

Creating a  
**C**limate  
**A**ction  
**P**lan

using the Climate  
Pollution Reduction  
Grant (CPRG)

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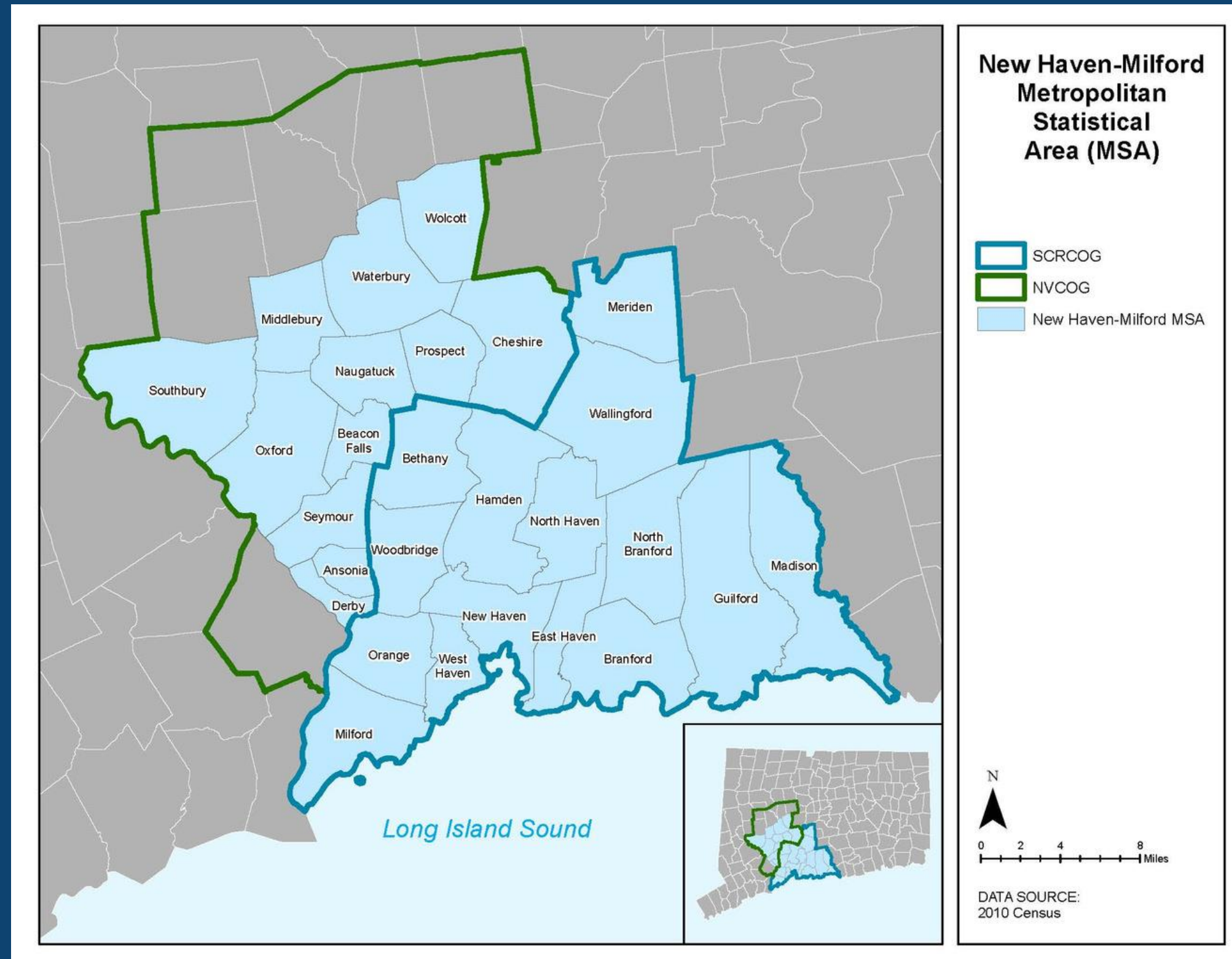
# Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. CPRG Program Overview
- III. Interactive Polling & Word Cloud Exercise
- IV. Questions and Discussion

# What is the **C**limate **P**ollution **R**eduction **G**rant?

- CPRGs support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The grant was created with funding from the Biden Administration's **I**nflation **R**eduction **A**ct.
- The planning and implementation processes center on public outreach, participation, and equity.

# Planning Area



# The first phase is **planning**.



- There are three deliverables in this phase: a Priority Climate Action Plan, a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, and Status Reporting.
- We need the help of community stakeholders to develop robust, realistic plans!

# The second phase is **implementation**.

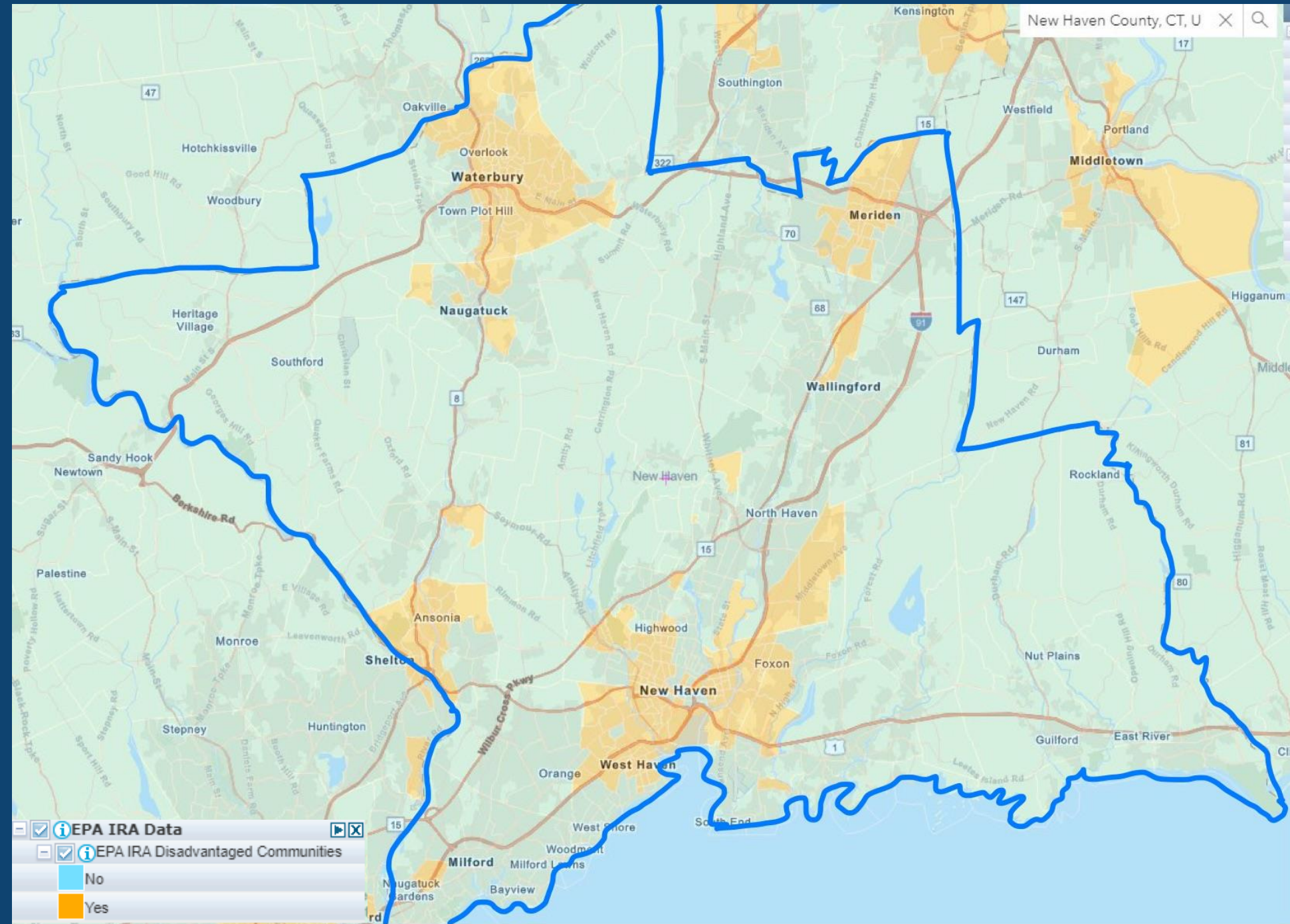
- \$4.6 billion will be available nation-wide to implement projects laid out in the plans.
- General competition grants may range anywhere between \$2 - \$500 million

# What makes this grant unique?

- Flexible—projects can target climate pollution from many angles
- Multiple funding opportunities
  - [Investing in America: Climate Action Funding Resource Guide](#)
- Planning phase allows municipalities to assess their own specific needs
- Equity through the Justice 40 initiative



# Low-Income, Disadvantaged Communities



# Goals



**Encourage public participation and engagement in climate action efforts.**



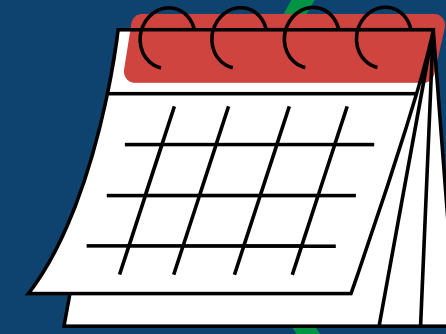
**Promote equitable and sustainable solutions that reduce harmful pollutants, improve air quality and support the creation of green jobs.**



