Resilient, Thriving, Sustainable SC Public Survey FAQs

Who is conducting this survey?

This survey was developed by state and regional government planning groups participating in the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) manages the survey on behalf of the Palmetto Air Quality Collaborative (PAQC).

The agencies involved in the development and use of this survey include SCOR, the Catawba Indian Nation, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (COG), Catawba Regional COG, and Central Midlands COG.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Amanda Rahimian, SCOR's CPRG Program Coordinator, or email the program website at PAQC@scor.sc.gov.

What is the Palmetto Air Quality Collaborative?

The Palmetto Air Quality Collaborative (PAQC) is a 4-year planning initiative to develop innovative strategies to reduce air pollution, engage communities, and support workforce and economic development in South Carolina. The PAQC is led by SCOR and is funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The program runs from July 2023 to June 2027. For more information, visit https://scor.sc.gov/paqc.

What is the purpose of this survey?

The survey is designed to inform the second of three deliverables for the CPRG program, due to the EPA in December 2025. The PAQC will use survey responses for planning and developing the *Clean Air Strategies for South Carolina* (CASSC), a document that will include a statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, projections of future GHG emissions, and strategies to reduce emissions and bring economic, community, and environmental benefits to the state. Public input, such as through this survey, helps to ensure that the document aligns with the needs and interests of South Carolina's communities and residents.

Are all questions required?

No, not all questions are required. The only questions that are required are for the purpose of survey branching/flow and to identify the regional jurisdiction (COG and/or Tribal) your response is associated with. The survey was designed to be user friendly and to allow you to share as much or as little as you choose.

Can I save my survey responses and finish the survey later?

No, there is not a save for later option. You may navigate to the end of the survey using the buttons at the bottom of each page if you wish to submit partial responses.



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How will the survey results be shared?

Survey responses from residents of certain counties or Tribal Citizens will be shared with the following South Carolina organizations who received CPRG funding to develop regional clean air and economic strategies and documents:

Agency	Representing residents of:	Contact	Webpage
Catawba Indian Nation	Tribal Citizens	Tiffany Witherington; Scott Hansen	Link
BCD COG	Berkely, Charleston, Dorchester counties	Nina Miller	Link
Catawba Regional COG	Chester, Lancaster, York counties	Stephen Allen	Link
Central Midlands COG	Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Saluda counties	Jory Fleming	Link

Survey responses will not be shared outside of the respective regional agency or the PAQC. Survey responses from residents outside of those listed in the table will not be shared by the PAQC. Aggregate data of all survey responses may be published in state or regional strategic or planning documents but will not include any personally identifiable information. Your information will only be used for planning purposes and will not be sold or otherwise distributed.

How can I stay informed of this initiative? How can I get involved?

If you provided your contact information in the survey, you will be added to the PAQC listserv. The listserv newsletter will share news and updates about the state initiative monthly.

If you would like to be involved in a regional initiative or learn about regional resources, please contact the respective representative above.

The PAQC website has a "Resources" tab with links to PowerPoint presentations, videos, tools, and informational sheets. There are also links to external websites to learn more about GHG emissions and specific strategies to reduce emissions.

If you would like to be further involved with the PAQC or would like additional information, please contact SCOR's CPRG Program Coordinator. We are happy to assist you.

