Climate Action Team - Public Health Workgroup

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Previous SCC-PHD Climate Change Efforts

- SCC Climate Action Team and Transportation Committee (commute survey; plan completed 2009)
- Presentation at Planning for Climate Change Workshop (2008)
- BARHII Built Environment Committee
- Inclusion in PHD 2012-2015 Strategic Plan
  - Goal 3: “Establish a Departmental focus on environmental health issues related to climate change and sustainability.”
Climate Change Planning Process

- Baseline knowledge for planning
- SCC PHD planning framework, scope & focus
- SCC PHD implementation and resource recommendations
Goal 1: Develop public health department knowledge, expertise and resources to address the health impacts of climate change

Goal 2: Inform larger community and public health partners about the health effects of climate change and actions that can be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Goal 3: Establish assessment, surveillance, investigation, and monitoring activities to inform climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts
Goal 4: Partner with county agencies and local jurisdictions on local planning, transportation, housing, water, and energy policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support the design of healthy sustainable, resilient communities.

Goal 5: Integrate climate change strategies into Public Health Department health plans

Goal 6: Build climate change mitigation efforts into PHD operations
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- Evaluate exposure of community assets
- Examine potential consequences to economy, society and environment of this exposure
- Develop preemptive strategies that improve community resilience