

Planning Assistance to Municipalities & Communities - Application Form

1. Contact Information

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2. Organization

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 - **City:** *Hyattsville*
 - **State:** *MD*
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- **Tax ID Number:** *526000797*
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3. Project Information

A. Project Title:

City of Hyattsville Climate Action Plan: Pathway to a Sustainable Future

B. Describe the issue that this project will address:

The City of Hyattsville faces several pressing environmental challenges related to climate change. These include increasing temperatures, frequent and severe weather events such as storms and flooding, and rising sea levels that threaten local infrastructure and community well-being. Additionally, the impacts of climate change disproportionately affect vulnerable populations within the city, exacerbating existing inequalities.

Without a comprehensive, Hyattsville risks falling behind in implementing necessary sustainability measures and preparing for future climate-related impacts. This gap in planning could lead to higher costs associated with disaster response and recovery, increased strain on public resources, and a greater risk to the health and safety of residents.

The proposed Climate Action Plan aims to address these challenges by setting clear sustainability goals, identifying specific actions to enhance climate resilience, and engaging the community in creating and implementing solutions. By tailoring strategies to Hyattsville's unique needs and leveraging existing legislative measures, the plan will help mitigate the adverse effects of climate change for all residents.

C. What past efforts have been made to address this issue?

In the past, several initiatives have been undertaken to address climate and environmental challenges in Hyattsville. However, these efforts would benefit from being more integrated into a cohesive strategy to enhance their overall impact.

- *Environmental Awareness Campaigns: The city has conducted various awareness campaigns to educate residents about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices, such as recycling programs and Tree Care Initiatives.*
- *Flooding and Stormwater Management Studies: Preliminary studies and analyses have been carried out to assess flooding risks and stormwater management needs, providing valuable data for understanding local vulnerabilities.*
- *Participation in County and State Initiatives: Hyattsville has engaged with broader Prince George's County and Maryland state climate initiatives, including participation in county-wide environmental planning efforts and adherence to state regulations and guidelines on sustainability.*
- *Local Green Projects: The city has implemented green projects, such as tree planting programs and green space enhancements, to improve environmental quality and community well-being.*
- *Adoption of Building Codes and Sustainability Standards: Hyattsville has adopted certain building codes and standards aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing the environmental impact of new developments.*

Despite these efforts, there has been no comprehensive climate action plan specifically tailored to Hyattsville. The proposed Climate Action Plan will build on these past efforts by integrating them into a coordinated framework and expanding on them to achieve greater impact.

D. What are the goals for the project?

1. *Develop a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan: Create a detailed and actionable Climate Action Plan tailored to Hyattsville's specific needs, building on the recommendations of the 2022 Prince George's County Draft Climate Action Plan.*
2. *Enhance Climate Resilience: Identify and implement strategies to increase Hyattsville's resilience to climate-related impacts, such as extreme weather events, flooding, and rising temperatures, thereby reducing the city's vulnerability to these challenges.*
3. *Set Clear Sustainability Goals: Establish specific, measurable, and achievable sustainability goals for the city, including targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, and increasing green infrastructure.*
4. *Engage and Empower the Community: Foster community involvement by engaging residents, businesses, and local organizations in the planning process, incorporating their feedback into the plan, and encouraging their active participation in implementing climate solutions.*
5. *Integrate Legislative Measures: Apply recent federal, state, and county-level sustainability and climate change legislation to the local context, ensuring that Hyattsville's climate strategies are aligned with broader policy frameworks.*
6. *Promote Long-Term Sustainability: Develop strategies that not only address immediate climate challenges but also ensure long-term sustainability and adaptability, setting the stage for ongoing improvements and resilience-building.*
7. *Leverage Existing Studies and Data: Utilize findings from previous studies, such as flood risk assessments, to inform and enhance the Climate Action Plan, ensuring that it is based on up-to-date and relevant data.*

8. *Create a Pathway for Implementation: Outline clear next steps for implementing the plan, including identifying potential partners and resources, and establishing mechanisms for monitoring progress and evaluating outcomes.*

By achieving these goals, the City of Hyattsville aims to build a robust and forward-thinking approach to climate action that benefits the entire community and aligns with regional and national sustainability objectives.

E. Provide a detailed description of the requested project:

The City of Hyattsville Climate Action Plan (CAP) aims to strategically align with and adapt the principles outlined in the 2022 Prince George's County Draft Climate Action Plan to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing Hyattsville. This comprehensive initiative will establish specific sustainability and climate resilience objectives for the city, systematically prioritize actionable steps to achieve these objectives, and foster collaboration among key stakeholders, including residents, local businesses, and community organizations.

The CAP will be developed through a participatory process, engaging the community to ensure that their perspectives and needs shape the plan's framework and recommendations. This approach will facilitate the identification of critical actions required to enhance Hyattsville's resilience to climate-related impacts such as extreme heat, flooding, and severe weather events. The plan will integrate recent federal, state, and county-level legislative measures designed to promote sustainability and climate adaptation, contextualizing these strategies within the local environment of Hyattsville.

