

# ASAP SNAPSHOT



CITY OF ASPEN

## WHY CLIMATE ACTION?

We're facing a climate emergency and need to act! Business-as-usual operations are not responsive to the emergency. Climate change is evident in Aspen—we are seeing impacts such as:



**Warmer temperatures and more frequent droughts**



**Shifting rain and snow patterns**



**More precipitation arrives as rain rather than snow**



**Greater risk of local wildfires that cause poor air quality**

As a community that relies on its environment as part of its appeal for recreation and tourism, climate change has far-reaching implications. The City of Aspen is prioritizing climate work with a vision for a vibrant, just, and sustainable future.



## WHAT IS THE ASPEN SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN?

The City of Aspen developed the Aspen Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP) as a roadmap of the goals, objectives, and action items for us to accomplish our science-based targets of

**reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 63.4% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.**

## WHAT DOES THE ASAP FOCUS ON?

We focus on climate action work in sectors with the largest greenhouse gas emissions contributions in Aspen. The ASAP includes goals the City of Aspen can achieve or plan for in the next five to seven years.



**ENERGY SUPPLY**



**WASTE**



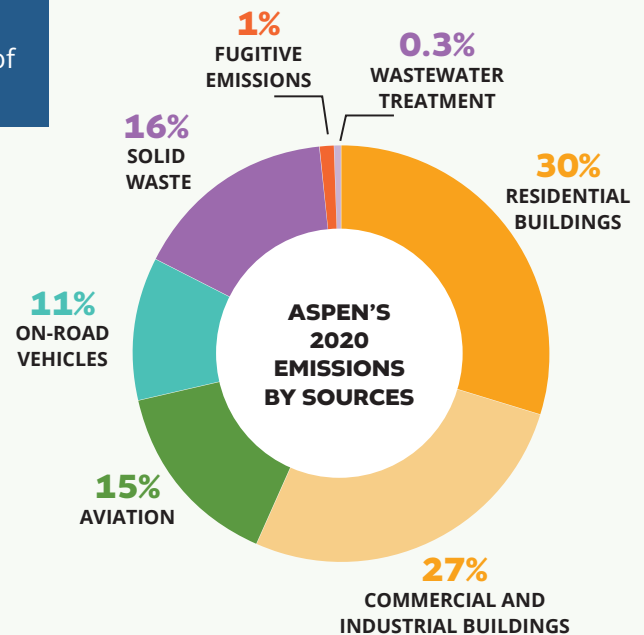
**BUILDINGS**



**TRANSPORTATION**



**AVIATION & AIRPORT**



The City of Aspen performs Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GHG inventories) of both its community wide emissions and its municipal operations every 3 years. The 2020 GHG inventory is the latest inventory depicting Aspen's community wide emissions footprint. The next inventory will be compiled in 2024.

Source: City of Aspen 2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report (published in January 2022).

# THE ASAP'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES



**EQUITABLE**



**ADAPTABLE**



**COLLABORATIVE**



**SCOPE**



**CO-BENEFITS**



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE AND READ THE ASAP?

<https://aspen.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10918/Aspen-Sustainability-Action-Plan-2023-PDF>

## HOW CAN I HELP THE CITY OF ASPEN REACH ITS ASAP GOALS?



The Aspen Sustainability Action Plan's successful implementation is contingent on collaboration and feedback from the community and our regional partnerships. The City of Aspen will update this plan annually, prioritizing the feedback that we receive from readers like you.

We know the "what" – we need the community's guidance on the "how." While the key areas for high-impact climate action are clear, we need the community's input on how we build programs, offer support, provide resources, and change policies.

**Are you a member of the community that wants to get involved in climate work?**

**Do you want to participate in creating Aspen's bright climate future?**

**Do you think we missed something in the ASAP?**

**If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact us and get involved!**

Email [climate@aspen.gov](mailto:climate@aspen.gov) with feedback and questions.

