CITY OF ROYAL CITY

Climate Change & Resiliency Engagement Strategy 2026

VISION

Building the capacity of Royal City to reduce, anticipate, and adapt to climate challenges through local, upstream action that strengthens the wellbeing of residents and the local economy.

83.7%	41.5%	24.9
Hispanic Residents	Born Outside the U.S.	Median Age (Years)

Community Context

- Small agricultural community in Grant County
- Economy driven by farming — heat, drought & crop loss affect all households
- Young, Spanish-speaking families; many without AC or stable housing
- Schools serve as critical resilience hubs during heat and smoke events

Top Climate Concerns

- Extreme heat and wildfire smoke
- Power outages affecting schools and homes
- Water reliability and drought
- Air quality for outdoor workers
- Agricultural disruption cascading to families

Guiding Principles

- Bilingual (Spanish & English), family-friendly engagement
- Scheduled outside peak farm work and school hours
- Lead with facts: safety, health, economic stability
- Meet people at existing community gatherings
- Respectful tribal engagement with Confederated Tribes of Colville

Who's Involved

- City Council, Mayor & public works staff
- Royal City School District
- Farmworkers, growers & agricultural managers
- Churches, nonprofits & libraries
- Spanish-speaking families & renters
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Implementation Timeline

Winter 2026	Engagement strategy finalized
Feb 2026	Council kick-off meeting
Mar 2026	R-CAT data feedback on community assets & climate hazards
Summer 2026	Community listening session
Fall 2026	Public workshop: risk assessment & existing policy audit
Dec 2026	Workshop on final goals and policies
Feb–Apr 2027	Draft participation document
Jun 2027	Climate Hazard & Social Vulnerability Report finalized