

# Climate Change

*"Minnesota has been warming faster than most other states."*

*Dan Kraker, MPR News, 2015*



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When asked about what interviewees understand about climate change, a surprising theme began to emerge:

*"Global climate changes are cyclical over thousands of years."*

*"Humans are influencing climate changes but there are natural ebb and flows the Earth goes through."*

*"It is still unknown to what extent human actions affect the weather, and there are wild conjectures on both sides of the issue."*

## Survey Findings / Analysis

*I would consider using non-motorized forms of transportation (i.e. bicycles) at least once or twice per week for work and/or personal*

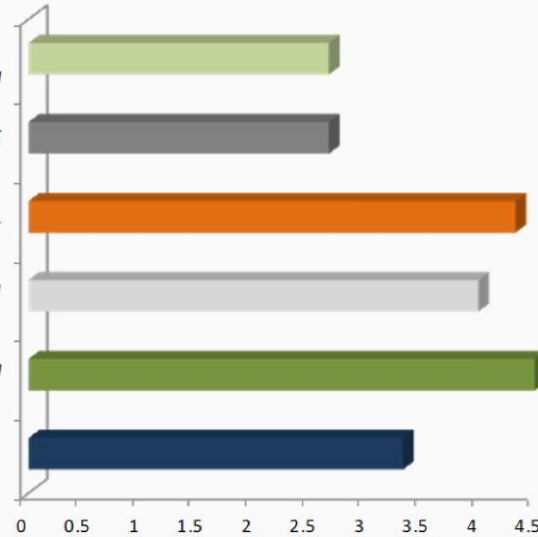
*I feel that my individual efforts make a meaningful and significant contribution to climate change*

*I make every effort to recycle eligible items for my recycling carrier*

*I pay close attention to the recycling parameters of my local disposal carrier*

*I try to conserve energy by turning off the lights in my home when I am not there*

*Climate change is an important issue that demands immediate attention*



**"To engage residents, go to where people are"**  
*Drew Curtis, Dir. of Community Development and Environmental Justice in New Jersey*



*Photo of Bobby Balke and a local resident of Rosemount*

In order to effectively design a relevant outreach campaign, we began with a needs assessment by surveying a small sample (n=6) of local residents to determine their perspectives related to climate change issues. The survey was prefaced with an in-person conversation followed by a two-section questionnaire to extract what the interviewees currently understand about climate change issues. These first steps helped us develop goals/objectives that would target the most appropriate areas for engaging residents in the design of an adult education program. This approach serves as a recommended framework to conduct a needs assessment and is NOT intended to represent a collective voice of the current residents in the City of Rosemount.