

An Update on the DRBC's **Climate Resilience Plan Draft Framework and Engagement Plan**

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Resolution 2024-04

- Recognizes the state of climate science
- Highlights climate action plans developed by Commission members
- Finds that climate change impacts the water resources of the Basin and the functionality and resilience of water infrastructure
- Directs the Commission to include a climate section in the **Water Resources Program** and to develop its own **Climate Resilience Plan**

DRBC's Climate Resilience Planning Is Underway

**Resilience
Team**

1

Climate
resilience plan
framework

2

Vulnerability
assessment &
gap analysis

3

Revise,
update,
re-evaluate

DRBC

Staff continue ongoing
climate-related work

Commission considers additional
actions as identified in CRP

CRP VISION [DRAFT]

The Climate Resilience Plan will inform DRBC actions and activities to **prepare and adapt the Basin's shared water resources to withstand the known and potential impacts of climate change.**

This vision is in line with the Commission's efforts to ensure an adequate and equitable supply of suitable quality water for Delaware River Basin water users and the environment, in collaboration with Basin states and stakeholders.

Climate Resilience Plan Framework (Phase 1)



1. CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN OVERVIEW

2. PHASE 2 WORKPLAN

Approach to prioritizing actions and activities

Impact	}	2.1 Vulnerability assessment
Urgency		2.2 Planning conditions
Reach	}	2.3 Gap analysis
Synergy		
Feasibility	—	2.4 DRBC's climate-related work
Stakeholder relevance	—	2.5 Public and partner input

3. PHASE 3 WORKPLAN

Periodically update planning documents in light of scientific advances, climate-related events, and/or other changes in context.

DRBC will seek **public and partner input** during Phase 1

Goal for Phase 1: Ensure that **the scope of the climate resilience plan considers the breadth of public and partner concerns** about climate change and water resources.

- Informal: **No comment response** on Phase 1 public input
- **“Comment card”**: Online form to solicit answers to broad, open-ended questions
 - What are your concerns about climate change and/or water resources in the future?
- **Listening sessions**: Hosted with partner(s), over Zoom
 - Distinct from open public comment, discussion focused on specific questions
- Possibly incorporate into other public DRBC meetings/events
- Leverage existing stakeholder networks to reach new communities

Phase 1 Input Questions

- 1. How has climate change affected you and your life?**
- 2. What are your concerns about climate change and/or water resources in the future?**
- 3. What actions would you like to see the Commission take to protect water resources?**
- 4. How would you want to stay informed and engaged about DRBC's climate plan?**

Comment Card



- Publicly available, easily accessible, online.
- Participants can answer all questions or only those they choose.
- Will leverage External Affairs team contacts across stakeholder groups to attempt to capture a diverse set of input.
- Comment Card will remain active for duration of Phase 1 creation.
- No comment response – will report out.

Launching NOW:

<https://tinyurl.com/ClimateCommentCard>

Listening Sessions

- **3-4 Public listening sessions.**
- **Majority will be Zoom based, may have one in-person opportunity. Schedule TBD.**
- **Opportunity to allow members of the public and stakeholders to deliver oral comments and discuss views.**
- **Distinct from open public comment -- a directed conversation.**
- **Some opportunities in partnership with stakeholder groups may be geared towards a certain audience (i.e. geographic region, academic, etc.)**
- **No comment response – will report out.**



Preliminary

Timeline for Phase 1



Activities and Milestones

- Launch CRP page on DRBC website
 - Start collecting “comment card” feedback
 - Host ~3 listening sessions for public and partner input
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- **First draft of Phase 1 report (internal review)**
 - ACCC Meeting
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- **Final draft of Phase 1 report (external review)**
 - ACCC Meeting
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- **Publish Phase 1 report**
 - Begin planning Phase 2
 - ACCC Meeting

Phase 1 of DRBC's climate resilience planning process has begun

Any feedback or guidance to share at this stage?

