

Community Services Cluster October 15, 2025

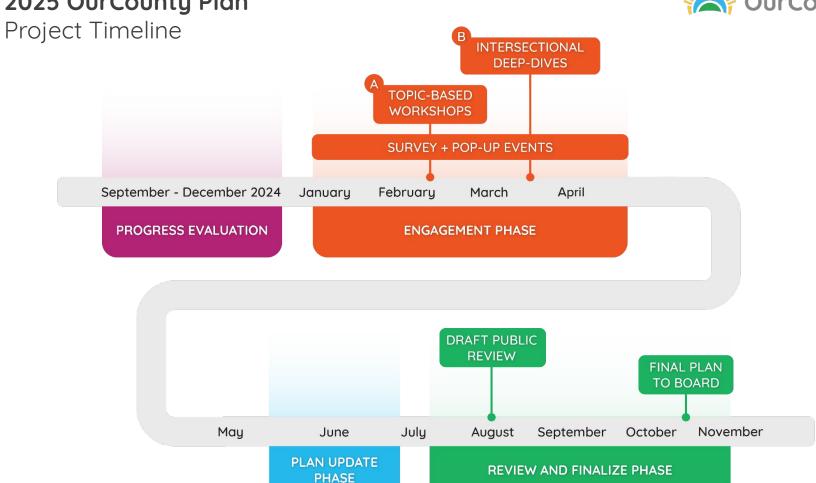
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OurCounty

Overview

- The original 2019 OurCounty Plan set a bold vision for the future of the County, and the 2025
 OurCounty Plan does the same, balancing co-equal values of environment, equity, and
 economy.
- The 2025 OurCounty Plan further elevates climate resilience through new and revised actions that address major climate hazards and risks along with increased cross-departmental coordination.
- The update process utilized **equity-driven engagement, research, and data analysis** to assess progress over the last 5+ years and outlined a comprehensive roadmap for the County to achieve its sustainability goals.



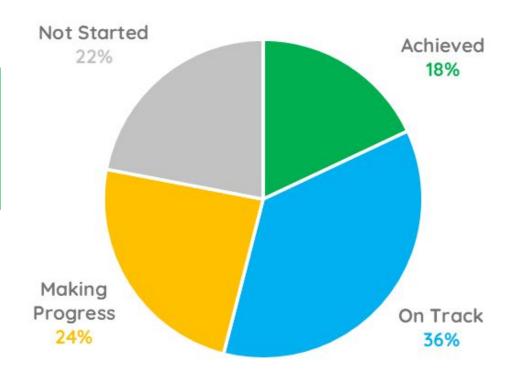


Progress



Overall Action Progress

More than 80% of Priority Actions and more than half of all actions from the Plan are Achieved or On Track



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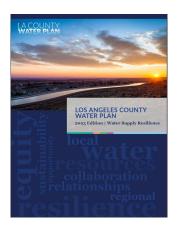


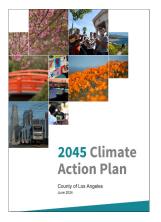
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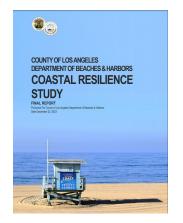
- Adopted Oil Well Ordinance to phase out oil and gas extraction
- Created 110 acres of new parkland in the unincorporated areas of LA County
- Transitioned majority of CPA customers to 100% renewable power
- Reduced GHG emissions from County operations by over 40% from 2009 levels
- Invested nearly \$1 billion in multi-benefit stormwater capture projects.
- Installed 1,500 EV chargers at County facilities and significantly increased EV and hybrids in County fleet
- Adopted or developing 10 Community Pedestrian Plans
- Passed key ordinances to stabilize rent and protect tenants
- Composting expanded to nearly all households

