



CAPITAL REGION
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QUARTERLY WORKSHOP

Investing in Resilience: Climate Action and Regional Affordability

March 24, 2026
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM





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ELK GROVE

*Thank you to CRC member,
City of Elk Grove, for hosting us!*

What is the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative?

The Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative (CRC) is a network working to advance climate resilience across the six-county Capital Region.

The CRC provides a forum for regional engagement for leaders across local and regional agencies, organizations, businesses and associations.

Through CRC-led initiatives, partners convene across market and jurisdictional boundaries to:

- share information and best practices
- coordinate efforts and leverage resources
- avoid duplication of efforts
- identify critical needs and funding opportunities



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Members of the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative



Agenda

- 12:30 Welcoming Remarks**
- 12:45 Case Study:** Yolo County's Home Energy Score Program
- 1:15 Climate Investments and Affordability Across Scales**
- 2:00 Break**
- 2:15 Breakout Discussion**
- 2:45 Closing + Next Steps**
- 3:00 Adjourn**



CASE STUDY: YOLO COUNTY'S HOME ENERGY SCORE PROGRAM



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Home Energy Score

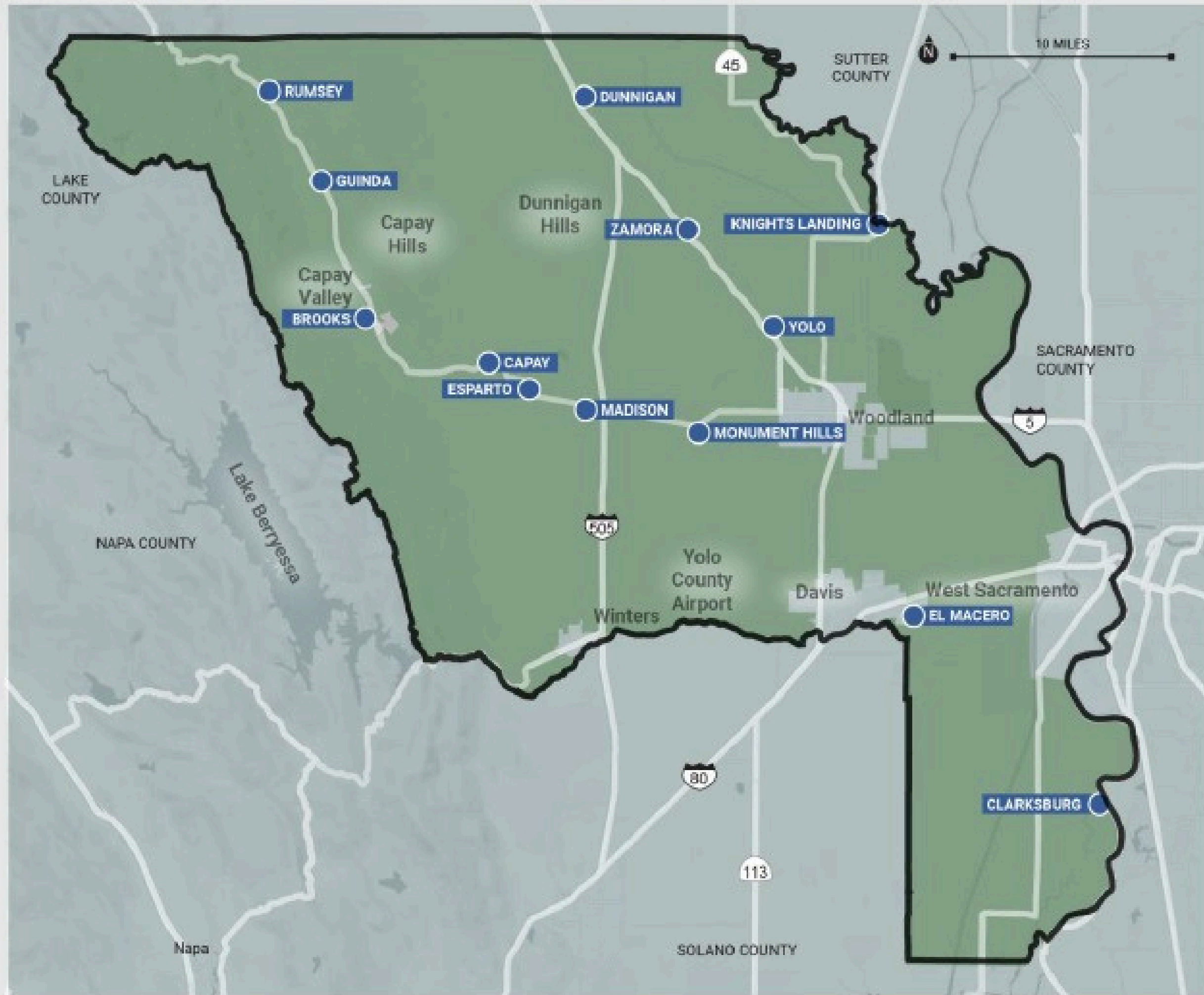
Pilot Program

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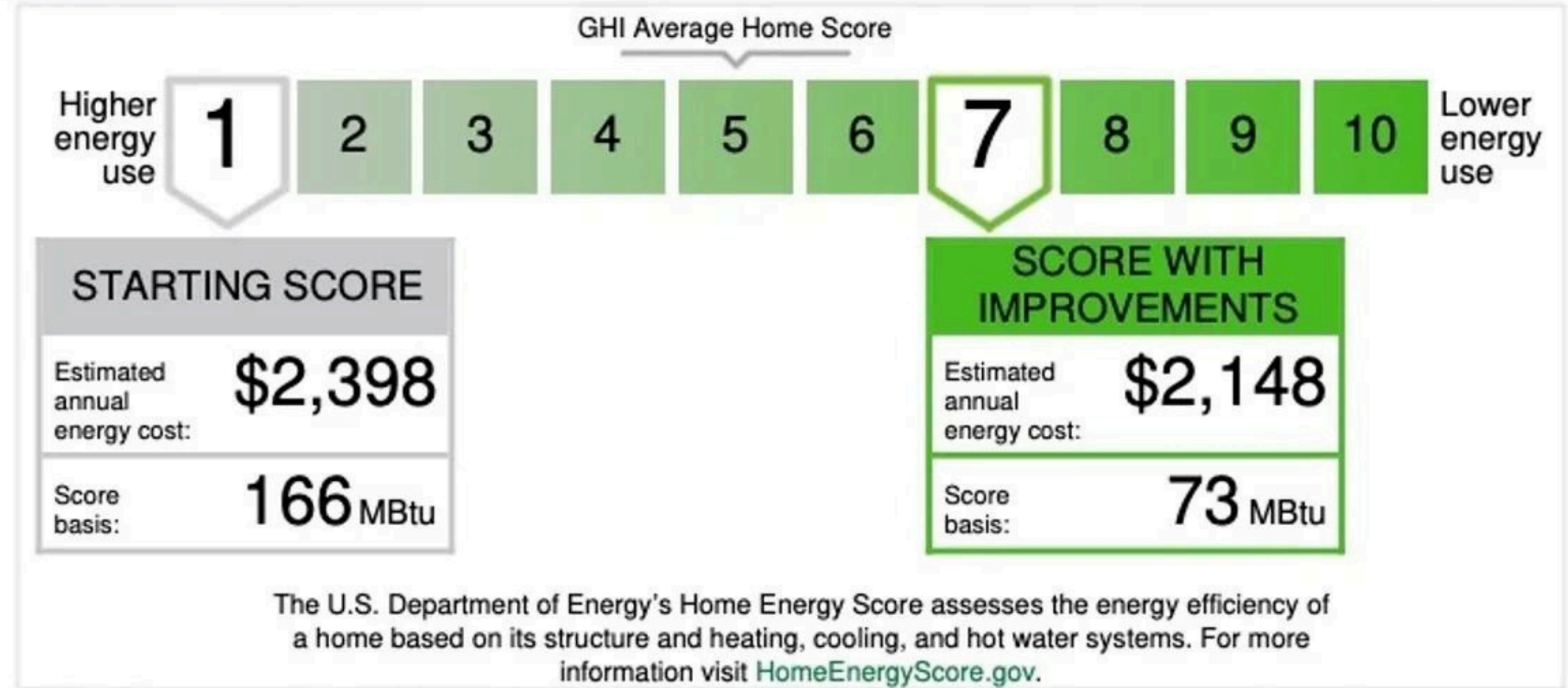
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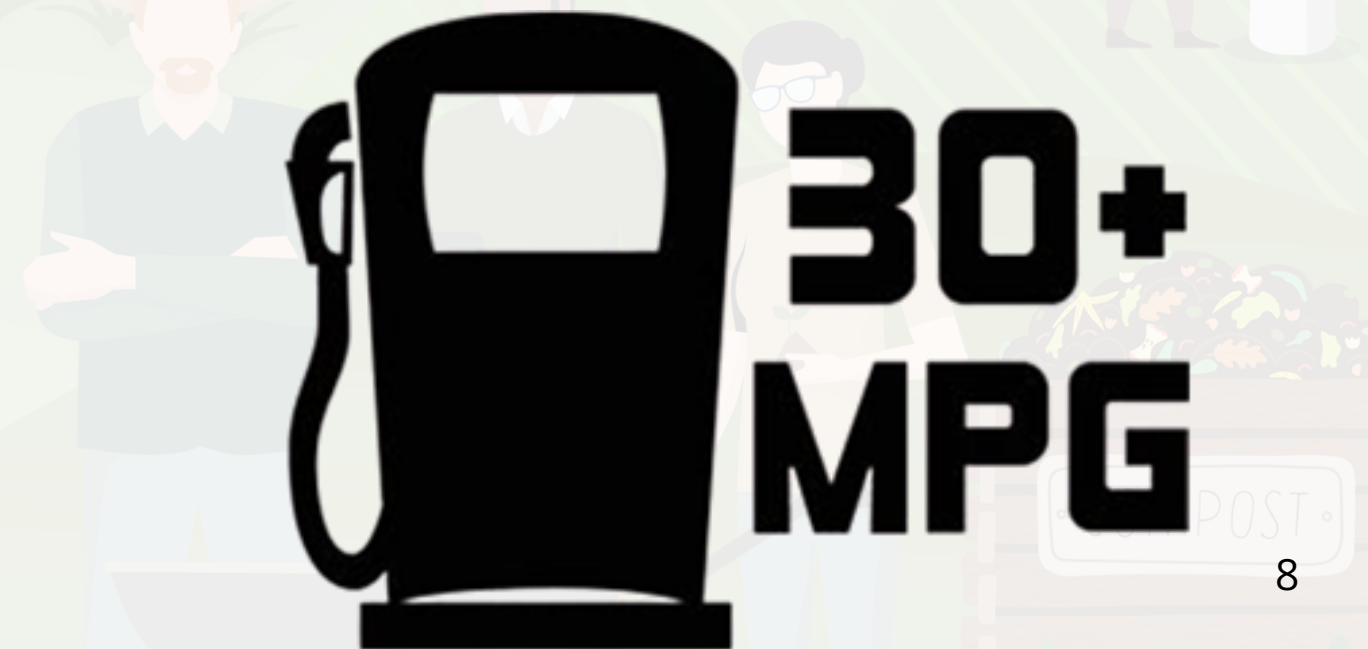
What is the Home Energy Score?

