CR-007-2020 required Prince George’s County to establish a Climate Action Commission (CAC) for crafting a Climate Action Plan.

The CAC formulated a comprehensive plan outlining climate threats, current progress in mitigating climate change and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and future climate action objectives including suggestions for investing, green infrastructure, renewable energy, clean transportation, and water system resilience.

The plan also suggests prioritizing K-12 education by developing and funding climate literacy experiential programming and curriculum integration, and initiating teacher professional development.

Prince George’s County is the second most populous county in Maryland and the largest and wealthiest African American county in the United States. The CAC sought input on the plan from county residents and students in Prince George’s 27 municipalities.

The resolution did not allocate funding, but the climate action plan proposes funding recommendations, including budget allocations for staff, dedicated funding for a Climate Leadership Summit, climate education for county leaders and staff, and more.

The plan’s goals align with Maryland’s projection for a 50% GHG reduction by 2030, as outlined in their GHG Reduction Plan. Three opportunity areas were identified: improving sustainability of internal county operations, reducing GHG emissions, and preparing the community for future impacts. The plan calls on the County government, residents, and businesses to collaborate in achieving a climate friendly and resilient future.