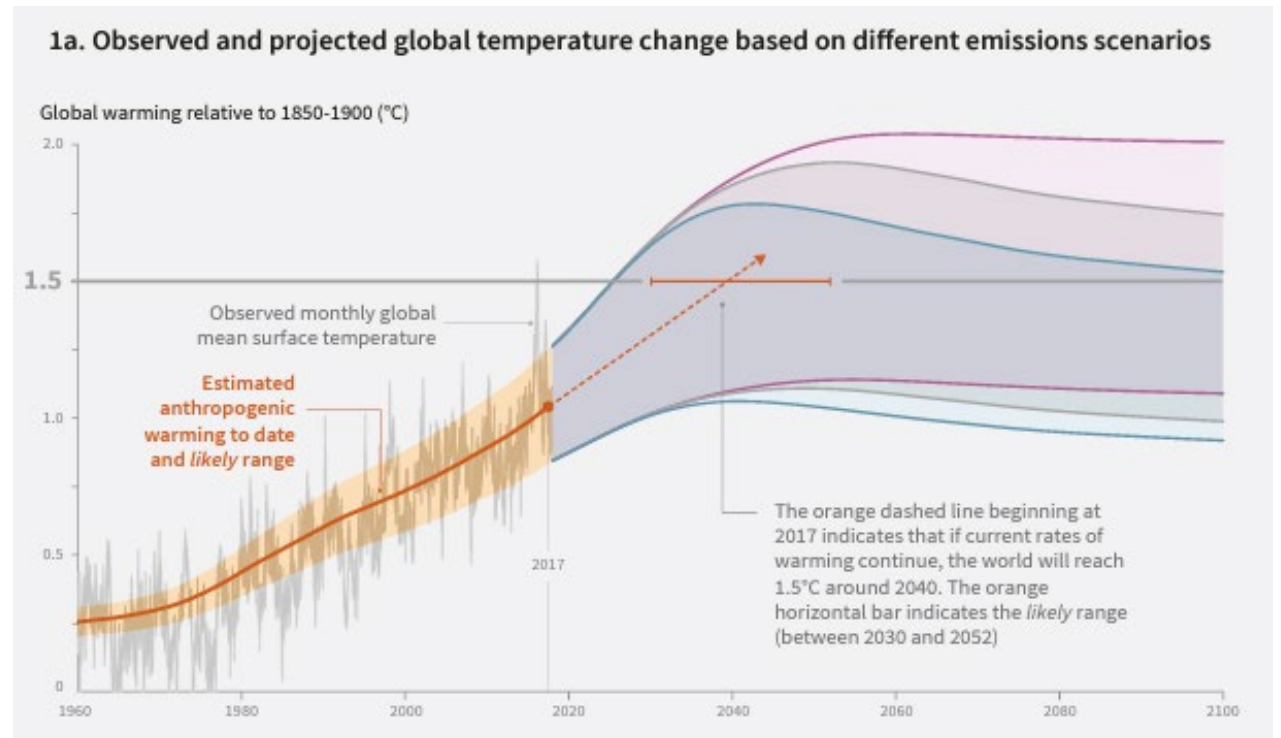
Setting a Science-Based Emissions Reduction Target (SBT)

