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Sustainable DC Plan Targets Emissions and Climate Resilience

WASHINGTON, DC – Working to make DC a greener, healthier and more viable city, Mayor Vincent Gray released the [Sustainable DC Plan](#) on Feb. 20 that sets forth ambitious goals and metrics pertaining to climate and the environment. The 20-year program includes emissions reductions pledges, as well as climate adaptation measures, proving the District is already [Asking the Climate Question](#) and providing compelling answers. Specifically, the Sustainable DC Plan calls for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2032 and enhancing the resilience of DC infrastructure to climate change impacts.

The Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) supports the goals outlined in the Sustainable DC Plan and the city's efforts to improve the quality of life for residents. CCAP's own urban adaptation program, [Weathering Climate Risks](#), aims to help cities and companies enhance physical, economic, and social resilience in the face of severe weather trends and climate change impacts.

"This plan represents a major step forward in improving DC's community resilience and ability to prepare for climate change," CCAP's Director of Transportation and Adaptation Programs, Steve Winkelman said. "CCAP looks forward to working with the District as it implements sustainability measures and pursues best practices in climate adaptation."

This visionary plan, lead by the [DC Office of Planning](#) and the [District Department of the Environment](#) takes a comprehensive approach to sustainability, taking into consideration aspects such as governance, the economy, health, equity and diversity. Specifically targeting green measures, the sustainability plan touches on climate adaptation requirements, electricity generation goals, green infrastructure changes and improving transportation and land use. Notable climate resilience goals include (by 2032):

- **Climate Adaptation** - Require all new building and major infrastructure projects to undergo climate change impact analysis as part of the regulatory process.
- **Electricity** - Reduce annual power outages to between 0 and 2 events of less than 100 minutes per year.
- **Green Infrastructure** - Use 75 percent of the landscape to capture rainwater for filtration or re-use.
- **Transportation and Smart Growth** - Increase use of public transit, biking, and walking to 75 percent of all commuter trips, and reduce commuter trips by car to 25 percent.

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