

Agenda Item Summary

To: CRCOG Policy Board

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Meeting Date: February 28, 2024

Subject: Resolution endorsing the Priority Climate Action Plan

Background: The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG) is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program providing grants to states and local governments to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. CRCOG is the lead agency for the Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown MSA and has been awarded \$1 million in noncompetitive planning funds to develop regional climate action plans – the first of which is a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). Over the past few months, CRCOG and RiverCOG staff have worked with our consultant partners Dewberry to develop the PCAP, which must be submitted to EPA by March 1st, 2024.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The Greater Hartford Region Priority Climate Action Plan includes near-term, implementation-ready measures to help municipalities reduce their carbon emissions across multiple sectors. The inclusion of these measures in the PCAP enables both CRCOG and individual municipalities to compete for funding under the implementation grant phase under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program.

Financial/Operational Impact: CPRG-related activities are conducted at no cost to member towns.

Project Schedule: The PCAP must be submitted to EPA by March 1st, 2024. The implementation application is due to EPA by April 1st, 2024.

Recommendation: CRCOG staff recommends the Policy Board approve the attached resolution endorsing the final Priority Climate Action Plan.

Attachments:

- Resolution