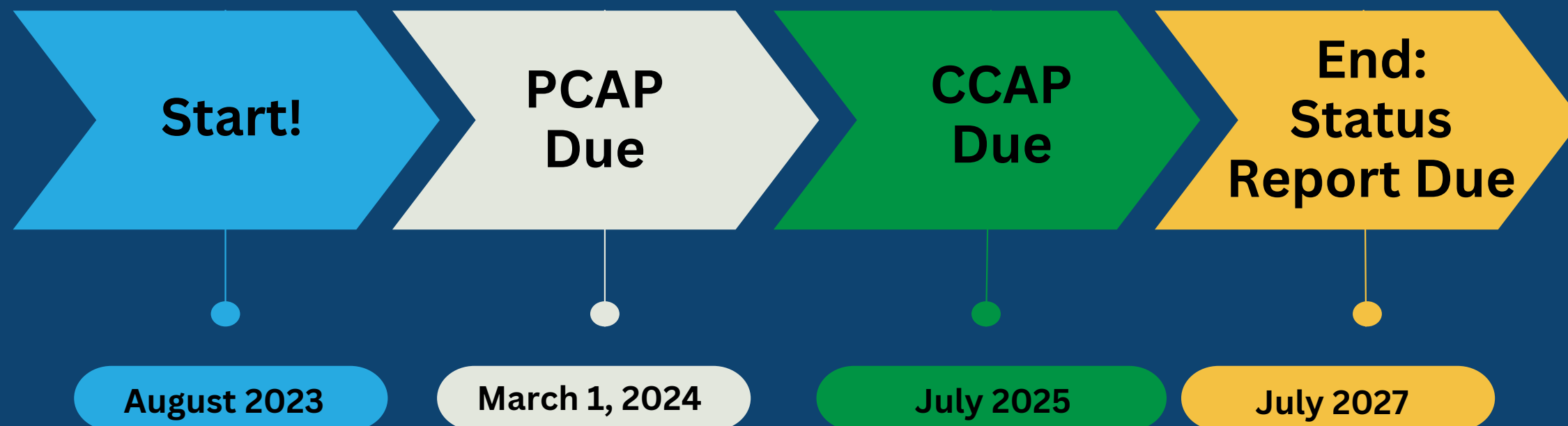
**Support projects that measure, analyze, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the local level.**



# Grant Timeline



- **Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) – due March 1, 2024**
- **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) – due 2 years after award (summer-fall 2025)**
- **Status Report – due 4 years from award (summer-fall 2027)**