- Developed by U.S. Department of Energy and its national laboratories
- Scores a home from 1 to 10
- Think of it like a “miles-per-gallon” rating for a car or nutrition facts—but for your home
- Provides homeowners, buyers, and renters comparable and credible information about a home's energy use



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 172 g	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 200	Calories from Fat 8
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 1g	1%
Saturated Fat 0g	1%
Trans Fat	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 7mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 36g	12%
Dietary Fiber 11g	45%
Sugars 6g	
Protein 13g	
Vitamin A 1%	Vitamin C 1%
Calcium 4%	Iron 24%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.



How it Works

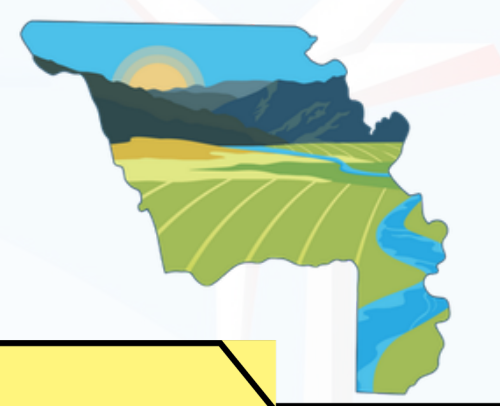
- **Program is run through HES Partners**
 - Partner performs mentoring for new Assessors
 - DOE QA Requirements
- **Assessors must hold a relevant credential**
 - Pass DOE simulation training
 - Enroll with a partner
- **Assessor goes into home, collects 40+ data points, uses DOE software to generate score and report**

When should homeowners get a home energy score?



- Before renovating
- When they want to save money & reduce energy bills
- When they want to know how to make a home more comfortable
- When they're ready to sell a home
- After recently buying a home

Project Timeline



2023

Community Outreach

December 2023

Feedback from CAAP workshops develops the Weatherization Program.

2024

Early Action Approved

April 4th, 2024

Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved HES & Weatherization and funding.

CBO Solicitation Period

May 25th, 2024 - Sept 30th, 2024

CBO Solicitation opens for 4 months. Selected CBOs, Cool Davis and De Colores.

2025

Launched YEP Program

April 1st, 2025

YEP Program Launched and open to community.

Develop YEP w/ CBOs

December 2024 - March 2025

Yolo Energy Partnership (YEP) Program underdevelopment with CBOs.

2024

County Adopts CAAP

December 03, 2024.

County of Yolo adopts CAAP.

2025

1st HES Completed

May 2025

First Home Energy Score completed in Zamora!

1st CBO Outreach

June 2025

CBO partner, De Colores, host their first outreach event!

1st Energy & Resilience Resource Fair

October 2025

Sustainability Division first energy¹⁰ resource fair!

Yolo Energy Partnership Programs



Programs

About

Benefits

How to Apply

Home Energy Score (HES) Pilot Program		Free home energy assessments to identify energy savings opportunities.	Personalized report with upgrade recommendations (e.g., insulation, HVAC improvements).	Residents can apply on our website or in person at our outreach events.
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Weatherization Program		Free energy-saving kits with LED bulbs, weatherstripping, and insulation materials.	Lower energy bills and improve home comfort.	Residents can apply on our website or in person at our outreach events.
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Electric Advisors by Valley Clean Energy (VCE)		Assistance accessing rebates for upgrading to energy-efficient electric appliances.	Helpful call center available for VCE customers to learn more about rebates & incentives.	Hotline support available for step-by-step guidance available for VCE customers.
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Owner Occupied Housing Rehab (OOHR) Program		A deferred loan up to \$80,000 for major home repairs in low-income households.	Personalized report with upgrade recommendations (e.g., insulation, HVAC improvements).	Residents can learn more and apply by calling Thurmond Consulting
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Empowering Communities Through Local Partnerships



