

STEP FOUR: Plan for Action



What should we plan to do?

Resilience planning is an emerging practice. This is a checklist to help guide you in developing a plan for your local health jurisdiction. Each local jurisdiction will approach the planning process differently and produce different kinds of plans depending on the climate risks in your region, the vulnerabilities and assets in your communities, and the capacity of your organization, programs, and partnerships.

FIRST STEPS

- Review existing [local climate and health plans](#) in Oregon to get a sense of how different local climate and health plans have taken shape to date. Review tips and [lessons learned](#) from early efforts to implement climate actions within local health jurisdictions.
- Develop a stakeholder engagement plan for your planning process. Consider using this [stakeholder engagement plan template](#).
- Review this [Guidance for Determining Interventions](#), an excerpt from Multnomah County Public Health Department's local BRACE toolkit. Consider using the 10 Essential Services Gap Analysis tool included within this guidance.
- Take a look at this [Intervention Selection Process](#) that Oregon's Climate and Health team is beginning to use to select strategies for the statewide plan. A new Resilience Strategy Worksheet is under development by OHA's Climate and Health program and will be made available soon. The worksheet will include a list of strategies compiled from research literature, plans and reports, and stakeholder feedback in Oregon.
- In addition to reviewing existing [climate and health adaptation plans](#), you can use the following resources to help compile and analyze potential strategies to include in your plan:
 - [Summary of Adaptation Strategies](#), a useful appendix to the Community-Based Adaptation Planning Case Study developed by the California Energy Commission's Climate Change Center
 - [Georgetown Climate Center's Adaptation Clearinghouse](#)
 - [California's Public Health Adaptation Strategies](#), an excerpt from California's 2009 Statewide Adaptation Plan

NEXT STEPS

Tips from Multnomah County's Health Department:

- Who is the audience for your plan? Is it policy-makers, community members, public health professionals? Be sure to provide appropriate context for your audience.
- When is it most strategic to release your plan? Releasing or rolling out any new plan or initiative should be strategic. In your jurisdiction when is it best to communicate something new? How might the timing of the budget cycle influence the reception of your plan? Are there natural or man-made events that may help illustrate the necessity of climate planning?
- Establishing accountability regarding the implementation of climate adaptation measures is essential. This could be as informal as identifying program areas or departments as the lead implementers of certain adaptation strategies or as formal as building elements of the plan into individuals work plans. However you determine accountability remember that your plan should identify a time-frame and responsible entity for your adaptation strategies and measures. Leadership buy-in is essential to establishing long-term accountability.