





GOAL 3

Complete:	Action has been completed.	
In Progress:	Action implementation is underway.	
Awaiting Resources:	Action may be implemented when staff time, funding, or other resources are available.	

Quick Win: Short-term actions that have the potential to maintain implementation momentum.

High Impact: Actions that have the potential to get us the furthest toward the Town's goals

 Action aligns with the Yarmouth Comprehensive Plan (2024)

Goal 3: Reduce emissions from buildings while making homes and businesses resilient to climate change.

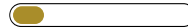
Strategy 3.1: Actively promote weatherization, efficiency, electrification, and other emission-reducing upgrades in existing buildings.

Action 3.1.1: Adopt a Commercial PACE ordinance and develop materials to support use of residential and commercial programs.



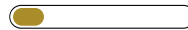
The Town Council adopted a Commercial PACE ordinance in early 2025. Yarmouth businesses now have access to utilize this funding mechanism for low-interest loans on green investments.

Action 3.1.2: Phase in an Energy Benchmarking Ordinance for large commercial, residential, and municipal and school facilities that begins with a pilot benchmarking program with businesses.



Awaiting Resources.
However, energy conservation plans and benchmarking pilot to be completed for two municipal facilities through a State technical assistance program in 2025-2026.

Action 3.1.3: Review and update the Yarmouth Historic Preservation Advisory Ordinance to include tools, policies, and incentives that retain embodied carbon and increase energy efficiency in historic building rehabilitations.



Awaiting Resources

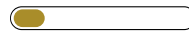
Action 3.1.4: Continue and expand Efficiency Yarmouth as a resource for residents.



The Sustainability Department was awarded a grant with GPCOG and the Town of Falmouth to initiate a free Energy Coaching service to households, which will be a new offering of Efficiency Yarmouth and initiated in 2025-26.

Strategy 3.2: Require new construction and major renovations to meet the highest standards for efficiency, carbon neutrality, and climate resilience by 2030.

Action 3.2.1: Require and support new development and major renovations (including municipal and school) to be powered by renewable energy and climate resilient from 2030 on.



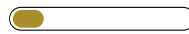
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Action 3.2.2: Adopt the optional Maine Energy Stretch code IECC 2021 and advocate with the State for advancing energy codes in the future.



Maine adopted the 2021 IECC building code which went into effect in April, 2025.

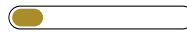
Action 3.2.3: Integrate renewable energy and efficiency in affordable housing developments, with a focus on reducing housing costs for tenants.



Awaiting Resources. The Climate Action Board provides comments on development proposals via the Planning Board and advocates for energy efficiency, electrification, and resilience in affordable housing and commercial development.

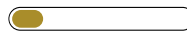
Strategy 3.3: Adapt municipal and school buildings to climate resilient, zero emission facilities.

Action 3.3.1: Develop and fund a plan for all school and municipal facilities to maximize energy efficiency and be powered by renewable energy by 2030.



In 2025, the School Committee officially integrated sustainability into their Core Commitments, including priorities to explore reducing emissions, minimizing waste, and incorporate environmental education across the curriculum.
Several energy efficiency projects underway, including LED light retrofit at the Public Works garage and energy audits for two facilities, but at this time the Town does not have a comprehensive capital plan for achieving net zero facilities.

Action 3.3.2: Explore adopting a Carbon Shadow Price for addressing emissions produced through municipal capital investments.



Awaiting Resources