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## [Land Use and Local Government Advisory Panel - Thursday, October 29, 2020](#)

At its third meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2020, Land Use and Local Government Panel reviewed changes made to its the scope and work plan. These included additions of fostering greater intermunicipal collaboration and agreements, improving and ensuring equitable and affordable local community climate resilience as well as considering land use policies that increase sequestration (e.g., through wetland protection, green infrastructure and community gardens), promote smart growth and both mitigation and adaptation outcomes, enable clean energy, and avoid gentrification, displacement, and poverty concentration. Two subgroups reported out on emerging themes and priorities from their preliminary meetings. Regional coordination/capacity-building, interagency coordination, streamlining project review/approval, supporting priority growth areas through incentive mechanisms and municipal assessment tools, and alternative/enhanced local governance models, were among the emerging themes and priorities for the Land Use subgroup. For the subgroup responsible for increasing clean energy in municipalities, priorities included increasing efficiency through programs/incentives and local regulations like energy codes, reducing barriers to adoption with property assessed clean energy financing for example, and local government leadership (Smart City measures, public procurement, fleet electrification).

During feedback, Panel members also suggested other key considerations such as rewarding developers that go beyond environmental requirements, financial support for community-based planners, exploring different ownership models, forest protection for long-term carbon sequestration, and exploring the role of revolving funds and industrial development agencies in providing incentives. These themes and priorities identified by subgroup will inform the recommendation development process. The next working sessions for the Panel's Land Use and Clean Energy subgroups are to be determined. However, the Adaptation and Resilience subgroup will meet November 5, 2020. The Panel also plans to begin external engagement throughout November. A survey is being developed for each Panel member to send out to their local government and community group networks. Official local roundtables will be held in November/December 2020 and a virtual public forum will take place in December 2020/January 2021. The Panel, which reconvenes on November 12, 2020, is also soliciting public feedback via [email](#). Presentations and notes from past Advisory Panels and Working Groups meetings can be found [here](#).