

2026 WORK PLAN

The Marquette County Climate Adaptation Task Force's (CATF) mission is to help prepare local leaders and Marquette County stakeholders to develop mitigation and adaptation strategies that will make the Upper Peninsula more resilient and effective when dealing with the consequences of climate change and extreme weather events.

CATF holds space for municipalities and organizations to come together to

- ❖ Address **climate adaptation & mitigation planning and implementation**, and
- ❖ Conduct **climate resiliency public education and outreach events**.

Actions and Deliverables:

- CATF will host internal (3-4 times per year) and at least one public presentation that expands upon the topics and concerns identified during the *Marquette 2049 Learning Circle Series: Scenario Thinking in Times of Climate Change*.
- Share planning resources between local, regional, state, federal, and tribal government partners.
- Promote the incorporation of climate adaptation in master plans, zoning ordinances, and climate resolutions and initiate implementation.
- Review the City of Marquette's draft Climate Action Plan and initiate implementation.
- Share and promote findings from the Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project.
- Share and promote the implementation of mitigation strategies from the County Hazard Mitigation Plan and assist in the 5-year update of the Plan.
- Encourage local renewable energy projects and green infrastructure that fosters climate resiliency across the County.
- Share and promote the mission of the Superior Watershed Partnership's Great Lakes Climate Corps (GLCC) and coastal monitoring and modeling tools (e.g., Great Lakes Shoreviewer, Stannard Rock Lighthouse Research Center, and Great Lakes buoys).
- Share and promote the NMU Sustainability Hub for Innovation & Environment (SHINE), NMU's Carbon Neutrality Plan, and the Northern Climate Network (NCN) presentation series.
- Contribute to and promote efforts of a multi-county materials management plan to encourage a circular economy model for composting, solid waste, recycling, and debris management.
- Encourage that CATF align efforts with MI Healthy Climate Plan, the MI Healthy Climate Fellows, and shares information about funding available through the state of Michigan (e.g., information about solar tax credits and pollution prevention funds).
- Maintain and update the CATF website to share resources and tools beyond CATF partners.

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External Funding and Support

CATF members identify and actively pursue funding opportunities for CATF-supported projects and provide knowledge, time, and resources to partners.

Actions and Deliverables:

- Notify CATF partners of funding opportunities.
- Prioritize grant opportunities and submit collaborative proposals with CATF partners.
- Share funding opportunities with county-wide entities.
- Support CATF partners' proposals through letters of support and matching funds, when applicable.

CATF as an Entity

CATF is a forum for local leaders to come together to consider cooperative responses to a changing climate.

Actions and Deliverables:

- CATF shall participate in and share local, regional, and statewide efforts (e.g., UP Clean Energy Coalition, the Marquette County Housing Coalition, and the Michigan Climate Action Network).
- Create volunteer and intern opportunities through CATF.
- CATF-supported initiatives should encourage the involvement, engagement, and collaboration of all Marquette County municipalities, local Tribes, NGOs, and businesses with climate adaptation planning, implementation, education, and outreach.

Aspirational Actions:

- Promote the creation and funding for a full time staff position to serve as a *Regional Climate Adaptation Coordinator* to assist municipalities, Tribes, NGOs and businesses to implement climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.