

CLIMATE ACTION VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit (climatechicago.fieldmuseum.org) includes two overview videos on climate change and climate action in the Chicago region:

Video 1:
Chicago Climate Change
<http://vimeo.com/31034957>
One minute animated overview about climate change in the Chicago region, past and future. If you are going to watch both these videos, watch this one first.

Video 2:
Chicago Region Climate Action
<http://vimeo.com/35327081>
Four minute video on the Chicago region's two climate action plans: the Chicago Climate Action Plan, which is the City's roadmap to reduce greenhouse gases, and the Climate Action Plan for Nature, which focuses on the natural environment in the whole Chicago region.

Discussion Questions

Below are some discussion questions to help you reflect on the videos and think about how they apply to your lives and communities—and what you can do to make a difference.

1 VIDEO: CHICAGO CLIMATE CHANGE

1. What happened during the early 1900s that contributed to the warming trend we see today?
2. What was happening in your community during that time? What did it look like? What kind of work did people do? How did they spend their time?
3. Climate change is expected to result in heavier storms and flooding and more pollution in the Chicago region, among other things. We are already seeing some of these impacts. What have you experienced in your community in the last few years? (Note that impacts will be different in other parts of the country and the world.)
4. What is your vision for the future of our region? Is it similar to or different from the vision portrayed in the video? How so?

LOCAL RESOURCE: Learn more about the science behind climate change: Climate Change in the Windy City and the World: climatechicago.fieldmuseum.org/learn#windycity

2 VIDEO: CHICAGO REGION CLIMATE ACTION

Chicago Climate Action Plan
The video introduces a number of climate action strategies for adapting our urban environment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help the city adapt to changes that are already occurring.

1. Which of the strategies do you relate to best? How so?
2. What are you already doing in these areas or what could you do more of?

Climate Action Plan for Nature

1. How will climate change affect plants and animals? How can people help?
2. Why is it important to people living in the region to help them adapt? In other words, why do humans need healthy natural areas around them?
3. What natural areas and green spaces are close to you or in your community? How do people use them and take care of them?

TO CONCLUDE YOUR DISCUSSIONS:

1. Direct people to learn more about the region's plans:
Chicago Climate Action Plan: chicagoclimateaction.org
Climate Action Plan for Nature:
chicagowilderness.org/pdf/Climate_Action_Plan_for_Nature.pdf
See also Climate Action Plan for Nature: Community Adaptation Strategies, climatechicago.fieldmuseum.org/learn#capn
2. Wrap up with a short discussion about which organizations in your community are working on issues related to the climate action strategies mentioned in the videos and how to get involved.



CHICAGO COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION TOOLKIT

Find this and other climate action tools at climatechicago.fieldmuseum.org