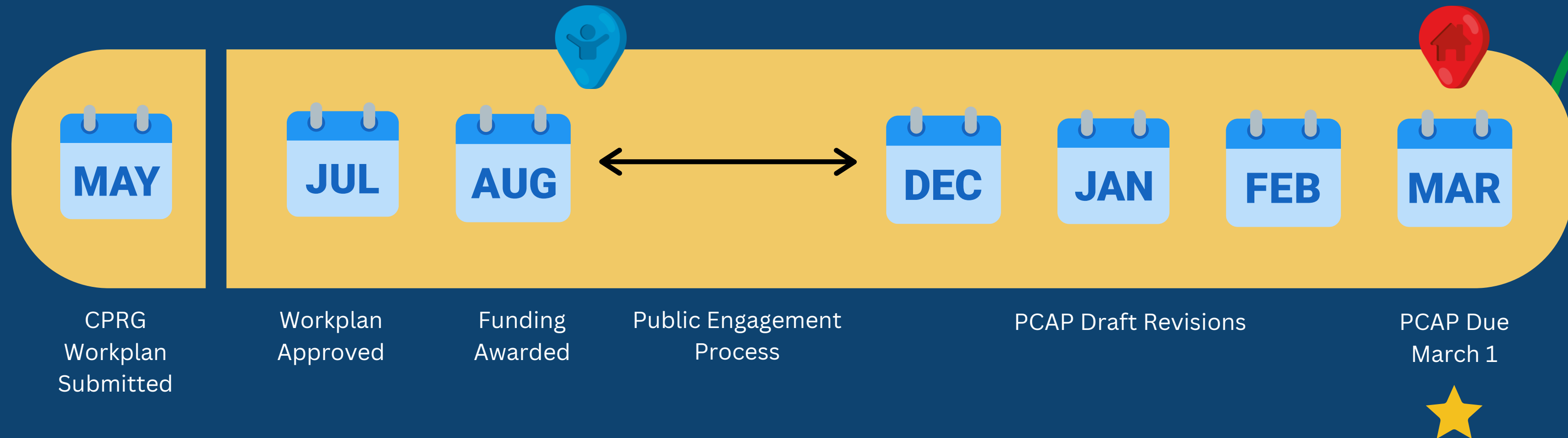


# Our Approach

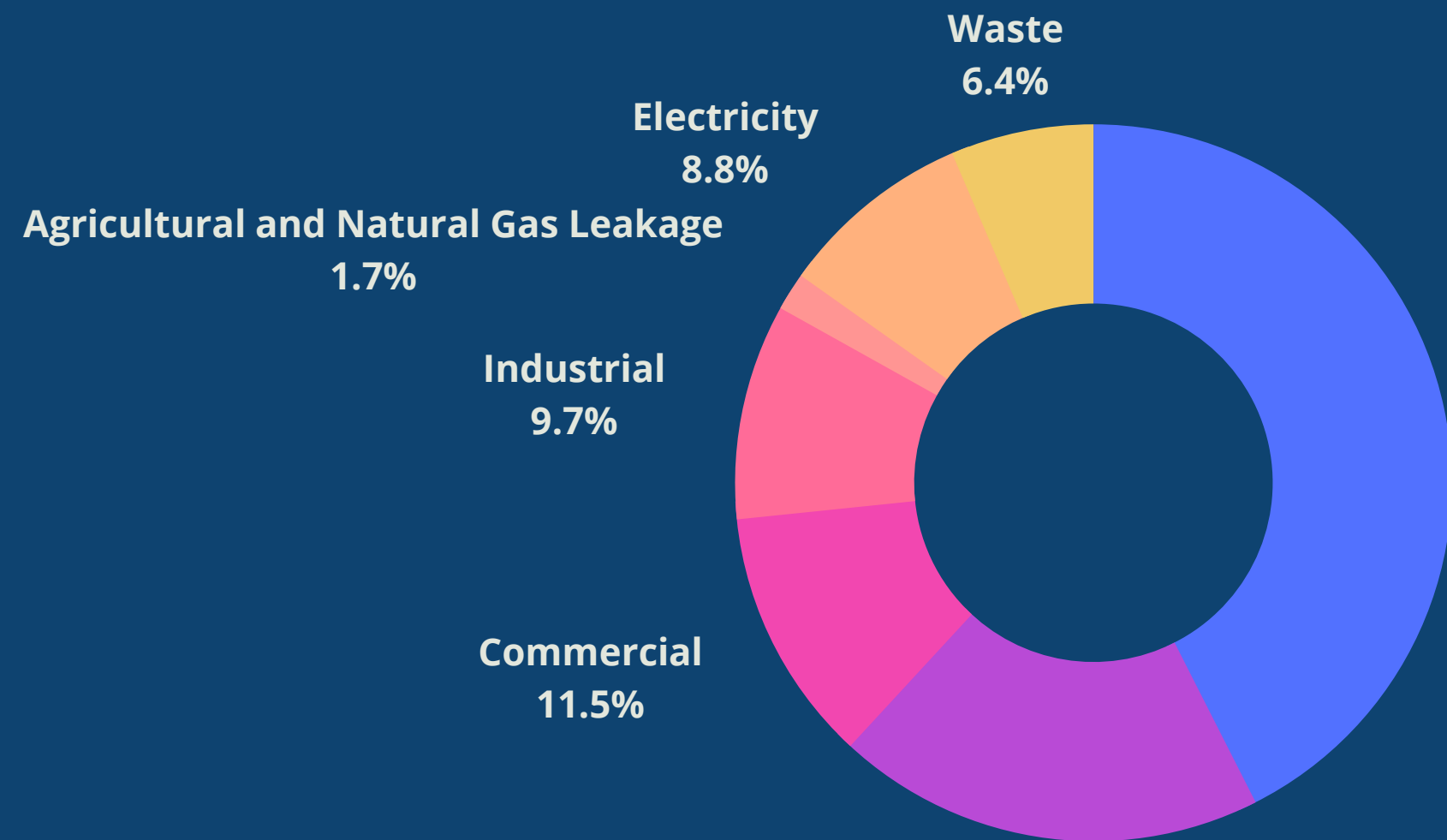
- Collaboration between **SCRCOG** and **NVCOG**, **CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**, the **City of New Haven** and the **City of Waterbury**, **CRCOG**, and **MetroCOG**.
- Collaboration with the **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
  - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering - **Networks for Accessibility, Resilience and Sustainability Laboratory (NARSL)**
  - Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning - **Center for Resilient Metro-Regions**