By developing and implementing the CAP, Hyattsville seeks to position itself at the forefront of urban climate resilience and sustainability, ultimately contributing to the broader goals of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan and fostering a more sustainable and equitable urban environment.

F. What are the desired work products?

1. *Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Document: A detailed and actionable Climate Action Plan that outlines specific sustainability and climate resilience goals for the City of Hyattsville, along with strategies, timelines, and responsibilities for achieving these goals.*
2. *Stakeholder Engagement Summary: Documentation of stakeholder engagement activities, including workshop summaries, survey results, and feedback received from community members, local businesses, and organizations.*
3. *Baseline Climate Impact Assessment: A report analyzing current climate impacts, vulnerabilities, and sustainability efforts within Hyattsville. This includes data on local environmental conditions, risks, and existing infrastructure.*
4. *Goal Setting and Strategy Recommendations: A section of the plan that clearly defines specific, measurable goals for climate action and outlines recommended strategies and actions to achieve these goals.*
5. *Legislative Integration Report: A document that details how federal, state, and county climate policies and incentives have been incorporated into the plan, ensuring alignment with broader regulatory frameworks.*
6. *Draft and Final Climate Action Plan: A series of drafts leading to the final version of the Climate Action Plan, including a version for public review and the final approved document ready for implementation.*

7. *Implementation Plan: A detailed plan outlining the steps required to put the Climate Action Plan into action, including identification of key partners, resources, and funding sources.*
8. *Monitoring and Evaluation Framework: A framework for tracking progress and evaluating the effectiveness of the Climate Action Plan. This includes performance indicators, methods for data collection, and procedures for making adjustments as needed.*
9. *Public Presentation Materials: Presentation slides, brochures, and other materials used to communicate the plan and its benefits to the community, stakeholders, and decision-makers.*
10. *Final Report and Recommendations: A comprehensive final report that summarizes the project process, key findings, and recommendations for ongoing climate action and sustainability efforts in Hyattsville.*

G. Who are the potential project partners and contacts?

1. *Prince George's County Planning Department: Provide technical assistance and alignment with county climate goals.*
2. *Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC): Offer expertise in planning and sustainability.*
3. *Hyattsville City Council: Approve the Climate Action Plan and support community engagement.*
4. *Local Environmental Organizations: Contribute expertise and help with outreach.*
5. *State and Federal Agencies: Provide guidance on regulations and funding opportunities.*
6. *Local Businesses: Offer resources and insights on climate solutions.*
7. *Academic Institutions: Provide research support and expertise.*
8. *Community Groups: Engage residents and gather input.*
9. *Consulting Firms: Provide specialized expertise for the project.*
10. *Local Government Departments: Coordinate on infrastructure and environmental measures.*

H. Other relevant stakeholders?

1. *Residents of Hyattsville: They will be directly affected by the climate action plan and can provide valuable feedback and support.*
2. *Local Schools and Educational Institutions: They can participate in educational programs and activities related to climate action.*
3. *Local Health Organizations: They can provide insights on the health impacts of climate change and help address related issues.*
4. *Utility Providers: They can offer data and support for energy efficiency and sustainability measures.*
5. *Real Estate Developers: They can influence and implement sustainable building practices and developments.*
6. *Regional Planning Authorities: They can ensure coordination with broader regional climate strategies.*
7. *Nonprofit Organizations: They can provide support for equitable climate solutions.*

I. Are you aware of any policies or recommendations in the County’s approved plans that this potential project would further?

Yes, the City of Hyattsville’s Climate Action Plan aligns with several policies and recommendations outlined in the County’s approved plans:

- *Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan (2022): This plan sets forth goals and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing climate resilience. The Hyattsville Climate Action Plan will build upon these goals by implementing local actions that contribute to county-wide climate objectives.*
- *Environmental Justice Policies: County policies focus on ensuring that climate action and sustainability efforts are equitable and address the needs of disadvantaged communities. The Hyattsville plan will prioritize inclusivity and equitable outcomes to align with these policies.*

J. Upon completion, what next steps will be taken to implement the project?

Develop an Implementation Plan: Create a detailed plan outlining specific actions, timelines, and responsible parties for executing the Climate Action Plan’s strategies.

- *Secure Funding and Resources: Identify and apply for additional funding sources, grants, and resources necessary for implementing the plan’s initiatives.*
- *Engage Stakeholders: Collaborate with key stakeholders, including local businesses, community groups, and government agencies, to ensure broad support and involvement in the implementation process.*
- *Initiate Pilot Projects: Launch pilot projects or phased implementations to test strategies and gather feedback for refinement.*
- *Monitor and Evaluate Progress: Establish metrics and indicators to track progress, assess the effectiveness of implemented actions, and make adjustments as needed.*
- *Communicate and Report: Regularly update the community and stakeholders on progress, challenges, and successes through reports, meetings, and public communications.*
- *Review and Update the Plan: Periodically review and update the Climate Action Plan based on new data, feedback, and changing conditions to ensure ongoing relevance and effectiveness.*
- *Foster Continuous Improvement: Encourage a culture of continuous improvement by integrating lessons learned and best practices into future planning and implementation efforts.*

K. Provide a map of the project boundaries:

Attach a map of the City of Hyattsville indicating municipal boundaries.

4. Additional Information

- **A. Is the proposed project location in a Priority Funding Area (PFA), Plan 2035 Neighborhood Reinvestment Area, or Plan 2035 Employment Area?**
 - Priority Funding Area (PFA)?
 - ✓ Yes
 - No
 - Plan 2035 Neighborhood Reinvestment Area?

- Yes
 - No
 - Plan 2035 Employment Area?
 - Yes
 - No
- **B. Organization Type:**
 - Municipality
 - Community

Select Municipality

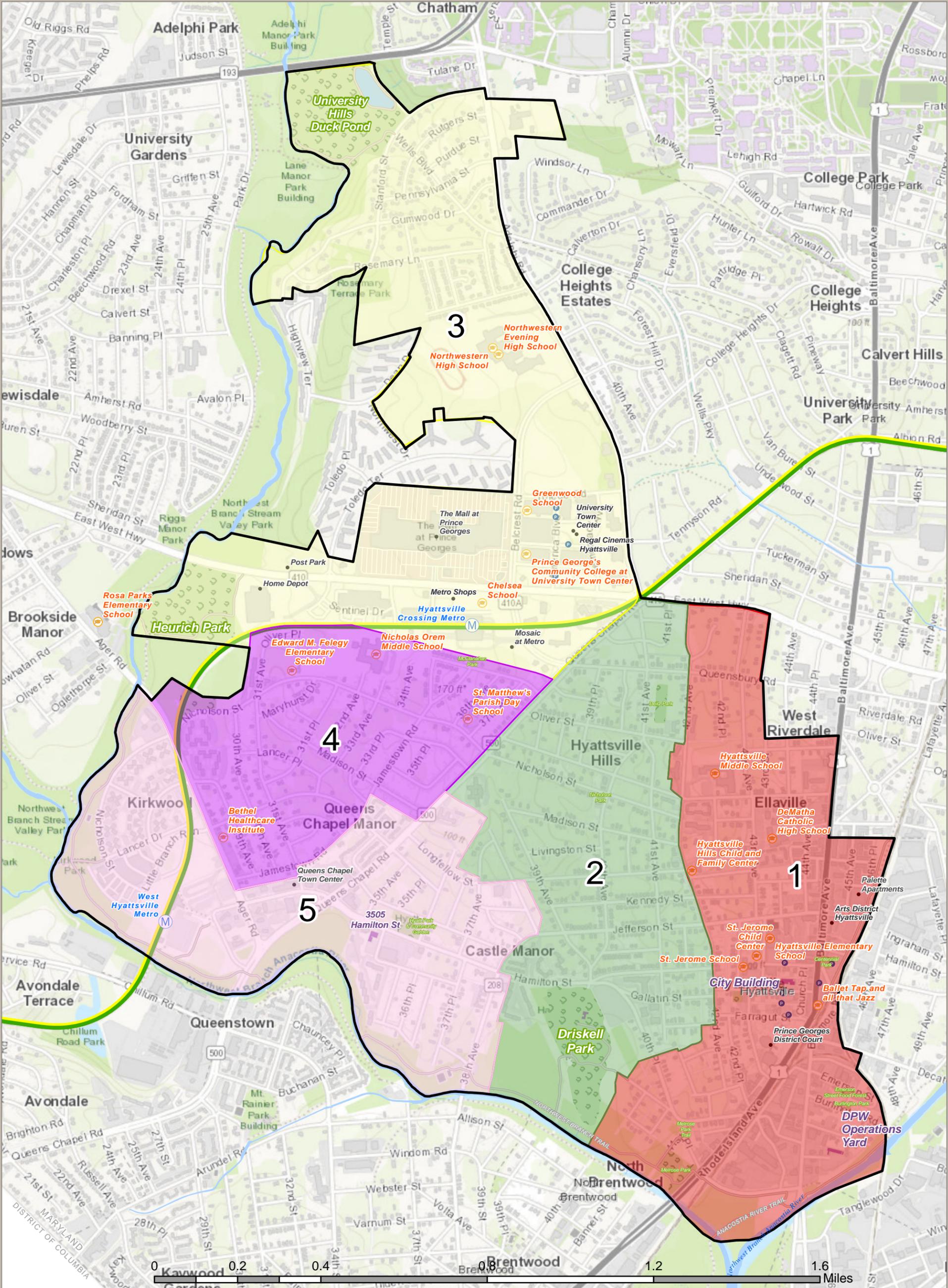
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If applicant is a municipality, provide a resolution of support approved by the City Council.

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Map of CITY OF HYATTSVILLE



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| Metro Stations | Schools | City Facilities | Ward 1 | Ward 4 |
| Public Parking | Metrorail | Streams, Rivers, Ponds | Ward 2 | Ward 5 |
| Places of Interest | Trails | City, County, State Parks | Ward 3 | City Boundary |

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