LIMITING EMISSIONS TO 1.5 °C

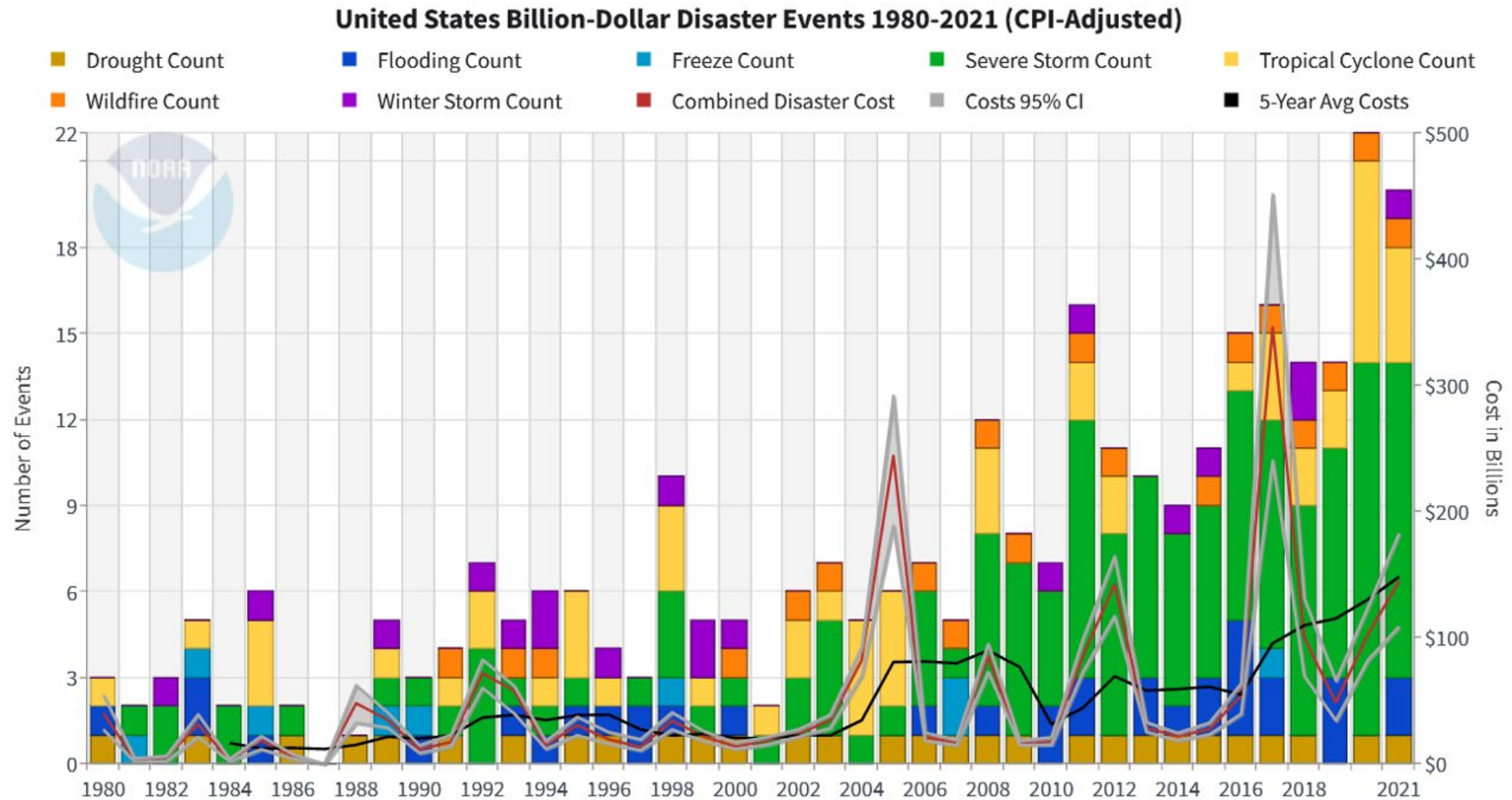
The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C (IPCC SR1.5) showed that **exceeding 1.5 °C even temporarily will have catastrophic impacts.**

At the present rate of warming, global temperatures are **projected to reach 1.5°C around 2040.**

