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Climate Change Impacts



Source: EPA Climate Change Indicators in the United States







Sources: CISESS and NEMAC. Data: CMIP5.

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Climate Change in Maryland





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Maryland has reduced climate pollution faster than almost any other state.

(Yes, faster than California.)



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Maryland will reduce statewide greenhouse emissions 60% by 2031 and achieve net-zero by 2045.

These are the most ambitious goals of any U.S. state





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How Can Maryland Achieve These Goals?



- by 2031







• Current policies achieve 51% reductions

• Maryland's Climate Pathway provides an inclusive and comprehensive approach for Maryland to reach its 60% goal

• An all-of-society approach can realize substantial benefits for Marylanders

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The Path to 2045







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Electricity Sector: 89% Reduction

- 100% **clean energy** sources by 2035
- Collaborate across Maryland and with neighboring states
- **Boost renewable energy** deployment and accessibility, for example through federal solar energy tax credits







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Transportation Sector: 49% Reduction

- Smart growth and zoning reform to reduce vehicle miles traveled
- Ensure access to state and federal **incentives**
- Adopt California's Clean
 Fleets Regulation
- Reach 100% **electric bus** sales by 2025
- Electrify non-road sources such as lawn care equipment









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Buildings Sector: 35% Reduction

- Zero-emission appliances improving indoor air quality and safety
- **Zero-emissions** construction
- Extended energy efficiency standards







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Industrial Sector: 79% Reduction

- Implement "Buy Clean" standards for manufactured products
- Switch fuel use in cement industry away from coal
- Include the **manufacturing** sector in decarbonization efforts







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Industrial Processes and Product Use: 46% Reduction

- Lower process-related emissions in cement manufacturing
- Use carbon capture and storage (CCS) to reduce cement emissions beyond 2035
- Reduce non-CO₂ emissions from air conditioning and refrigeration







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Fossil Fuel Sector: 26% Reduction

- **Reduce** natural gas use
- Widespread **monitoring** of natural gas infrastructure
- Ensure affordability and no increased costs for Marylanders, especially vulnerable communities







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Waste Management: 40% Reduction

- Increase recycling and waste diversion away from landfills
- Improve access to composting







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Agriculture: 9% Reduction

- Implement climate-smart agriculture practices
- Pursue **zero-cost** mitigation opportunities for livestock







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Forestry and Land Use: Negative Emissions

- Protecting and expanding natural emissions sinks will be essential for the 2045 netzero goal
- Future analysis will expand on opportunities in this sector







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Economy-wide



- Proceeds are **re-invested to support** Marylanders
- Delivers 4% emissions reductions



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• Cap-and-invest program applies to all sectors

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Benefits of achieving targets



Snapshot of 2031

60% Emissions reduction

Contribute to national and global reduction goals

Co-pollutant reductions bring health benefits to Marylanders



Snapshot of 2031

Up to 1000

fewer cases of upper and lower respiratory symptoms

Up to 51 lives saved

Over 16,500

fewer days of restricted activity from pollution



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Cumulative through 2031

\$1.09-2.44B in health benefits

16,700 jobs created

\$1.5B increase in personal income

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What can Maryland do to realize these reductions?

Key implementation opportunities



Decarbonizing electricity also enables decarbonization of other sectors

• Equitable transition • Access to incentives



Overcoming barriers to the electric vehicle transition and reducing miles traveled • Affordability • Access to charging infrastructure • Access to public transit



Efficient and clean building technologies must be made available to everyone • Affordability • Access for owners and renters



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Key implementation opportunities



Decarbonizing the industrial sector is challenging but has large untapped potential Stakeholder engagement Research and innovation



Waste management is an opportunity to achieve greenhouse gas reductions • Equity Reduce pollution
 Waste diversion



Land and agriculture sector can contribute to reductions and help the Bay

• Improve soil health • Preserve & expand forest sinks • Improve water & air quality







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