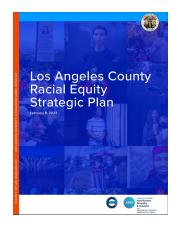
Sustainability and Climate Resilience

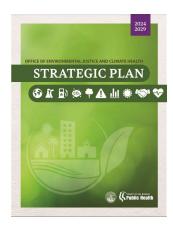


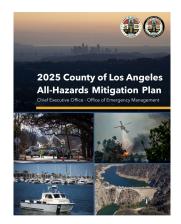




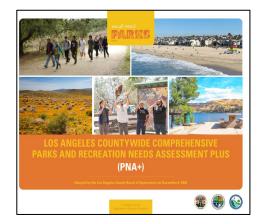


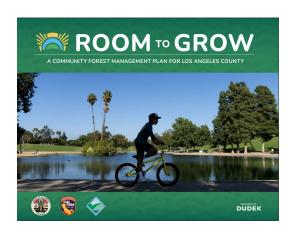












Stakeholder Engagement

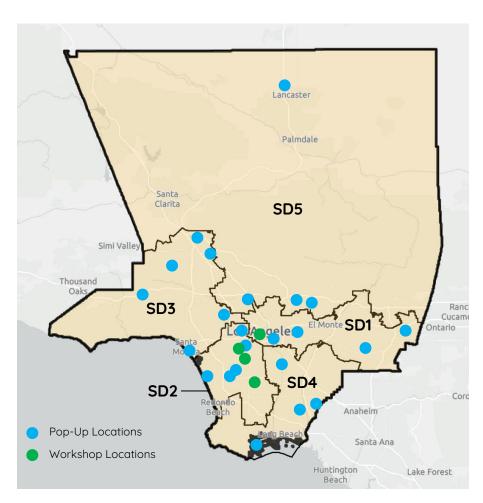


Audience	Purpose	Activity	Status
County Residents	Identify priorities for the OurCounty Update + integrate underrepresented perspectives	Countywide Survey + Pop-Ups	Collected 3,625 survey responses to date, with 23 pop-up tabling events
Cities	Leverage OurCounty Update to support sustainability efforts across the 88 cities	City Summit Workshop	Engaged 43 local representatives at City Summit Workshop
CBOs, Local Leadership, Industry	Ground OurCounty actions in the needs and priorities of communities + an equity framework	Topic Workshops, Individual meetings	Held six in-person and two virtual workshops Feb-April with over 320 attendees , specific outreach to local Tribes and Town Councils
State and Regional Actors	Align OurCounty Update with ongoing state and regional efforts	Interviews, Topic Workshops, Individual meetings	Conducted outreach to state and regional agencies such as CARB and Metro

Survey Outreach



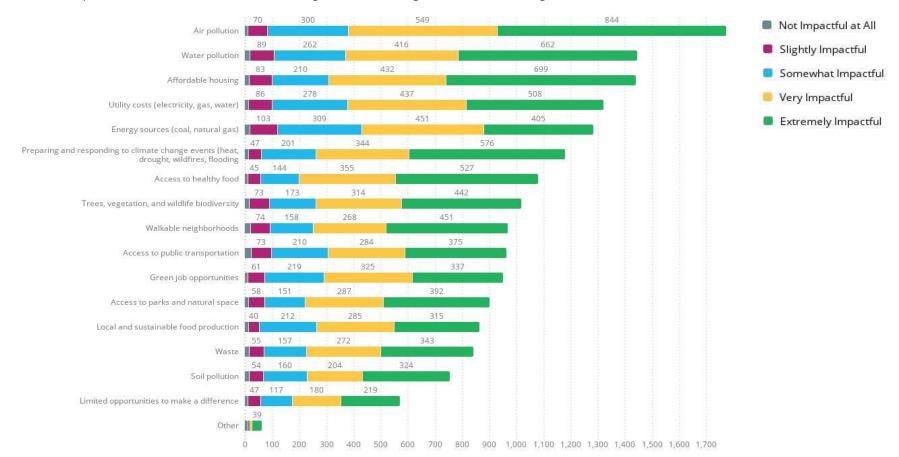
- Survey launched December 18, 2024 and closed May 2, 2025
- Surveys shared throughout 6 in-person workshops, through social media/newsletters, and 23 Pop-Up events
- Pop-Up events hosted by local CBOs, including: Heal the Bay, MoveLA, Pacoima Beautiful, Union De Vecinos, Day One, Antelope Valley Partners for Health, Conservation Corp of Long Beach, and USGBC-CA
- Youth Climate Commission (YCC)
 distributed survey via 8 Pop-up Events



Survey Summary



How impactful are these issues for you and/or your community?



