



Fairbanks North Star Borough

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Dear Fairbanks North Star Borough community members,

The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Assembly Climate Action Committee (ACAC) is preparing a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) for the FNSB. The CAAP is about preparing for and mitigating climate change to protect the health, safety, and well-being of borough residents. The plan will focus on borough operations, including FNSB facilities, policies, and practices.

Within the FNSB, there are 457 employees and approximately 110 temporary employees. The Borough owns over 90 major buildings totaling approximately 3.2 million square feet. Approximately 2.4 million square feet are operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and the remaining 780 thousand square feet are operated by the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Additionally, the Borough has more than 150 other facilities such as parks, sporting fields, cabins, playgrounds, recreation areas, and the Tanana River Levee.

The CAAP will include goals and strategies to:

1. Reduce the borough's contributions to climate change by lowering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and
2. Adapt borough operations to better prepare for climate change effects.

In other words, the CAAP is focused on making borough operations more sustainable and resilient in the face of a changing climate.

We encourage everyone to participate in this project! There is a community survey to gather initial input into the plan available on the project website, at: www.fnsbclimateplan.com. There will be many additional opportunities for participation throughout the year – please visit fnsb.gov/ClimateAction and www.fnsbclimateplan.com for the latest updates on public meetings and other ways get involved.

While the current effort focuses on borough operations and facilities, the ACAC would like to see this project spur and support additional grassroots community-wide action on climate change.

Sincerely,


Bryce Ward (Apr 22, 2022 16:15 AKDT)

Bryce J. Ward
Mayor

