



# Annual Project Update

## Story County Government Operations Climate Resilience and Sustainability Plan

*Prepared for:*



*Prepared by:*



17 March 2026

# Story County Government Climate Resilience and Sustainability Plan

Story County Government Climate Resilience and Sustainability Plan addresses the following priorities requested by Story County.

1. Assess the County's GHG footprint through 2050.
2. Describe climate actions the County is committing to.
3. Offer additional information to further reduce its footprint.
4. Assess and explain climate change risks that the County may face.
5. Provide recommendations for climate-resilient strategies that the County can take.

EA will address the 5 items above with the following deliverables.

1. Visual, comprehensible, and accessible report with prioritized actions and timeline for implementation.
  1. Resilience actions to improve reliability.
  2. Sustainability actions to reduce environmental impacts.
  3. Public input.
2. Technical report.
3. GHG calculation tools.
4. Communication templates.



# Key Staff - Expertise and Roles



Chris Anderson, PhD

- 25 years of experience in climate science, assessment, analytics, and modeling.
- Experience includes climate resilience pilot projects with several agencies, climate action plans and climate vulnerability assessments.

## Role

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- Technical direction of all tasks and deliverables
- Periodic and final technical review of all deliverables
- Technical report writing
- Project presentation development and delivery



Rodney Verhoeff, PMP, CSM, CSPO, SPC (SAFe)

- 27 years of experience in natural resources, environmental, agricultural, and conservation projects, programs, and organizations.
- Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and experienced project manager.

## Role

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- Day-to-day key staff management
- Project scope, schedule, and budget tracking
- Support for planning deliverables and final report review



Amy Lambert, CPSM

- 37 years of experience in communications, marketing, and media/public relations experience.
- Communications campaign development experience includes in-person and virtual public meetings, web, intranet, social media, collateral, surveys, webinars, newsletters, and video.

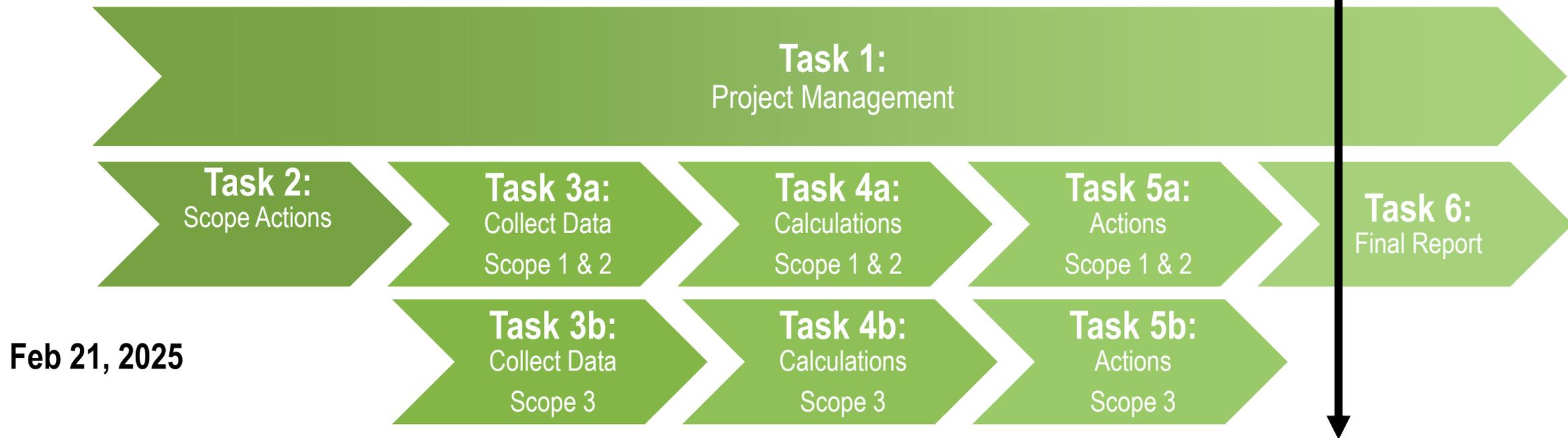
## Role

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- Communication plan development
- Direction of layout, design, and content development for education, outreach, and presentation materials
- Plan document and annual report layout and accessibility

# Status and Timeline

Feb 21, 2025      Mar 28      May 16      Aug 29      Nov 21      Today      April 2026



**Output:**  
Communication Plan

**Output:**  
3 Public In-Person Meetings  
2 Public Virtual Meetings  
2 Staff Virtual Meetings  
Feedback Analysis

**Output:**  
Accessible Report  
Communication Tools  
Public Launch  
Staff Launch

# Accomplishments

- Assessments
  - ◆ Expected weather changes through 2050.
  - ◆ Actions already committed in other plans.
  - ◆ GHG inventory quality assurance.
  - ◆ Prioritized actions
  - ◆ Implementation timeline
- GHG projection to 2050 with target GHG reduction in 2030 and 2050.
  - ◆ Story County staff target setting meeting.
- Public meetings including a recorded, online meeting.
  - ◆ Feedback questionnaire for public and staff.
- Regular Story County staff and Go Green Team updates.
- Draft technical and accessible report.

# Next Steps

- Submit draft for review, March 20.
- Finalize communication plan and templates.
- Deliver GHG calculation tools.
- Present final report for acceptance by Board of Supervisors, late April or early May.
- Support report launch.



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## **CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

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# ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION – Q&A