Workshop Series A & B Summary - What We Heard



Green/Blue Space

Proactively address **brownfield sites** and invest in soil health

Prioritize **nature-based solutions** that foster connections to community cohesion, biodiversity and increased resilience

Amplify local CBO programming, and workforce development opportunities to build capacity and accelerate implementation

Scale **food waste management** infrastructure, local development, and distribution

Ensure **Indigenous voices** are present in the decision-making process

Built Environment & Air Quality

Create spaces for community cohesion and resilience, supported by long-term funding and shared resources

Expand enforcement and regulation to uphold goals and standards for pollution reduction and phasing out urban oil drilling

Increase healthy, environmentally just development with protections against displacement

Grow pipelines for community engagement and youth development

Promote the use of **healthy and** sustainable materials

Core Infrastructure

Establish **alternative funding mechanisms** to support infrastructure, programmatic funding

Increase education and access to resources and technical assistance to scale impact

Harness **community power** to enhance resilience during environmental crises

Forge partnerships to implement **hyperlocal projects** aligned to community needs

Develop standards for recycling, building decarb, and DERs that ensure long-term sustainability

Plan Structure



Organizing Elements of the 2025 OurCounty Plan

Goals (12) 4-----

Broad, aspirational statement of what we want to achieve

→ Strategies (33)

Long-range approach or approaches that we take to achieve a goal*

→ Actions (179)

Specific policy, program, or tool we implement to support a strategy*

*Strategies may support multiple goals and actions may support multiple strategies

Targets

Levels of performance for progress tracking





The 2025 OurCounty Plan has **32 targets**, with 13 currently trending in a positive direction. Two targets are trending in the opposite direction, and the rest are new or have neutral progress.

Baseline (from 2019 Plan)	Progress	2030 Target	2035 Target	2045 Target
Disadvantaged communities in LA County had an average toxicity-weighted concentration of emissions of 6,364 µg/m3 in 2011-2013	Toxicity-weighted concentrations of emissions in disadvantaged communities have reduced by 27% (data from 2017-2019)	Reduce toxicity-weighted concentrations of emissions in disadvantaged communities by 35%	Reduce toxicity-weighted concentrations of emissions in disadvantaged communities by 40%	Reduce toxicity-weighted concentrations of emissions in disadvantaged communities by 80%
58% of renters experienced cost burden in 2016, with 25% of renters experiencing moderate cost burden and 33% experiencing severe cost burden	54% of renters experienced cost burden in 2022, with 24% of renters experiencing moderate cost burden and 30% experiencing severe cost burden	Decrease percent of cost-burdened renter households to 45%	Decrease percent of cost-burdened renter households to 35%	Decrease percent of cost-burdened renter households to 15%

OurCounty Update

Emerging Topics



What we've added:

Blue Economy

sustainable aguaculture, ocean monitoring, marine habitat restoration

Circularity

material recovery, sustainable building materials, upcycling markets

Green Goods Movement

zero-emission heavy duty vehicles, Truck Route Master Plan, electrified rail infrastructure

Resilience Hubs

resource mapping, community resilience programming and training

Wildfire Resilience

Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance, climate-informed building codes, insurance advocacy, ecosystem enhancement

Tribal and Indigenous Partnership

Office of Tribal Affairs, land stewardship models, embedding traditional knowledge

Green Economy

Green Economy Study, workforce development programming, ethical Al, small business support

Social Cohesion

sustainable programming, PNA+ implementation, cultural programming, YCC





Goal 1 - Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place

In this goal you will find actions related to **social** resilience, pollution reduction, and housing and household utility affordability.

Notable Achievements

- Green Zones Program
- Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections
 Ordinance and Inclusionary Housing Ordinance
- Lead Free Homes LA program remediate 1,100 homes

- Work with County departments and regional partners to develop strategies that reduce illegal dumping of bulky items, construction materials, mulch, and other waste, while identifying funding sources to support education, cleanup, and enforcement efforts.
- Support the application of **bioremediation methods**, such as the use of **plants, fungi, and microbes**, as an innovative approach to brownfield remediation.
- Expand **battery storage systems** and **microgrids** at critical County facilities and infrastructure to **enhance resilience**.
- Encourage and support neighborhoods to become **certified Firewise Communities** or create **California Fire Safe Councils** and to maintain their practices.





