

Climate Change Planning: A Municipal Perspective

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Climate Change Planning for Lincoln, NE

- What is the problem?
- What are we doing about it?
- What else can/should we do?

What is the problem?

- Growing national/international events
 - Flooding, hurricanes, drought, wildfires, etc.
- Three historic local flood events in five years
 - March/2019
 - May/2015
 - October/2014
- 2012 drought

What is Lincoln doing about it?

- Shout out to Lincoln response team
- Multi-agency hazard mitigation planning
- Departmental emergency operations plans
- Incident command structure
- Asset management system

What is Lincoln doing about it?

- Lincoln Environmental Action Plan
 - Energy
 - Land Use
 - Transportation
 - Waste
 - Water Resources

What else can we do?

- Consider climate data when updating:
 - Comprehensive plan
 - Utilities master plans
 - Lincoln Environmental Action Plan
 - Long range transportation plan

What else can we do?

- Comprehensive resiliency evaluation
- Climate change/resiliency connection to asset management

What else can we do?

- State leadership needed
 - Structure and context for local efforts
 - Energy policy
 - Agriculture policy
 - LB 283

How will we use climate data?

- Scenario planning
- Determining vulnerable populations
- Utility impacts
- Infrastructure and facilities

Thank you!

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