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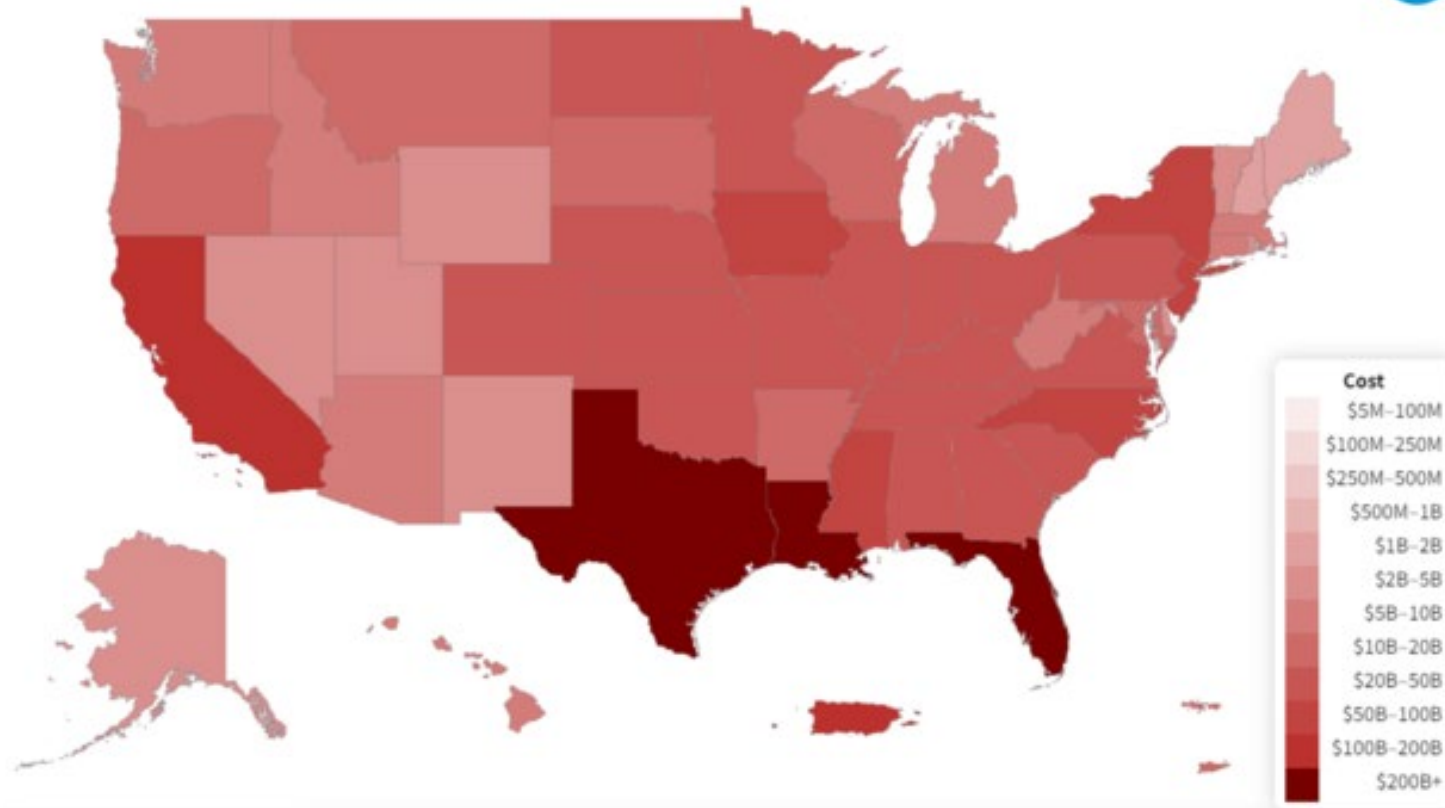


Billion Dollar Disasters are Becoming Increasingly Common



Central and Southeast U.S. See Higher Cumulative Impacts

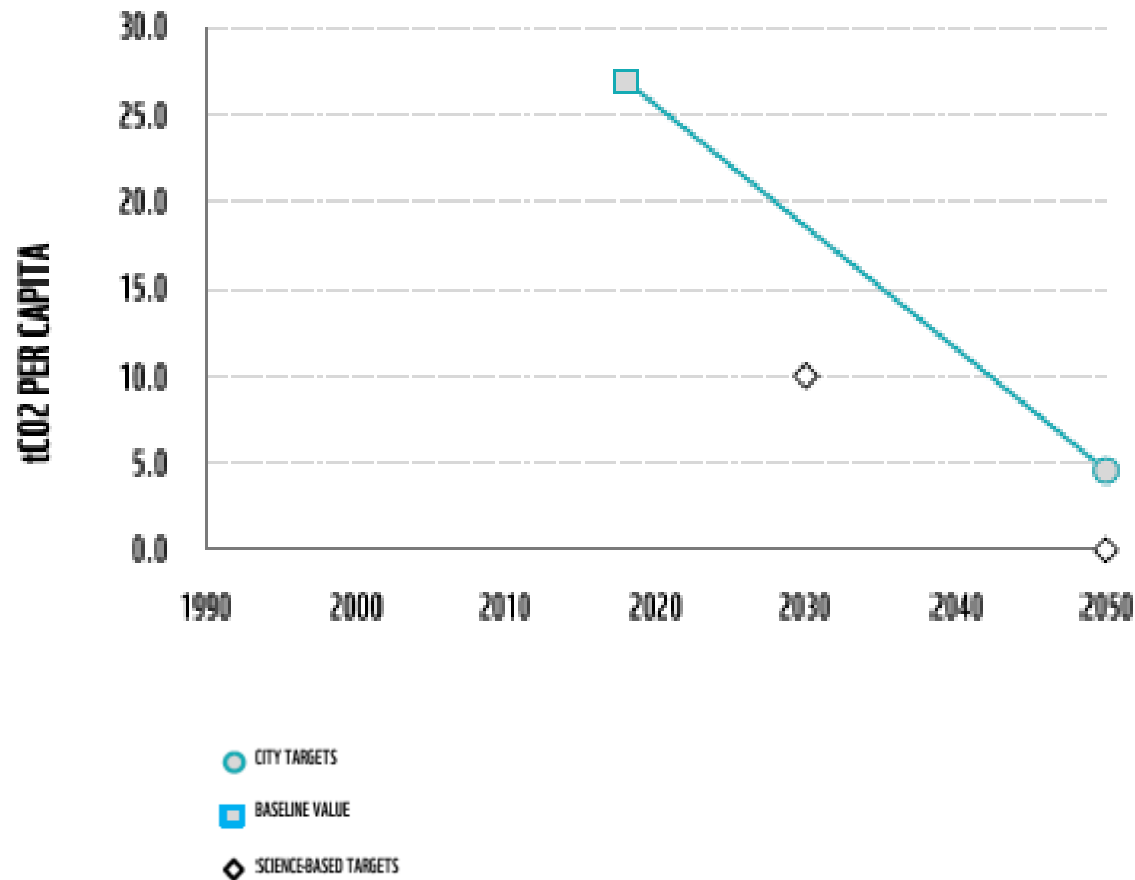
1980-2021* Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disaster Cost (CPI-Adjusted)