# Priority Action Climate Plan

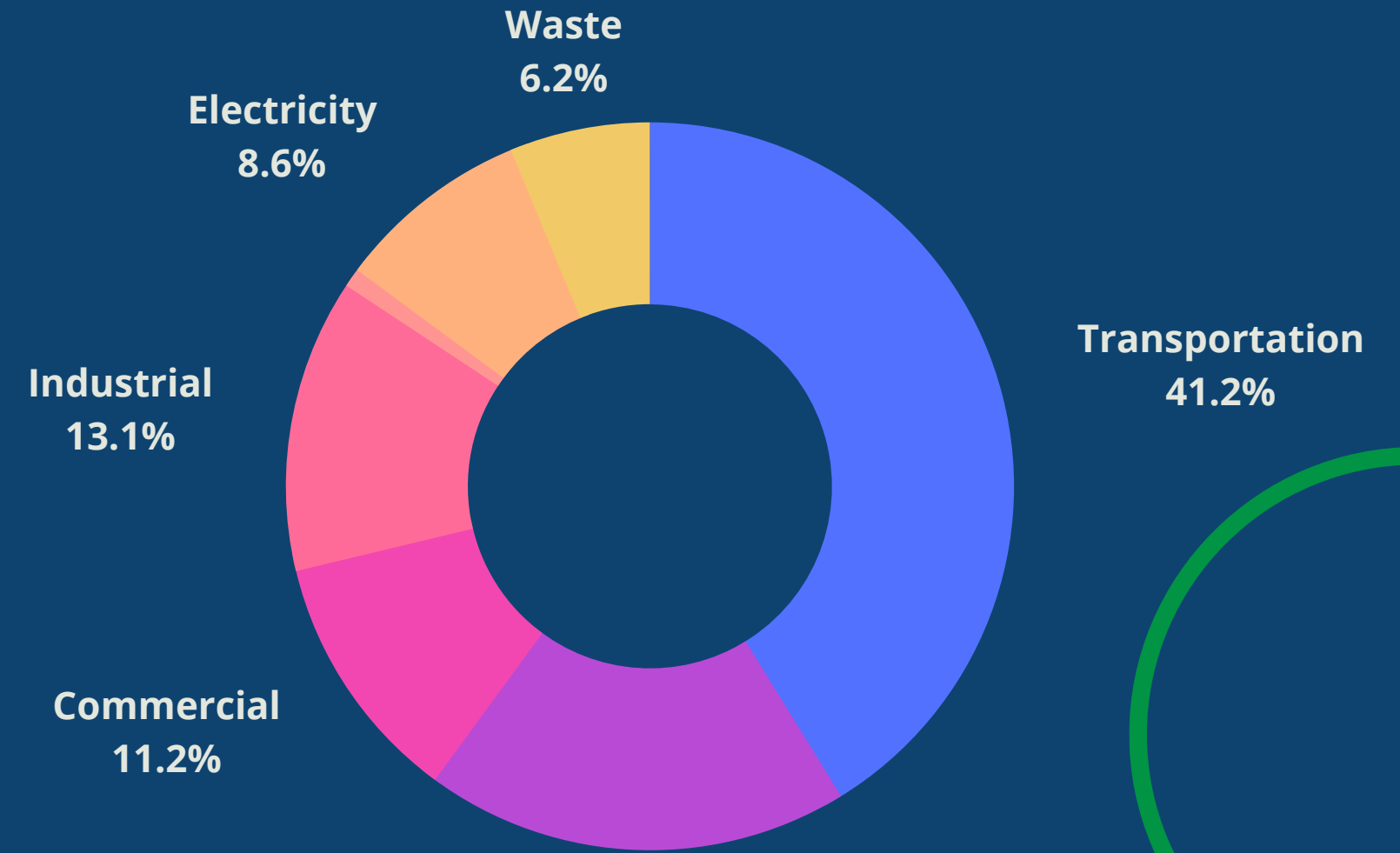
- GHG Inventory
- Quantified GHG Reduction Measures
- Benefits Analysis
- LIDAC Benefits Analysis
- Review of Authority to Implement
- Intersection with Other Funding Availability
- Workforce Planning Analysis



# What are the main sources of greenhouse gases in CT?



**State of Connecticut  
Overall**



**New Haven-Milford MSA/ New Haven County**

\*The following GHG estimates are exploratory and will be more officially reported in the PCAP



# Potential Project Focus Areas at the Municipal Level

- **Municipal fleets/transportation**
- **Renewable energy and energy efficiency in municipal buildings**
- **Waste management (landfills, transfer stations)**
- **Building and zoning (solar permitting)**

