Introduction

The City of George is undertaking a phased Climate Resiliency Planning process. Climate resiliency planning is about preparing for real-world impacts such as extreme heat, wildfire smoke, changing water conditions, and infrastructure stress, while strengthening the long-term health, safety, and stability of the community. This work will inform updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan, which guides decisions about land use, housing, transportation, utilities, economic development, and public facilities. By integrating climate considerations into the Comprehensive Plan, the City can make sure future growth and investment decisions reduce risk, protect vulnerable populations, and reflect local priorities. Community members are welcome to get involved at any time by contacting Alex Kovach. The largest public engagement effort will take place in Fall 2026, when the project team will gather input before policy recommendations are developed. See the timeline below for more information. Documents and project assets will be added here as they are complete.
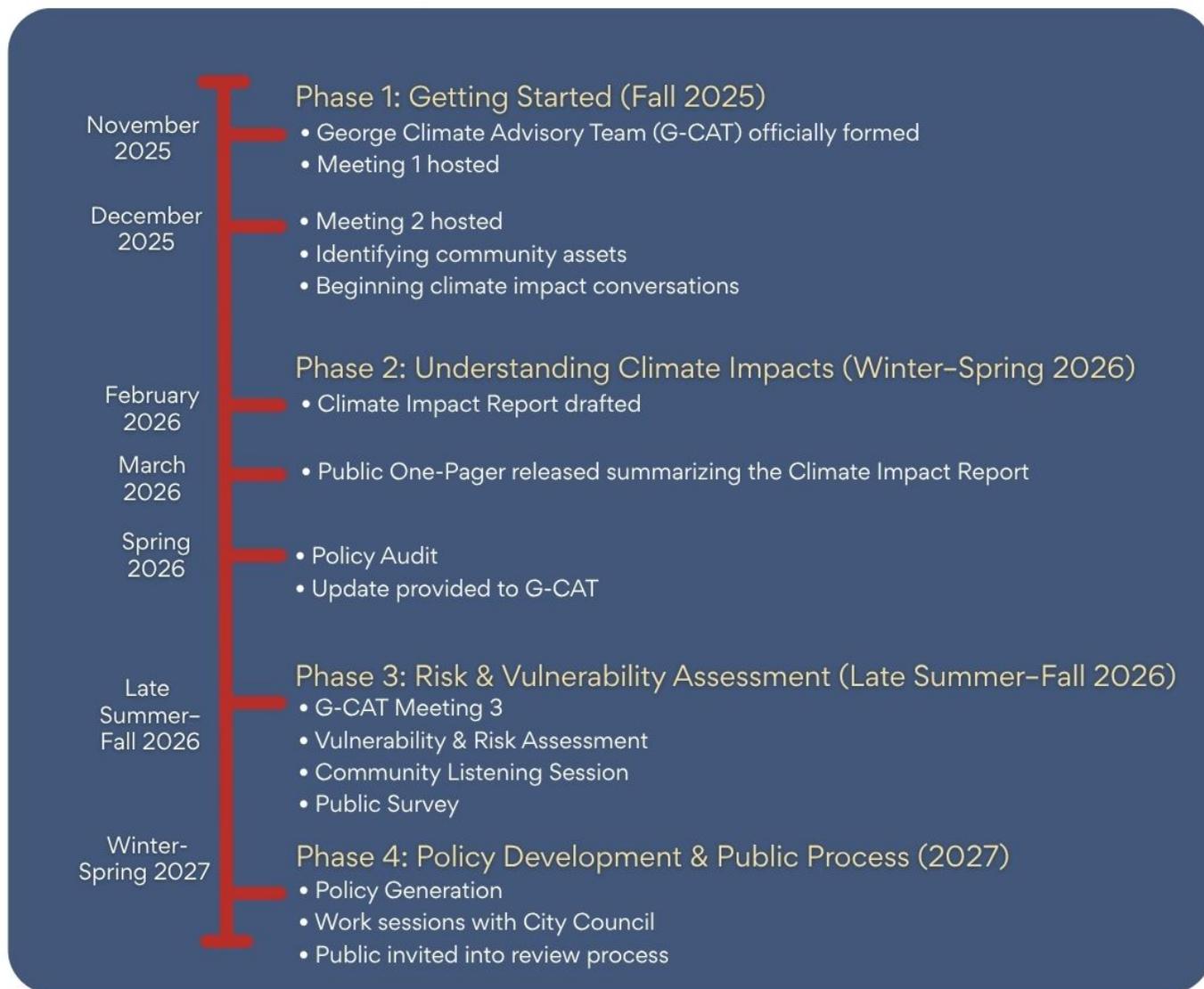
G-CAT

The George Climate Advisory Team (G-CAT) is a cross-sector group of local leaders working together to strengthen community resilience in George. The vision of this group is "helping neighbors, businesses, institutions, and the most vulnerable members of our George community adapt to climate challenges for a healthy future." The team brings together representatives from across sectors:

- Lora Villalpando — George School District
- Pat Connelly — Port of Quincy
- Tim Dillman — NCW Libraries
- Jedidiah Jonathan — Business Representative
- Mary Jo Ibarra — Community Health Representative
- Amy Grace — City of George
- Joselyn Lopez — Youth Representative

Together, G-CAT helps inform climate resiliency planning, ensuring community perspectives are reflected.

George Climate Action Timeline

Phase 1: Getting Started (Fall 2025)

November 2025
- George Climate Advisory Team (G-CAT) officially formed
- Meeting 1 hosted

December 2025
- Meeting 2 hosted
- Identifying community assets
- Beginning climate impact conversations

Phase 2: Understanding Climate Impacts (Winter–Spring 2026)

February 2026
- Climate Impact Report drafted

March 2026
- Public One-Pager released summarizing the Climate Impact Report

Spring 2026
- Policy Audit
- Update provided to G-CAT

Phase 3: Risk & Vulnerability Assessment (Late Summer–Fall 2026)

Late Summer–Fall 2026
- G-CAT Meeting 3
- Vulnerability & Risk Assessment
- Community Listening Session
- Public Survey

Phase 4: Policy Development & Public Process (2027)

Winter–Spring 2027
- Policy Generation
- Work sessions with City Council
- Public invited into review process

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