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The Chicago Climate Action Plan is a comprehensive and detailed strategy to help lower greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and address climate change. The plan builds on the many efforts the City and its partners have already implemented to make Chicago the most environmentally friendly city in the nation. It is a dynamic plan that will require Chicago's residents, business owners and institutions to work together to achieve significant emissions reductions.

The Chicago Climate Action Plan outlines a roadmap of five strategies for reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate changes already underway:

STRATEGY #1: ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Goal: Reduce energy use in buildings.

STRATEGY #2: CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

Goal: Turn to cleaner and renewable energy sources

STRATEGY #3: IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Goal: Use a variety of transportation modes and cleaner vehicles

STRATEGY #4: REDUCED WASTE AND & INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION

Goal: Prevent, reduce, reuse and recycle

STRATEGY #5: ADAPTATION

Goal: Minimize and prepare for the impact of climate change

These strategies call upon local, state, and federal government to improve policies. Community groups, faith-based organizations, businesses, and chambers of commerce — who helped craft the plan — all have key roles to play. Everyone must do their part to ensure a more livable climate for the world and reap benefits for Chicagoans. Our economy and quality of life will improve, jobs will be created, and new technologies will emerge.

The City of Chicago is committed to fostering partnerships to carry out each action recommended in the Plan. Addressing the climate change challenge together, our city will continue to lead the world in designing a path to a more secure future.

Visit www.chicagoclimateaction.org to learn more about the Chicago Climate Action Plan, what you-as a resident or business leader-can do to save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and what the City is doing to protect and preserve the environment.