United States

Drought:	\$250B+	Flooding:	\$100B-200B	Freeze:	\$20B-50B	Severe Storm:	\$250B+
Tropical Cyclone:	\$1.1T+	Wildfire:	\$100B-200B	Winter Storm:	\$50B-100B	All Disasters:	\$2.1T+

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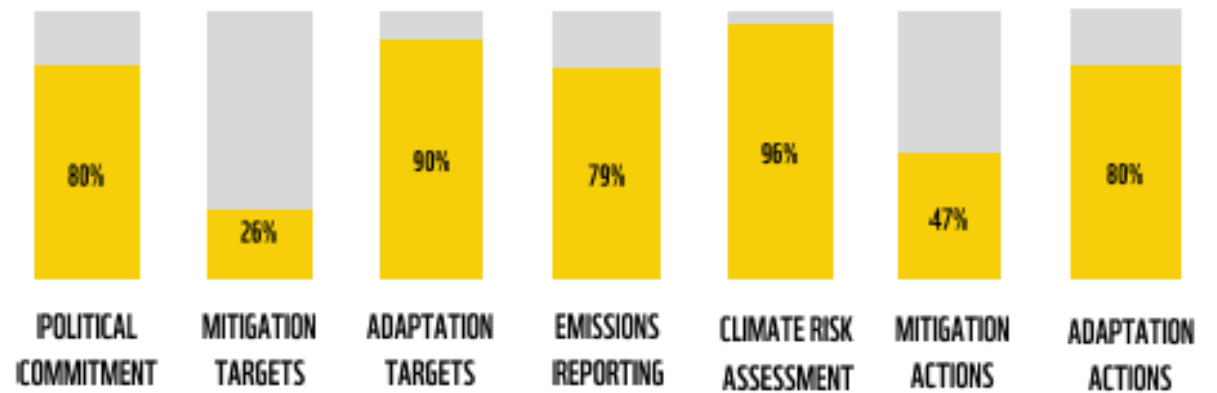
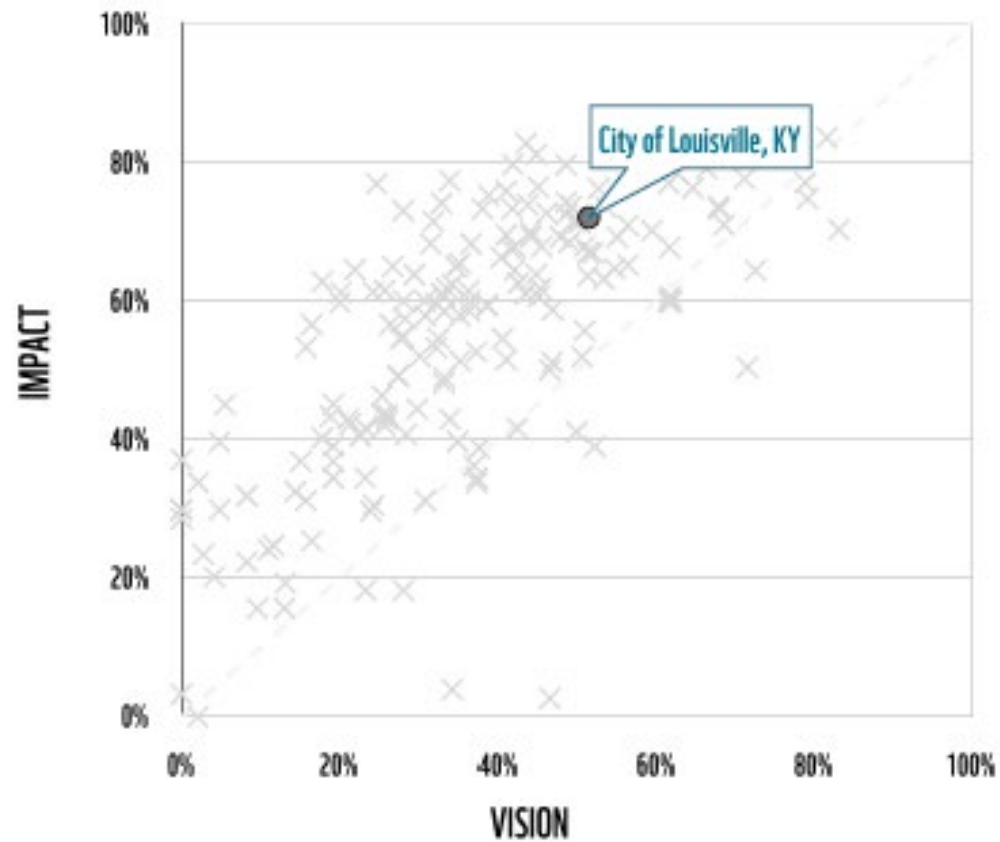
- 80% Reduction in GHG Emissions by 2050

