

*Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action (ANCA)*

# **Building Blocks of a Climate-Resilient Community**

*Towards reduced carbon emissions, increased readiness & environmental justice*

**Local,  
Sustainable  
Food System**

**Sustained  
Water  
Conservation**

**Protection  
of  
Biodiversity**

**Neighborhoods  
Prepared for  
Disaster**

**Cooling  
Strategies for  
Homes &  
Neighborhoods**

These are the components of a climate-resilient community that we can start building at the neighborhood level. We invite your interest, feedback, and ideas. If you would like to involve your neighborhood, contact us at [info@ancainlandempire.org](mailto:info@ancainlandempire.org).

**Localized  
Economy**

**Well-used Low  
Carbon  
Transportation  
System**

**Zero Waste  
Community**

**Localized  
Accessible  
Health Care**

**Energy Efficient  
Homes &  
Businesses**

# What Neighborhoods Can Do by Working Together

Vision	Cooling Strategies for Homes & Neighborhoods	Sustained Water Conservation	Local, Sustainable Food System	Neighborhoods Prepared for Disasters	Localized, Accessible Health Care	Protection of Biodiversity	Zero Waste Community	Localized Economy	Well-used Low Carbon Transportation Options	Energy Efficient Homes
<b>Neighborhood Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weatherize homes (insulation, dual pane windows, etc.)</li> <li>• Increase neighborhood tree canopy</li> <li>• Plan for cool roofs</li> <li>• Establish Neighborhood cooling centers</li> <li>• Conduct neighborhood-based education on risks of extreme heat waves &amp; how to respond</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase # of homes with low flow faucets</li> <li>• Increase # of homes with drought-tolerant landscapes</li> <li>• Increase use of rain gardens &amp; rain barrels</li> <li>• Increase use of drip irrigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase # of neighborhood food gardens</li> <li>• Increase backyard composting</li> <li>• Increase # of households adopting plant-based diets</li> <li>• Organize to purchase locally grown produce</li> <li>• Establish a neighborhood compost pile</li> <li>• Start a community garden</li> <li>• Get trained in food preservation</li> <li>• Establish a food sharing system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood disaster plan in place</li> <li>• System for regular review of disaster plan</li> <li>• 2-3 residents trained through CERT</li> <li>• Increase in # of households with family disaster plans.</li> <li>• Trained medical professionals identified in neighborhood</li> <li>• Residents trained in first aid, CPR, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create care system for vulnerable neighbors</li> <li>• Do neighborhood education on health threats &amp; how to avoid</li> <li>• Conduct neighborhood health assessment</li> <li>• Conduct neighborhood health promotion programs</li> <li>• Provide education &amp; resources for climate anxiety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase # of pollinator gardens in neighborhood</li> <li>• Increase use of native plants</li> <li>• Decrease use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides/herbicides</li> <li>• Increase nesting habitats in neighborhood (e.g., bee hotels)</li> <li>• Reduce toxic cleaning products in homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge of and commitment to recycling</li> <li>• Hold neighborhood clothing and/or tool swaps</li> <li>• Identify neighbors with skills in repairing small appliances, clothing, etc.</li> <li>• Reduce use of plastic in households</li> <li>• Set up a sharing or borrowing system in neighborhood (tools, small appliances)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase purchasing of goods and services from locally-owned businesses</li> <li>• Increase subscriptions to local newspapers</li> <li>• Set up neighborhood skills bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase # of residents driving EVs and hybrids</li> <li>• Increase use of bicycles</li> <li>• Increase use of public transportation</li> <li>• Increase walking</li> <li>• Establish neighborhood carpooling</li> <li>• Hold a "Lower Your Carbon Footprint neighborhood campaign"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase # of homes with solar</li> <li>• Increase # of households setting thermostat to 78 in summer &amp; 68 in winter</li> <li>• Increase # of homes electrified</li> </ul>