

Climate Action in Metro West

In Spring 2022, Ashland, Natick and Framingham asked residents to take the Climate Conversation Survey. Over 850 people responded to provide their experiences with climate change and perspectives what actions to take.

What did we learn about Climate Change in Metro West?

People saw climate change in:



More allergies, ticks, and mosquitos



More severe storms and weather that bring heat waves, flooding, and high winds

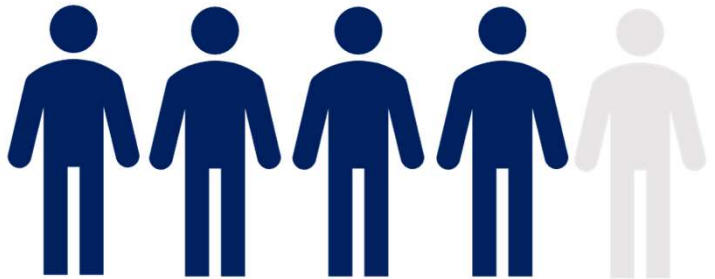


Expensive groceries and food shortages



Unsafe water quality in local lakes and ponds

4 out of 5 people who took the survey think it is urgent to take action to reduce the impacts of climate change...



...and they shared ideas for local climate action!

“Making it easier **to get around without a car** (expanding public transit and fixing/ adding sidewalks and bike lanes)”

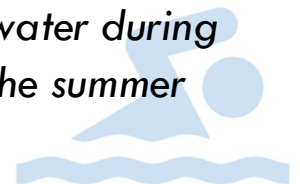


“Helping residents and community groups **prepare for emergencies**”



“Helping residents, especially lower income residents and renters/landlords, **access programs for reducing energy use.**”

“Addressing summer **water quality in the ponds** in the city (if no one can safely get in the water during the hottest weeks of the summer that is a problem)”



What are Ashland, Natick, and Framingham doing take Climate Action?

- Planting trees to help people cool off and addressing flooding from during big storms
- Helping residents use less energy, save money and switch to clean energy sources
- Fixing sidewalks, adding bike lanes and improving transit routes
- Reducing the ways that materials, like lawn fertilizers, can pollute local ponds and make them unusable for residents

Learn more through your city's or town's sustainability staff!

How do I and my neighbors take Climate Action?

- Put together an emergency kit and emergency plan for your household, visit www.ready.gov/plan
- Learn about your energy-saving opportunities – visit www.massave.com/metrowest
- Make a few more trips in your community without using a car, visit trailmap.mapc.org/
- Learn about how your yard can impact local water quality and supply: www.mass.gov/guides/lawns-and-landscapes-in-your-watershed

Get more involved with your city's or town's climate change initiatives!

Metro West is looking to do more, so add your voice!

In Fall 2022, we will connect with residents in **Climate Action Conversations** to talk about the steps Ashland, Natick, Framingham can take in four top climate action areas:

1. Emergency planning
2. Equitable clean energy & energy efficiency programs
3. Getting around without a car
4. Access to lakes and ponds for cooling



The Climate Conversations are part of the Metro West Climate Equity project. To learn more about the project, visit:

www.mapc.org/resource-library/metro-west-climate-equity/

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