

Nature-based Climate Action Program



Local Governments
for Sustainability
Les gouvernements locaux
pour le développement durable
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Nature is one of the most powerful tools local governments have to address climate change. ICLEI Canada's Nature-based Climate Action Program (NCAP) provides a clear, flexible methodology for local climate action that centres nature and biodiversity.

NCAP guides local governments through every stage of nature-based climate action. From assessing existing knowledge and programs to developing strategies, securing funding, and implementing actions, NCAP helps communities protect, restore, and invest in natural assets.

How it works

We provide tailored advisory support through memberships to guide municipalities through the NCAP modular services. The progressive and flexible framework is designed to meet communities where they are—whether you are just getting started or looking to complement and enhance existing initiatives.



1. Initiate
Scope the project, define priorities, align departments, assess readiness and build a clear roadmap.



2. Assess
Use local data to identify and understand natural assets, biodiversity, and/or green infrastructure.



3. Plan
Develop an implementable plan for local natural assets, biodiversity and/or green infrastructure.



4. Implement
Put your plan into action through partnerships, policies, and processes.



5. Monitor, review, and report
Track progress, measure results, adjust as needed, and share lessons learned.



Learn more and get in touch

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Get support with:

- Biodiversity action plans
- Natural asset management support
- NbS strategies & frameworks
- Stakeholder engagement
- Business case development
- Applied research
- BARC & PCP NbS add-ons