



ICLEI USA

Membership Technical Assistance Menu

As an ICLEI USA Member, you have access to dedicated technical assistance (TA) to help advance your sustainability and resilience goals.

Here is how you can make the most of your benefits



Maximize Your Included Membership Benefits



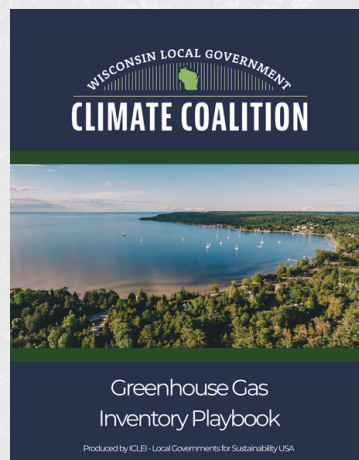
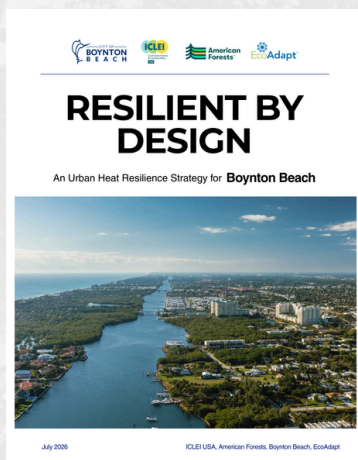
Members receive **an allotment of technical assistance annually**, paced across the year to provide sustained support. Connect with your Membership Advisor to design your custom TA schedule from the options on the following pages.



Need Extra Support? Explore Fee-for-Service Options



If you need deeper support beyond your standard membership hours, we offer flexible, specialized services to help you scale your projects.



Sustainability TA

Our Sustainability program helps local governments lower costs, transition to clean and efficient energy, transportation, and waste systems, and remove pollution through healthy natural systems.

Sourcing Data, Project Scoping, & Planning

- **Data Collection:** Guidance on gathering community-wide and local government operations data.
- **Goal Setting:** Align with best practices and science-based targets.
- **Planning:** Follow our trusted sustainability planning frameworks and templates; use ClearPath 2.0 to plan for, quantify, and communicate sustainability progress.

Technical Input & Review of Deliverables

- **Protocol Guidance:** Expert walkthroughs of GHG inventory protocols and reporting standards.
- **Quality Assurance:** Review of data playbooks for ClearPath 2.0 import.
- **Inventory Validation:** Comprehensive review of completed GHG inventories.
- **Plan Review:** Partial or full review of draft Climate Action Plans (CAPs) and Sustainability Action Plans (SAPs).

Strategic Troubleshooting & Policy Advising

- **Implementation Tools:** Guidance on effective monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (MER) frameworks.
- **Advanced Accounting:** Advising on how to approach consumption-based and supply-chain emission modeling.
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** Advising on modeling of carbon sequestration using the [Land Emissions And Removals Navigator \(LEARN\) tool](#), and integrating those results into GHG inventories, CAPs, and SAPs.

Resilience TA

Our Resilience program helps local governments prepare for climate risks, protect ecosystems, reduce the cost of disasters, and build long-term resilience.

