



# Town of Lexington Annual Town Meeting 2022

## Article 7: Appropriate for Climate Action Plan

This article requests \$50,570 in funding for a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that will offer a detailed and strategic framework for developing, prioritizing, and implementing strategies while tracking progress toward the Town's climate and equity objectives. The CAP will lay out an implementable roadmap for Lexington's highest priority climate actions for the next five years. It will build off of past planning efforts (e.g. the Sustainable Action Plan, the Getting to Net Zero Roadmap) while adding a focus on equity and climate resilience. The project will be led by MAPC in partnership with the Sustainability & Resilience Officer. The CAP includes a robust community and stakeholder engagement process that will offer a detailed and strategic framework for developing, prioritizing, and implanting strategies towards the Town's climate, environmental justice and equity objectives.

The project team will engage Town staff, committees, boards, community organizations, and the public. In particular, the planning process seeks to engage those historically on the sidelines of municipal planning processes, such as non-native English-speaking residents, communities of color and immigrant communities, low-income residents, renters, youth, and elderly populations.

To date, the Town of Lexington has secured a \$50,000 grant from EEA for this work if we provide a \$35,000 (41%) match of cash. In addition, \$15,570 is needed to complete the plan for a total appropriation request of \$50,570. The Town will further support the project through in-kind staff time of the Sustainability and Resiliency officer.

The Select Board unanimously supports passage of this Article.