# Outreach

- **Tabling**
- **Websites**
  - **CPRGCT.org**
- **Presentations**

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# We Need Your Help

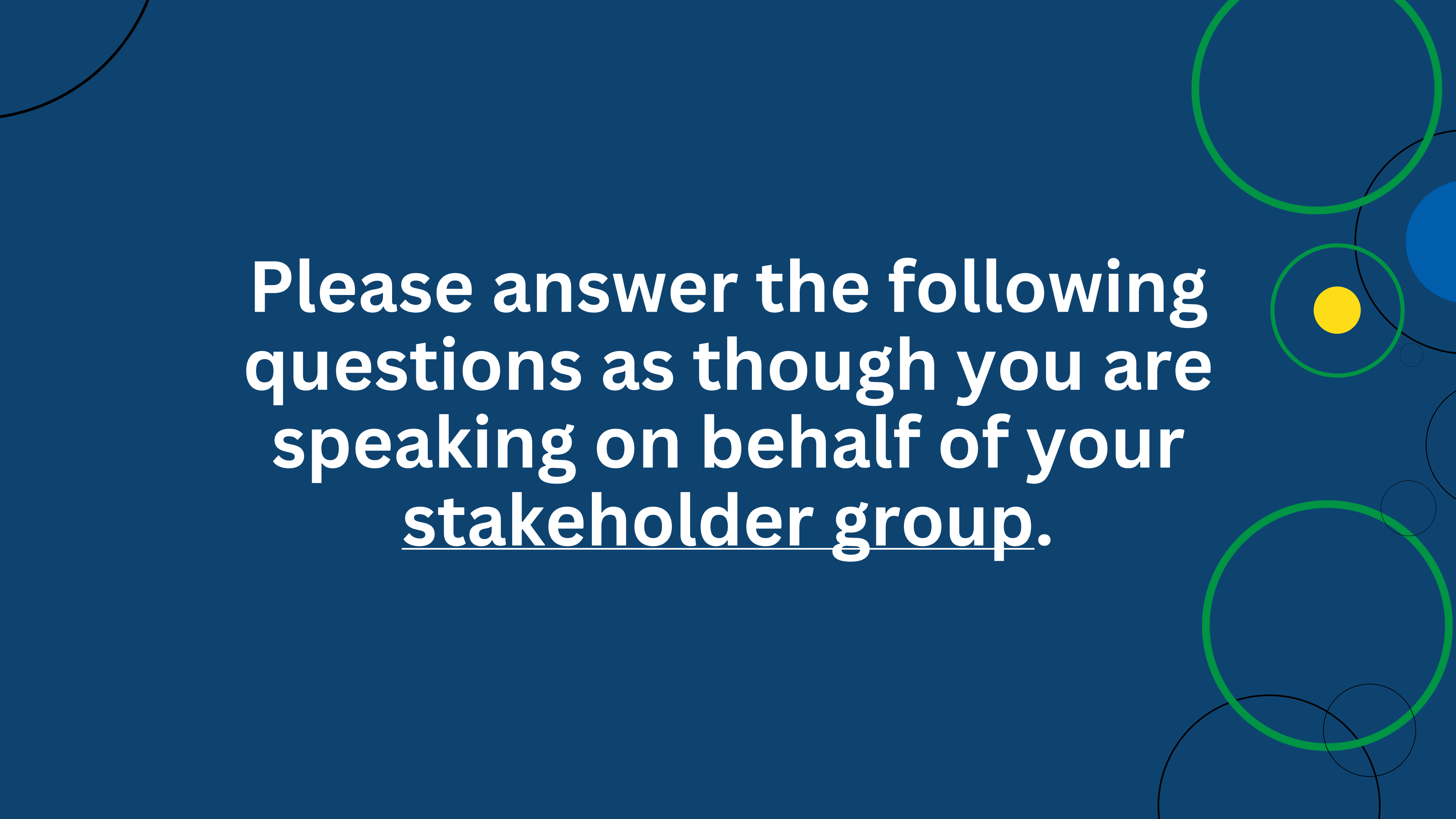
- **LISTEN.** Sign up for our emails and stay up to date on our activities.
- **SHARE.** When information we send is relevant to your network of contacts, please help us spread the word!
- **RESPOND.** Your feedback matters. Please let us know if we're on the right track.

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**Please answer the following questions as though you are speaking on behalf of your stakeholder group.**



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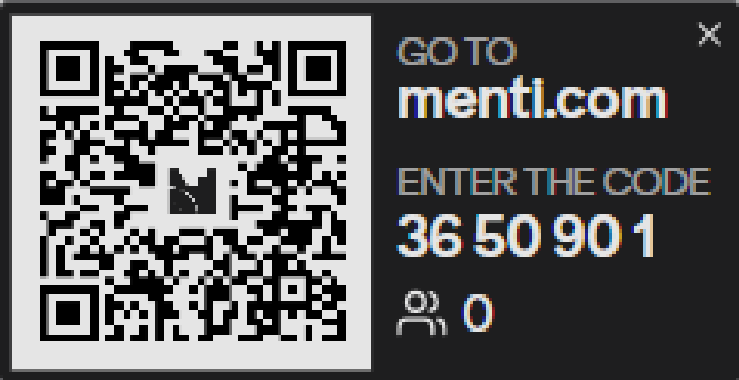
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# Does climate change impact your mission or activities?

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● Yes

● No



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# Do your activities fall within any of the following sectors? Check all that apply:

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Building-related (incl. resi, Ind.)