Goal 5 - Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity

In this goal you will find actions related to **increasing** ecosystem quality & connectivity, preventing biodiversity loss, and preserving and enhancing green/blue space.

Notable Achievements

- Parks Needs Assessment Plus
- Native plant landscaping ordinance
- Nature in Your Neighborhood & Every Body Explores

- Support the development of **wildlife crossings and habitat corridors at critical habitat connectivity points**, including in urban areas.
- Identify opportunities for ecosystem enhancement for areas impacted by disturbances such as wildfires or invasive
 pests.
- Facilitate **restoration of sandy beaches, dunes, wetlands, kelp forests, and other marine and coastal habitats** that support biodiversity, economic activity, and equitable access to recreational activities.
- Explore innovative land management strategies that enable tribal and community stewardship while minimizing administrative and financial burdens.





Goal 7 - A fossil fuel-free LA County

In this goal you will find actions related to transitioning to zero-emission energy and transportation systems while mitigating social and economic risks.

Notable Achievements

- Clean Power Alliance
- Nearly 1,500 County EV charging stations
- 1,200 zero-emission & hybrid County vehicles

- Transition all County facilities to a renewable energy supply, including those in incorporated LA County.
- Develop policy recommendations to ensure environmental and community concerns are addressed in emerging energy sectors such as green hydrogen and offshore wind.
- Identify the sustainability impacts of AI on LA County and policy levers for addressing water and energy demand.
- Partner with local and regional agencies, private freight movers, CBOs, and community members along key freight corridors to implement 'green goods movement' technologies.
- Incentivize the **transition to zero-emission cargo handling equipment** at the San Pedro Bay Port Complex in partnership with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, labor organizations, and community stakeholders.





Goal 11 - Inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance that facilitates participation in sustainability efforts, especially by disempowered communities

In this goal you will find actions related to **inclusive** governance structures and promoting environmental stewardship.

Notable Achievements

- Youth Climate Commission
- Racial Equity Strategic Plan
- Creative Strategist Program

- Develop a policy on **stakeholder engagement incentives and best practices** to encourage inclusive and consistent engagement with community members and community-based organizations.
- Develop equity goals and metrics for individual OurCounty initiatives as projects are being developed.
- Establish an **Office of Tribal Affairs to advise and guide departments** on interactions with and effective service delivery to American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) community-serving organizations.
- Implement the County Anti-Racist Policy Agenda and the Racial Equity Strategic Plan.
- **Expand youth engagement and education on climate-related issues** such as health impacts, advocacy, and climate anxiety through the LA County Youth Climate Commission (YCC).



Climate Resilience

The 2025 OurCounty Plan features **57 Actions related to climate resilience**

Hazard		Example Priority Action	
Multi-Ho	azard	Maintain, update, and use the countywide Climate Vulnerability Assessment to assess high-risk infrastructure assets and guide priority investments, projects, programs, and policy changes to address social and physical infrastructure risks	
Increasi Temper Heat	ing atures & Extreme	Complete an assessment identifying early opportunities for depaving projects in multiple high tree canopy need communities, including on public and private property and at schools.	
Wildfire	•	Encourage and support neighborhoods to become certified Firewise Communities or create California Fire Safe Councils and provide support to help these communities to develop and implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans and maintain their fire-safe practices.	
Drough	t	In alignment with the County Water Plan, advocate for a collaborative approach to partnering with the region's various groundwater managers to sustainably manage regional groundwater basins and develop a regional stormwater-aquifer model to improve groundwater recharge.	
Inland F	Flooding	Increase flood insurance affordability countywide by maintaining, maximizing, and expanding jurisdictions' participation in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.	
SLR & C	oastal Flooding	Establish a collaborative regional approach to develop and implement a coastal resilience and adaptation program that uses sea level rise projections and environmental justice principles to protect public health and safety and coastal habitats and economies.	



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