

COMMUNITY ENERGY AND EMISSIONS PLANNING

FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESS

The Community Energy Implementation Framework contains 10 strategies that provide advice on political, staff and stakeholder engagement, staff and financial capacity and embedding energy into local government plans and processes:

1. Develop a rationale

Identify what issues the community energy and emissions plan (CEEP) will address and how it will help Council get the information it needs to make effective decisions. Consider including references to other successful CEEPs and describe how they benefited the community.

2. Define the value proposition

Benefits of actions and estimation of GHG impacts.

3. Identify community champions

Well-known and respected community members who can promote the project and bring others on board.

4. Engage community stakeholders, elected officials, and the public when developing a CEEP and setting targets

5. Establish governance structures

Accountability, leadership, integrity, stewardship, transparency.

6. Oversight and alignment with other community planning documents

Other community planning documents could serve as a supportive factor for implementation while at the same time also prioritizing the CEEP.

7. Energy staff and technical support

It requires knowledgeable individuals, government agencies, or organizations to lead, manage and implement projects and programs. Many communities lack local capacity, and building this capacity is critical to expanding and accelerating community energy efforts.

8. Monitor and report

9. Budget and financing

Many energy projects face challenges in securing access to financial capital. Identify the funding and financial sources that are available to support the development of the community's CEEP.

10. Plans and policies

It includes providing tools available to implement methods and achieve goals.