

Oregon Climate and Health Resilience Plan Project Project Evaluation

Resilience Plan Advisory Group Members and Resilience Story Project Participants were surveyed the week after the final Resilience Plan was published. The following are responses from the post-project survey.



(1) Feedback from Resilience Plan Advisory Group Members:

- This was a good experience and we appreciate being asked to be a participating state agency.
- I am mostly satisfied with the experience. I felt very engaged early on and really enjoyed the in person meetings. I felt less engaged as the project progressed, but I don't think that is necessarily a reflection on the project team/staff.
- I feel like the plan reflects advisory group discussions, particularly that the plan work for multiple audiences, that it contain actionable/meaningful recommendations and that it have an explicit focus on equity/disparities.
- I think our local public health department is ready to implement many of the local-level actions described in each of the strategies. This document will help us develop a work plan for our climate and health activities.
- Continue work to stay connected with other state and local agencies on these issues and strategies and continue being a state agency leader on climate change adaptation and resilience - well done!
- I'd like to see the Health Authority assume a bolder role in the climate change discussions, particularly in Salem. It seems that in Salem, much of the work is centered around greenhouse gas projections and policy debates related to mitigation strategies. However, I hear many legislators asking things like "what will this mean for Oregon?", "what can we do to protect Oregonians now?", "Are there cost effective strategies that Oregon can pursue right now?" and "are there immediate health benefits for Oregonians as a result of reducing GHGs?" - I think the plans coming from the Public Health Division (risk assessment and resiliency plan) position the agency to be a leader on the issue.



(2) Feedback from Resilience Story Project Participants:

- I am very optimistic that the project could help support future efforts to address climate change.
- I was more than honored to respond to the questions I truly believe that we must seek answers and respect the fact that climate change is not going to just disappear that we must change our ways today.
- I am honored and amazed at the forward thinking project
- I am honored and willing to do most anything to help with the climate change issue.
- The project expanded my perspective on the project partners to consider and include with future outreach and engagement efforts.
- It expanded my climate change connections and helped me bring it into key conversations.
- I only knew about my little slice until it was published. However, reading the document has broadened my view of attention to climate change.
- I think the multi-media approach is both a great idea and also a challenge for those of us less tech aware
- There was a wide variety of project partners.
- If someone had asked me about climate change I would have said 3 things - adaptation, mitigation, and suffering. I am now trying to understand and think about how resilience fits in. It is a newer theme for me to think about what it brings. So i thank the team for giving me something new to think about!
- Embed this into policy and take it to the community grassroots programs.
- The health division should label climate change as its number one priority. It is an existential crises. Other problems, though important, become moot without significant attention to climate change.