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Electric power consumption

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Waste

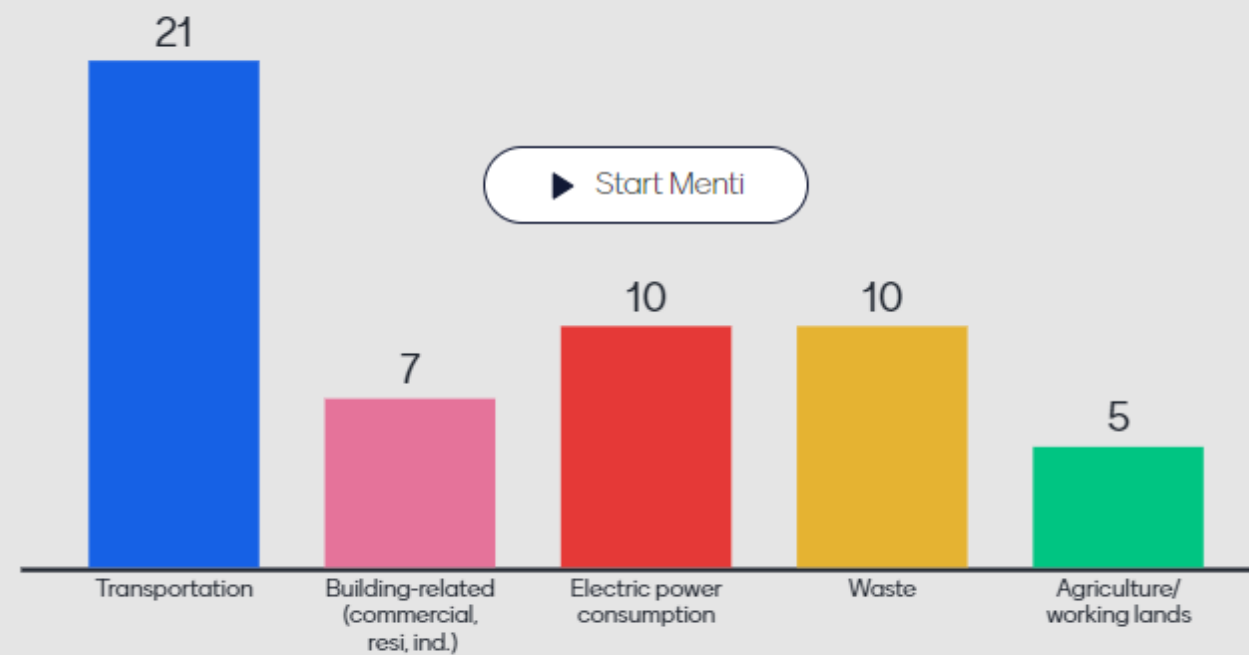
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Agriculture/working lands



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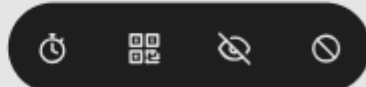
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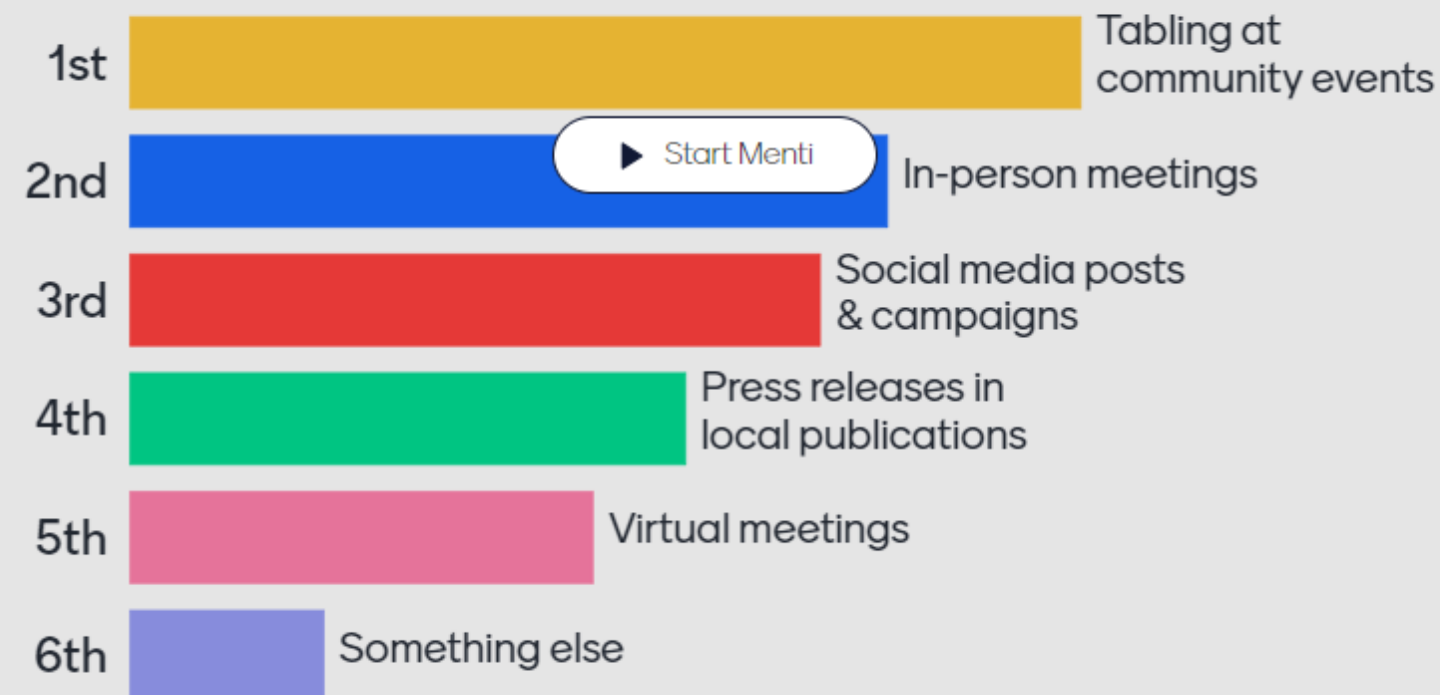




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# What is the best way to engage the community in our CPRG efforts, especially low-income and disadvantaged populations?



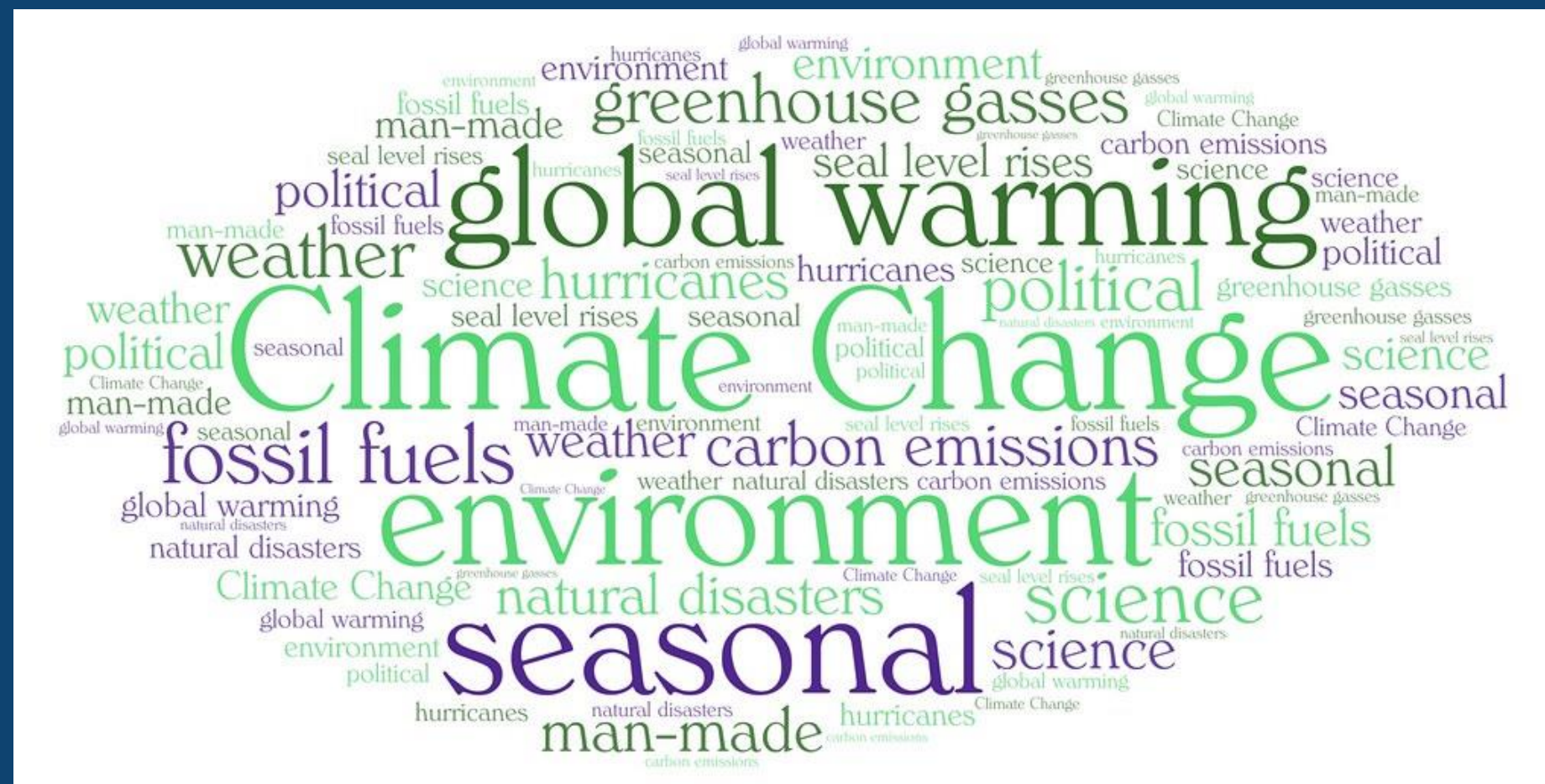
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For these next questions,  
please enter a one- or two-  
word response to help us  
form a word-cloud!



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# What is the name of the group you are representing?

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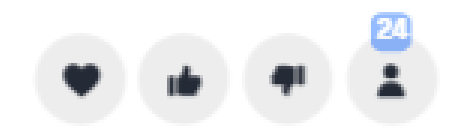




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In one or two words, *what* is the most effective way to reduce climate pollution?

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# Questions and Comments





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