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# Santa Clara County Youth Climate Initiative



County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability



# County Sustainability Vision At a Glance

## Climate Protection and Defense



Reduce greenhouse gases and build resilience to the threats of climate change and natural disasters.

## Natural Resources and the Environment



Enhance and protect natural resources and habitats and reduce the cumulative impacts of environmental hazards.

## Community Health and Well-Being



Improve the health of the community and the conditions in places where people live, learn, work, and play.

## Prosperous and Just Economy



Build financial security and prosperity for all and promote leadership and collaboration.

# What is the Youth Climate Initiative?

- The Santa Clara County Youth Climate Initiative is a collaborative effort that will empower youth in Santa Clara County to play a leadership role in acting on climate change.

## Goals

- Knowledge and understanding of sustainability and environmental issues
- Skills to craft innovative solutions
- Drive change through youth-centered place-based project application, outreach, and education around climate change



# History of the SCCYCI

Spring 2023

- Senator Dave Cortese brings forward the budget request to Legislature to fund youth-centered climate initiative in Santa Clara County

Summer  
2023

- County of Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability received a \$2 million State grant to launch “The Santa Clara County Youth Climate Initiative”



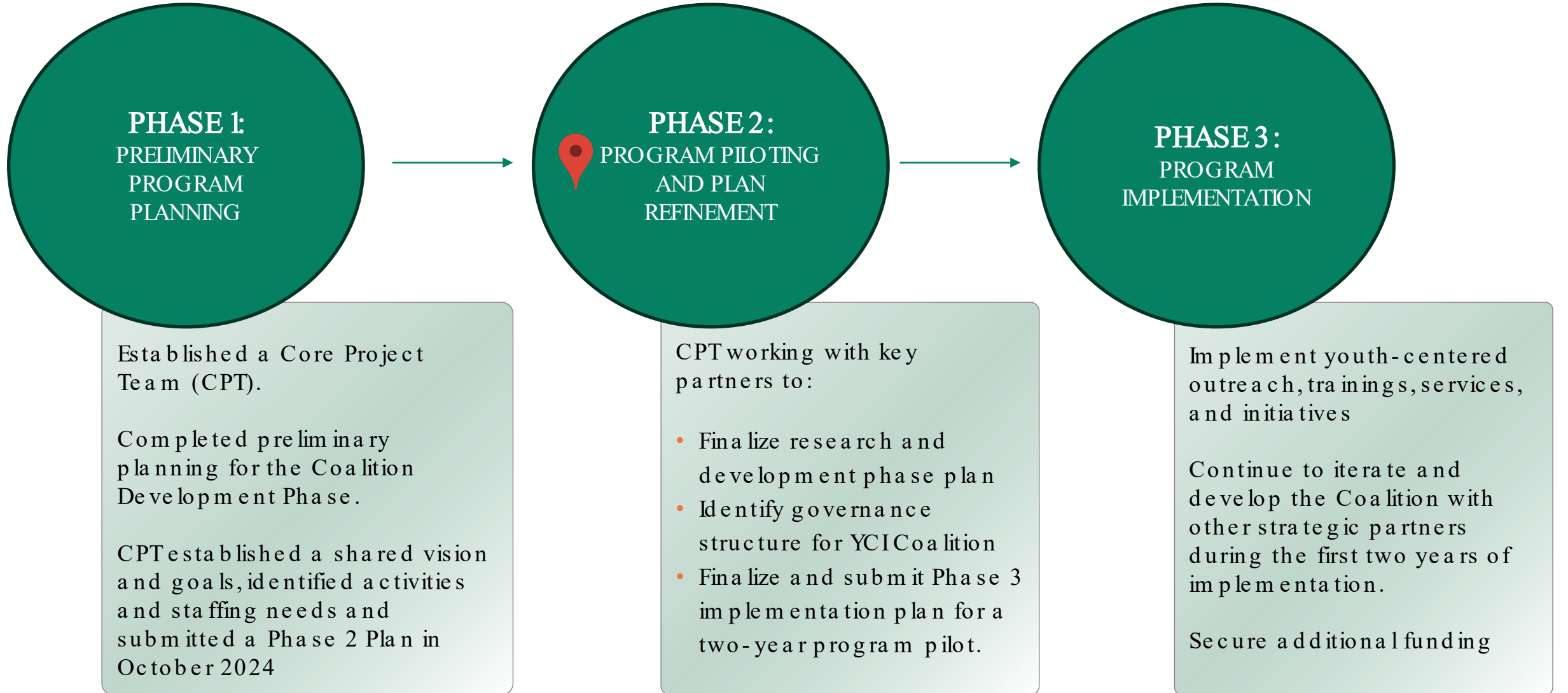
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# Project Phases



# Phase One: Program Development

## Core Project Team



## Shared Vision and Outcomes

1. SCC Youth can articulate the scientific and social causes of the climate crisis and are equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed in climate-aligned career pathways.
2. SCC Youth are empowered to develop and implement climate-resilient solutions in their local community and are supported in driving action that is equity and justice-informed.
3. The SCCYCIPartners work towards collective outcomes that are mutually beneficial to each organization's youth-related objectives.







# Phase Two: Program Planning



Develop Classroom-based curriculum



Youth Engagement on Program Priorities



Pathways to Climate Careers



Youth Leadership Programming



# How to Get Involved?

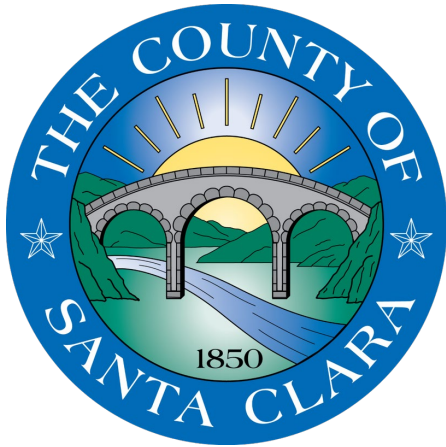
- Share information about YCI with families and youth
- Provide opportunities for youth to drive climate solutions in Sunnyvale
- Support YCI through funding or fundraising

YCI Portal coming soon!





# Thank You!



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