# Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission



#### **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant**

Environmental Justice Task Force September 12, 2023

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- ➤ SEWRPC, in close coordination with the City of Milwaukee, received a \$1 million planning grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Covers the 4-county Metropolitan Statistical Area: Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Washington, Waukesha
- ➤ The City of Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan will serve as the foundational document













#### •••• Key Deliverables and Timeline



March 1, 2024: Priority Climate Action Plan



June 1, 2025: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan



May 31, 2027: Status Report

**Emphasis on EJ and meaningful engagement** 











# Status of CPRG Program

- Finalized Contract with EPA
- Participated in training and webinars for CPRG program hosted by EPA
- Met with coordinating workgroup and municipal partners
- ➤ Began coordination with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy
- On-going coordination with City of Milwaukee
- ➤ Partnered with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability for greenhouse gas emission inventory tools and assistance
- > Beginning to develop our community engagement strategy











# Initial Engagement Goals

- Leverage existing relationships with community partners and primary organizations to ensure diverse perspectives are represented
- Build upon existing outreach and engagement practices
- Learn from community members about their priorities and concerns
- Ensure that all materials use plain writing and are available in English and other languages as appropriate

















### Next Steps and Discussion

- Continue to work with local governments and state/federal agencies
- > Initiate community engagement
- Share information about future grant opportunities (e.g., EPA Implementation Grants)
- Develop components of Priority Climate Action Plan
- On-going updates to the EJTF
  - How would you like to be involved?
  - Are there organizations and/or individuals we should include?
  - Do you have questions or concerns with the initial outreach approach?











# Thank You

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