2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan

- 100% Clean Energy Community-wide by 2040.

2020 100% Clean Energy Resolution

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This graph shows your accumulated score expressed in percentages on seven weighted indexes, based on your reporting to the CDP database. You will find a full explanation of each index [here](#).

Louisville's Commitments



Pledge to reach (net)-zero in the 2040s or sooner, or by mid-century at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5°Celsius.



50% GHG reduction by 2030 from 2016 baseline for Metro operations



Requires SBT – Louisville received feedback that our target is not aligned.

Aligning Louisville's Vision with SBTs

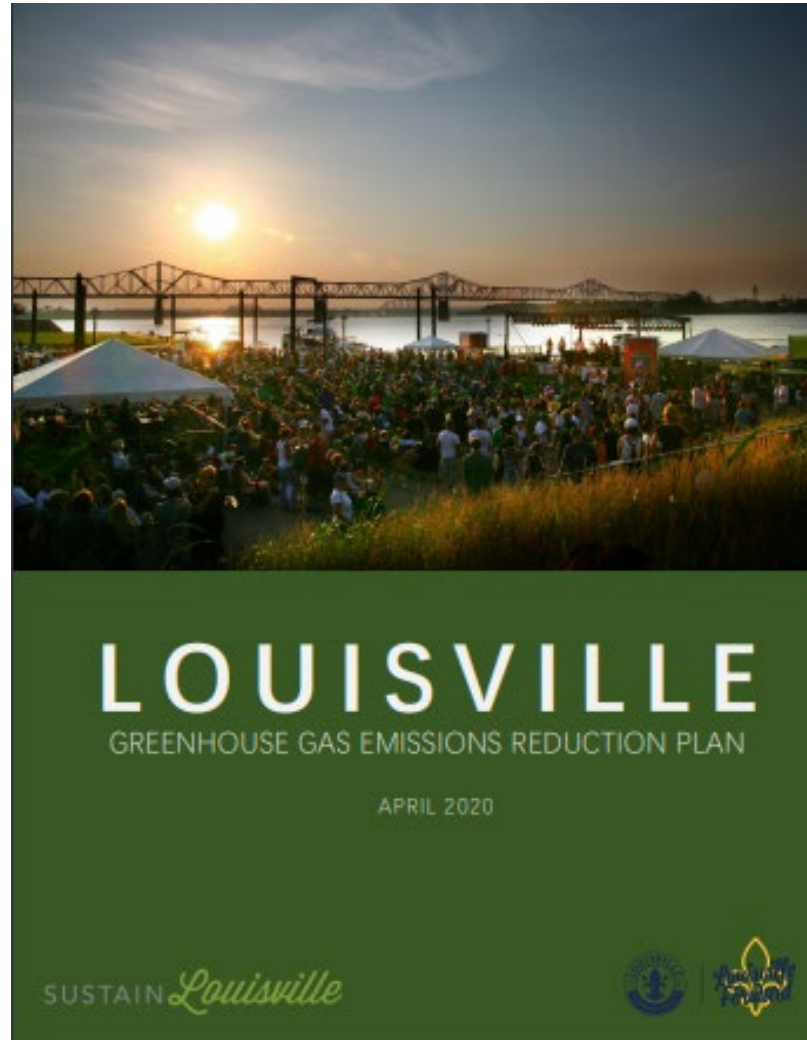
A Metro Council Resolution to codify our SBT of **community-wide net-zero emissions by 2040.**

- Align Louisville's climate goals with science-based targets in accordance with the IPCC's recommendation and the Paris Agreement.
- Fulfill our commitments under the C40 Cities Race to Zero and U.S. Department of Energy's Better Climate Challenge and maintain Louisville's position as CDP A List City and leader among peer cities working towards climate action.
- Provide Metro agencies, residents, and organizations with a tool to **advance environmental programs, improve infrastructure and health, and save costs.**

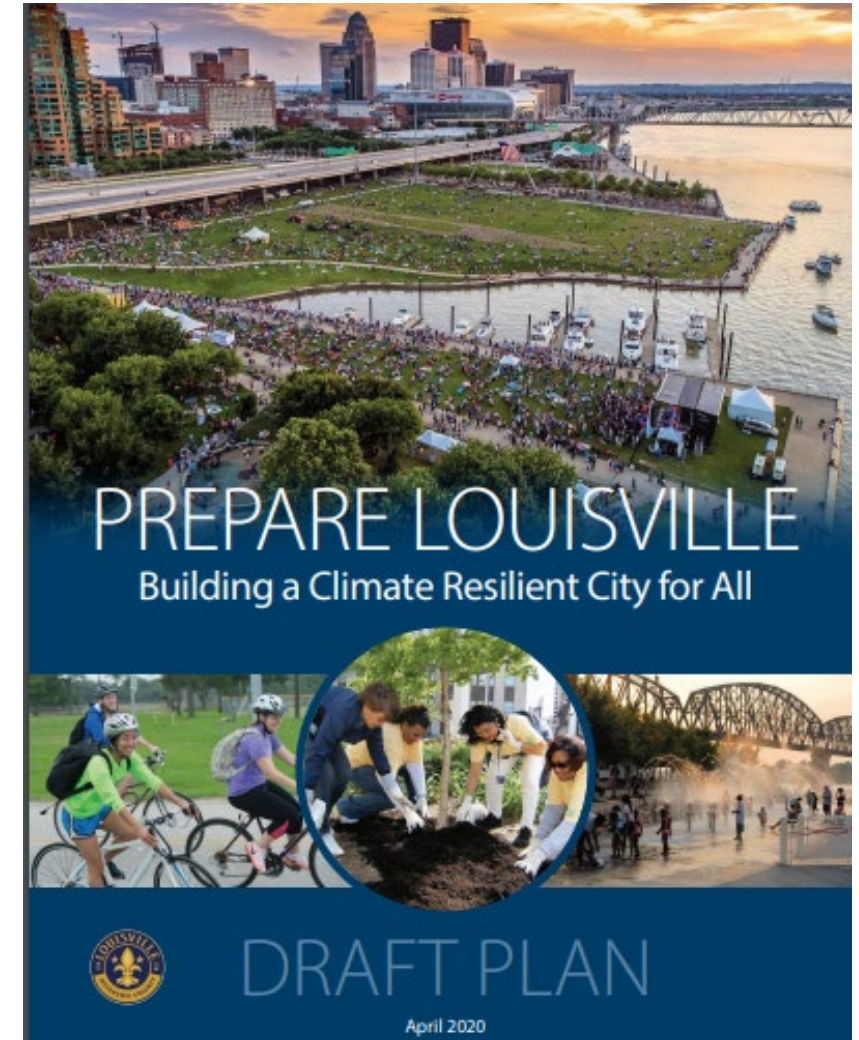


Progress is Already Underway!