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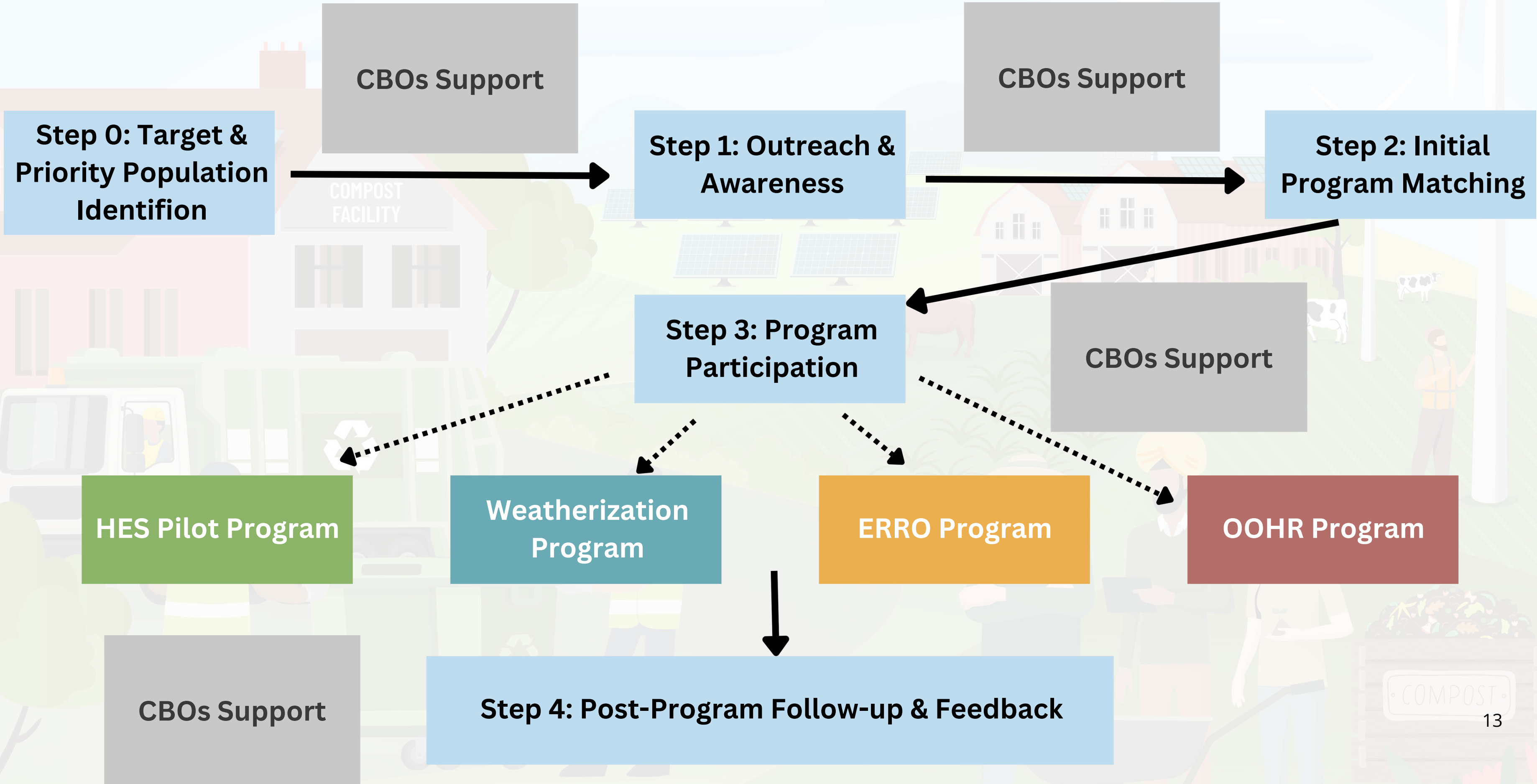
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YEP Program Workflow



2025-26 Outreach Metrics

Over 150+
Weatherization
Kits Passed
out!

25 Home
Energy Scores
completed/in-
progress

Attended 25+
outreach
events

18 one-hr
planning
sessions with
CBO Partners





Home Energy Score CALIFORNIA

Coming Soon



[LEARN MORE >](#)



Learn how your home uses energy and how to make it more comfortable and affordable.

The Home Energy Score helps you understand how efficiently your home uses energy and gives you clear recommendations to improve comfort and lower energy bills.

In some areas, **energy upgrade rebates may be available** to help make improvements more affordable. **You may also be eligible for \$250** to apply towards the cost of obtaining your score.

[Get a Score](#) [How the Score Works](#)

What Is a Home Energy Score?

The Home Energy Score, developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, rates your home's energy efficiency on a simple 1-10 scale.



A Model for Equitable Energy Programs

Yolo County Sustainability recognizes that community-based partnerships are crucial to the implementation of equitable energy programs that address accessibility, energy burdens and overall building trust between Yolo County and community members.





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Thank you!

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CLIMATE INVESTMENTS AND AFFORDABILITY ACROSS SCALES



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Break (15 min)



Breakout Discussion

Introduce yourself to your table!

Select one person to report-out to the rest of the group.

Green Post-Its: Write about how your organization is engaged in climate action + affordability

Yellow Post-Its:

- What should this group collaborate on together in this space?
- What are opportunities we should all be aware of?

Each table will have 2 minutes to share group highlights

Closing Remarks & Next Steps

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Thank you for joining us!



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Post-Event Survey

