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# **Climate Action Plan Engagement Series Summit #3**

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## Purpose of Summit #3

On August 13, 2025, the City of El Paso hosted the third and final Climate Action Plan (CAP) Summit at the Chamizal Recreation Center. The event brought together over 55 participants from across sectors, including academia, nonprofit organizations, businesses, community representatives, elected leaders, regional organizations, and local government staff. This engagement built on the City's three-part outreach effort, bringing partners to the table to drive implementation and shape a CAP that reflects diverse priorities. The primary goal of Summit 3 was to officially launch the draft CAP for public review and request stakeholders' feedback on its content and direction.

The summit's purpose was to:

- Launch the draft Climate Action Plan for stakeholder and community review
- Collect input on opportunities for piloting implementation with local partners
- Identify stakeholders willing to provide letters of support for the CAP
- Build continued transparency and trust in the planning process

The agenda included opening remarks from Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, followed by an overview of the draft Climate Action Plan, a presentation from partners on on-the-ground implementation, and a discussion of next steps. Guest speakers representing UTEP Green Fund, El Paso Water, and Frontera Land Alliance shared insights on local initiatives advancing sustainability and resilience.

Participants listened to an overview of the draft plan and were invited to complete an optional handout asking where their organizations could pilot implementation efforts and whether they would be interested in submitting a letter of support.

Throughout the summit, attendees raised important questions about the City's ability to implement all proposed actions, highlighting the value of a phased approach. Concerns around gentrification were also noted, alongside appreciation for the City's leadership in convening the process.



## Outcomes

**A total of 55 stakeholders participated in the summit.**

- Pilot Projects: 7 organizations expressed interest in supporting pilot projects, while 8 indicated possible interest and requested City follow-up.
- Letters of Support: 5 organizations committed to providing a letter of support, and 8 indicated potential interest pending further follow-up.

## Next Steps

Next steps include following up with stakeholders to gather formal comments on the draft plan, support early pilot projects, and secure letters of support for the City Council's consideration.

## Appendix

### Measure 9. Increase Native Trees & Natural Spaces

Table 1a. Feedback on Opportunities (n = 26)

| Category                                                        | # of respondents | Responses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Collaboration with Organizations &amp; Existing Projects</b> | 7                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Socorro Plant Project</li> <li>- Partnerships along the mission trail</li> <li>- Mary Ann DOBS camp partner with nonprofit to make community green space</li> <li>- EPA TX PACE NAO bank</li> <li>- EPE participates in tree planting events every year in April</li> <li>- Planting trees with Rio Grande Ciudad Nueva associations</li> <li>- Promote and take advantage of the Tree Planting Program.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Creating Green Spaces</b>                                    | 5                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- residential/urban areas with increased landscape including native trees/plants</li> <li>- more trees at green spaces plan at Westside [illegible]</li> <li>- Designed a landscape for employees to enjoy.</li> <li>- Lots of trail and park spaces for expansion -green infrastructure</li> <li>- Walking paths &amp; bus stops invest in tree stewardship &amp; survival</li> </ul>                                |
| <b>Recruit Volunteers</b>                                       | 3                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more volunteers from rebuilding together El Paso "man power"</li> <li>- include volunteer group w the city (Monica Jasso volunteer coordinator)</li> <li>- Create a city wide event to acquire volunteers</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Benefits</b>                                                 | 3                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In natural way of cleaning air pollution.</li> <li>- Natural air producers. - more better looking environment</li> <li>- Green shade clean air</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Expand to Business and Homeowners</b>                        | 2                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homeowners to businesses with land to plant trees</li> <li>- Expanding to residential/homeowner areas</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Incorporate Local Species</b>                                | 2                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our desert is one of the most diverse</li> <li>-</li> <li>- plan review of new projects / specify local species</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Incentivization</b>                                          | 1                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incentivize and encourage developer to go this route</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Tree Canopy Funding</b>                                      | 1                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding available for tree canopy work</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Review New Projects</b>                                      | 1                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plan review of new projects / specify local species</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Provide Land for Agriculture Projects</b>                    | 1                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- -Policy adaptations for homes to grow food</li> <li>-</li> <li>- -Provide landscape opportunities for CBO in urban speed for urban agriculture</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |