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**MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES
SECOND SET OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ON COUNTY'S
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PLAN**

The plan is a strategic effort to identify vulnerabilities and adapt infrastructure and services to reduce the impacts of the changing climate

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Monroe County Executive Adam Bello invites community members to participate in the upcoming public meetings held by the Department of Environmental Services to provide input on the county's Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Plan (CARP).

The CARP will assess the vulnerability of the County's infrastructure, programs, and human and environmental services to a changing climate. It aims to establish a strategic framework of policies, programs, projects, and partnerships that will provide a clear, actionable pathway to build a more resilient Monroe County for all. The CARP builds on the work of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the County's Climate Action Plan.

"Our county has made significant progress to reduce its carbon footprint and create a more sustainable environment. From reducing greenhouse gas emissions from county fleet vehicles to saving energy at county buildings and facilities and improving sustainable materials management to reduce waste, we have been busy working toward the goals set by the Climate Action Plan," **said County Executive Bello**. "At these upcoming meetings, I encourage everyone to get involved in this critical process and help us transform Monroe County into a cleaner and healthier community for generations to come."

The meetings will include a presentation and interactive activities to explore climate vulnerabilities throughout Monroe County.

Public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- April 28, Chili Community Center, 3237 Chili Ave, Rochester, **6-7 p.m.**
- April 29, Webster Public Library, 980 Ridge Rd, Webster, **6-7 p.m.**
- May 5, Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Blvd, Rochester, **5:30-6:30 p.m.**
- May 6, Parma Public Library, 7 West Ave, Hilton, **6-7 p.m.**
- May 7, Perinton Community Center, 1350 Turk Hill Rd, Fairport, **6-7 p.m.**

Assistive technologies, language translation, American Sign Language interpretation, and/or adaptive strategies are available by contacting Emma Falkenstein from Highland Planning at 585-504-1672 or Emma@highland-planning.com.

The Monroe County DES team will also be at the following events throughout April and May, providing an additional opportunity for residents to learn more about the CARP, and share feedback:

- April 18, Earth Day at Seneca Park Zoo, 2222 Saint Paul St., Rochester, **10 a.m.-4 p.m.**
- April 18, MCC Sustainability Fix It Fair, LeRoy V. Good Library, Monroe Community College Brighton Campus, 1000 E Henrietta Rd, Rochester, **Noon- 3 p.m.**
- April 25, Town of Gates — Earth Day Eco-fest, Gates YMCA, 920 Elmgrove Rd., Rochester, **10 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- April 25, Village of Honeoye Falls — Environmental Fair, Harry Allen Park, 23 N. Main St., Honeoye Falls, **11 a.m. -3 p.m.**
- May 2, Town of Penfield — EV Car Show and Arbor Day Celebration, Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield, **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**
- May 9 & 16, Rochester Lilac Festival, Highland Park, 1440 South Ave, Rochester, **10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**All of these events are open to the public and FREE to attend with the exception of Earth Day at the Seneca Park Zoo, which requires payment for admission to the Zoo.*

For more information, visit the county's Climate Action Plan website at:
<https://www.monroecountyclimateaction.com>.

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