- Sustain Louisville (2013)
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory (2016)
- Plan 2040 (CHASE Principles) (2019)
- Resilient Louisville (2019)
- GHG Emissions Reduction Plan (2020)
- Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (2020)
- Prepare Louisville (2020)
- **100% Clean Energy Resolution**

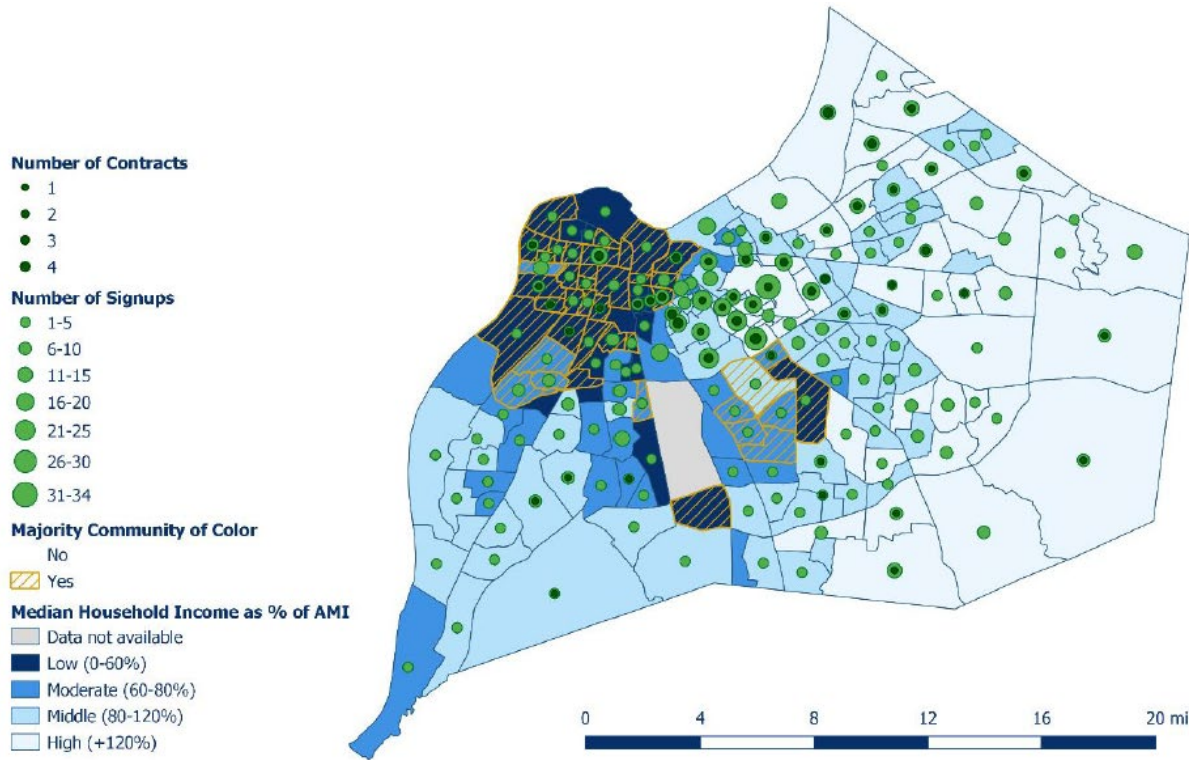


GHG Emissions Reduction Plan



Prepare Louisville

Progress is Already Underway!



- **Buildings:** \$1 million energy savings for Metro Government, Solar Over Louisville, Cool Roof Incentive Program, EPAD Program, Communities LEAP
- **Transport:** Vision Zero, Electric Vehicles
- **Waste:** Solid Waste reduction goal – 90% diversion by 2042
- **Natural Areas:** Urban Tree Canopy goal – 45% tree canopy by 2055
- **Products:** Partnership for a Green City – collective purchasing
- **Behavior:** Internal Green Team – behavior change for energy conservation, waste reduction, and efficient transportation

Progress is Already Underway!

Louisville mayor signs order to reach net-zero emissions by 2040



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1000+ Cities have signed the Cities Race to Zero

- Indianapolis
- South Bend
- Des Moines
- Durham
- Austin
- Houston
- Atlanta