Project Planning, Scoping & Help Finding Data

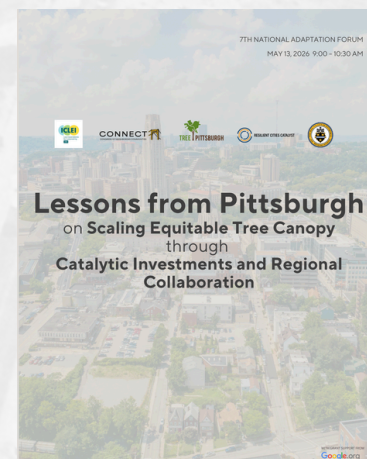
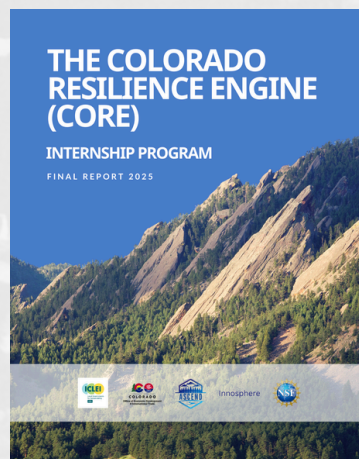
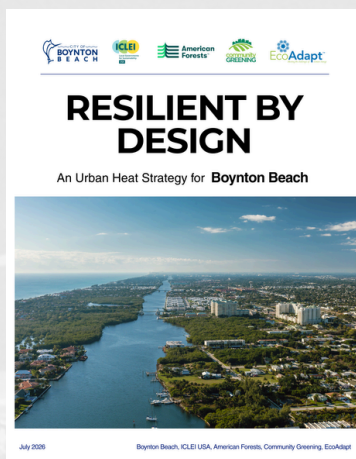
- **Planning Consultations:** Jumpstart conversations around resilience plans, projects, and key activities like community engagement and goal setting.
- **Fill Data Gaps:** Find local data about climate hazards and community risks.

Technical Input & Review of Deliverables

- **Deliverable Review:** Review and comment on resilience project materials like project plans, workshop agendas, data sets, and surveys to guide implementation.
- **Plan Review:** Partial or full review of draft vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans.

Strategic Troubleshooting & Policy Advising

- **Interdepartmental Collaboration:** Strategize to break down silos and integrate resilience across departments.
- **Network Insights:** Provide best practice examples of local government resilience plans, policies, and projects.
- **Guide Learning:** Strategize for the continuous monitoring and evaluation of adaptation strategies.



Cross-Cutting

Cross-cutting support builds the capacity and effectiveness of your work across resilience and sustainability.

Training & Capacity Building

- **Technical Presentations:** Expert briefings for staff, leadership, or community members on sustainability and resilience topics (e.g., greenhouse gas inventories, adaptation planning).
- **Best Practices:** Guidance on climate action planning frameworks and industry standards—including pulling in ICLEI USA's bench of trusted partners and experts, as well as leading local governments in the network.
- **Desk Research:** Targeted research on specific programs, policies, or emerging sustainable technologies.

Finance & Project Preparation

- **Funding & Financing Strategies:** Evaluation of resources to fund sustainability program goals and identification of potential financing options for capital projects (e.g., debt issuance, public-private partnerships).
- **Budgeting:** Recommendations for goal-aligned climate and sustainability budgeting.

Implementation Planning & Priority Setting

- **Priority Setting:** Selecting projects or programs from a plan to advance over a 6- to 12-month timeframe.
 - **Implementation Guidance:** Advising on implementation priorities for a specific project that is being led by your team, including on interdepartmental coordination, best practices, external partnerships, funding or financing mechanisms.
 - **Procurement:** Leveraging our Sustainable and Circular Public Procurement Toolkit to guide your work, we can support your team to establish the foundational knowledge needed to adopt policies or create programs to reduce impacts of your governments purchases.
 - **Example Policies:** Adapting templated language from other communities for a policy area of interest.
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Local Collaborative Building

- **Coordination Best Practices:** Exploratory conversation on best practices for effectively structuring local or regional climate collaboratives so communities can work together to accelerate progress.
- **Engagement Strategy:** Review of outreach strategies, meeting agendas, and stakeholder outcomes.

Communications & Outreach

- **Strategic Advising:** Align messaging with sustainability goals or specific projects and combat misinformation.
- **Staff Workshops:** Interactive sessions to build internal communications capacity.
- **Channel Audits:** Comprehensive reviews of external communication channels, such as your website, plans, newsletter, or social accounts.

Not seeing the support you need on this list? Our team is available to evaluate and provide tailored solutions to meet member needs. Schedule a call with your Membership Advisor to discuss a custom support plan.

