



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

<b>AGENDA SECTION</b>	<b>BUSSINESS ITEMS</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	01/13/2026

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>2026 Goal Revisions</b>		
<i>Presenting Item:</i> Mitchell Forney, Community Development Director			
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Community Development		<b>BY/DATE:</b> Mitchell Forney, 12/30/2025	
<b>CORE CITY STRATEGIES:</b>			
_Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		<u>X</u> Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_High Quality Public Spaces		_Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
_Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		_Inclusive and Connected Community	

**BACKGROUND**

At the previous Sustainability Commission meeting, the Commission received a year-end report summarizing the accomplishments of staff and the Commission during 2025. At that meeting, staff raised the possibility of conducting 2026 goal setting; however, the Commission determined that a full goal-setting process would be most effective after upcoming term expirations in April, when new members are seated. With several commissioners expected to leave at that time, the Commission chose to defer comprehensive goal setting until later in the year.

In the interim, staff are bringing this item forward to provide an update on sustainability-related work currently underway and to revisit certain 2025 goals that have been completed, need refinement, or may no longer be appropriate given timing and staff capacity. This approach is intended to maintain continuity while allowing flexibility for the reconstituted Commission to establish priorities later in 2026. Staff are also identifying short-term, achievable items that can reasonably be advanced in early 2026.

Several initiatives aligned with Sustainability Commission and City Council goals are already in progress. The City’s GreenCorps member, Zekima, is leading efforts related to achieving GreenStep Cities Step 3, including completing required reporting on items the City is already doing. Zekima has also begun developing a GIS-based tool to help track sustainability initiatives occurring throughout the City. In addition, Zekima is supporting expansion of the Partners in Energy program and will coordinate with Commission members on outreach and engagement activities as those efforts move forward. The City Planner is working with Commission members to finalize the purchasing policy, develop the Parks Master Plan RFP anticipated for issuance this winter, and initiate the Comprehensive Plan 2050 update. Engineering staff are reviewing stormwater maintenance agreements for larger developments to ensure long-term compliance, and the City Forester remains actively engaged in forestry management and invasive species coordination.

Outlined below are the Sustainability Commission’s 2025 goals, along with staff suggestions for minor adjustments and identification of items appropriate for early 2026. Given ongoing workload and limited

capacity, this review is intended to focus Commission efforts on items where involvement can have the greatest impact in the near term, while leaving broader goal setting to later in the year.

### 1. Parks and Public Spaces

- a. ~~In alignment with City Council, update the Parks Master Plan in collaboration with city departments such as Parks and Recreation, Engineering and Public Works and commissions like Parks and Rec. and Planning Commission.~~ **Staff Are Currently developing the RFP for this project. The plan will be updated starting in 2026.**
  - i. Organize park walks to identify invasive species, native plantings, and whether individual parks meet community needs.
- b. Implement the Complete Streets Policy and include current bike/pedestrian facilities on GIS map and identify opportunities to close connectivity gaps with a focus on accessing public facilities. **The GIS Map is currently added to the work plan of the green corps member, and the complete streets policy has been passed and implemented.**

### 2. GreenStep Cities Communications and GIS Storymapping

- a. Updated business retention and expansion welcome packet updated six months/year and include updates to laws, grants, and other resources available.
  - i. Develop Partners in Energy landing page for developing programs and outreach on how citizens can save money. **The landing page has been created and will be expanded with the implementation of a new City Website in 2026.**
  - ii. Encourage investment into existing housing stock.
- b. Expand the City's use of GIS/ESRI Storymapping for City Initiatives:
  - i. Monitor initiatives such as reuse/recycling champions, new tree plantings, complete street connections, racial covenants removed
  - ii. GreenStep City Step 4/5 metrics tracking for inclusion in the Annual Report.
- c. Establish a Sustainability Forum; i.e. themed series/lectures/classes on sustainability topics, topics chosen by public, open to the public, and expert speakers.
  - i. Develop a working list of intern/project needs across the city to easily address city needs and advocate for intern or develop opportunities as they arise.

### 3. Stewardship

- a. Create "FAQ" page/info for residential and businesses to access:
  - i. Adopt-a-tree program
  - ii. Water quality, conservation, and uses
  - iii. Gardens and yards; support for residents and businesses to educate and engage on issues such as water and pollinator support.
  - iv. Stormwater management.
  - v. How to properly dispose of items; sources for sustainable purchasing (bulk); reducing waste.

### 4. Plans and Policy

- a. Green-to-Go; black plastic ordinance
- b. Sustainable purchasing policy
  - i. City has existing purchasing policy; option of addition sustainable purchasing as an addendum
- c. Residential green roof/space initiatives
- d. Increase housing density in single-family zoning ADUs allowed as accessory uses to single-family dwelling units. **Additional dwelling units were added as an accessory use in 2025.**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. 2025 Sticky note table