

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD ANNUAL RETREAT



Role of Environmental Sustainability Board

Policy Support

Advise, deliberate and make recommendations to the City Council to help facilitate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan as it relates to environmental sustainability in the city;

Provide City Council with representative community participation in preparing and implementing plans and reports concerning environmental sustainability in the City of Hendersonville;

Advise Sustainability Manager on the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan progress and implementation; and

Recommend to City Council an overall policy for continued sustainability and assist with citizen-led efforts in furtherance thereof.

Outreach Support

Promote, facilitate, and act as liaison to educate citizens on environmental sustainability issues affecting the City of Hendersonville.

2024 Accomplishments and Focus Areas

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Sustainability Demonstration Station

LAND MANAGEMENT

- Mayor's Monarch Pledge & Bee City
- Tree Ordinance revision advisor
- Parks and Greenspace Master Plan Advisor

COMMUNITY

- Project sponsorships:
 - Brooklyn Creek Bird Sanctuary
 - Brooklyn Community Garden ADA path
 - Monarch Migration classrooms
 - Caregivers of Mother Earth Signs

ALL AREAS OF SUSTAINABILITY

- Hendo Earth Fest
- Sustainability Hero
- Award (area of waste management awarded)

Sustainability in other departments/boards/initiatives

- **Sustainability and Stormwater Divisions**

- millions of dollars in grants for stream restoration
- New rooftop solar on firestation
- energy efficiency building systems and retrofits
- waste reduction grant funds

- **Water & Sewer Dept.**

- Water conservation rebate program
- Mountains on Tap initiative

- **Parks & Greenspace Master Plan**

- **Walk Hendo Pedestrian Plan**

- **Bike Plan**

- **Tree Board**

- Pollinator gardens
- Invasive species removal
- Educational events on trees
- Neighborwoods tree donation program

- **Affordable Housing Committee and related strategic plan in the works**

How ESB's work fits into the overall City priorities surrounding sustainability

- **Gen H Comprehensive Plan Goals (pages 285-301)**

- Connect people to the outdoors
- protect & restore natural systems
- Affordable housing
- Improve bikeability & walkability
- Reduce invasive species & promote pollinator plants
- Maintain & expand tree canopy
- Explore options to help community pursue renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements
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- **Sustainability Strategic Plan**

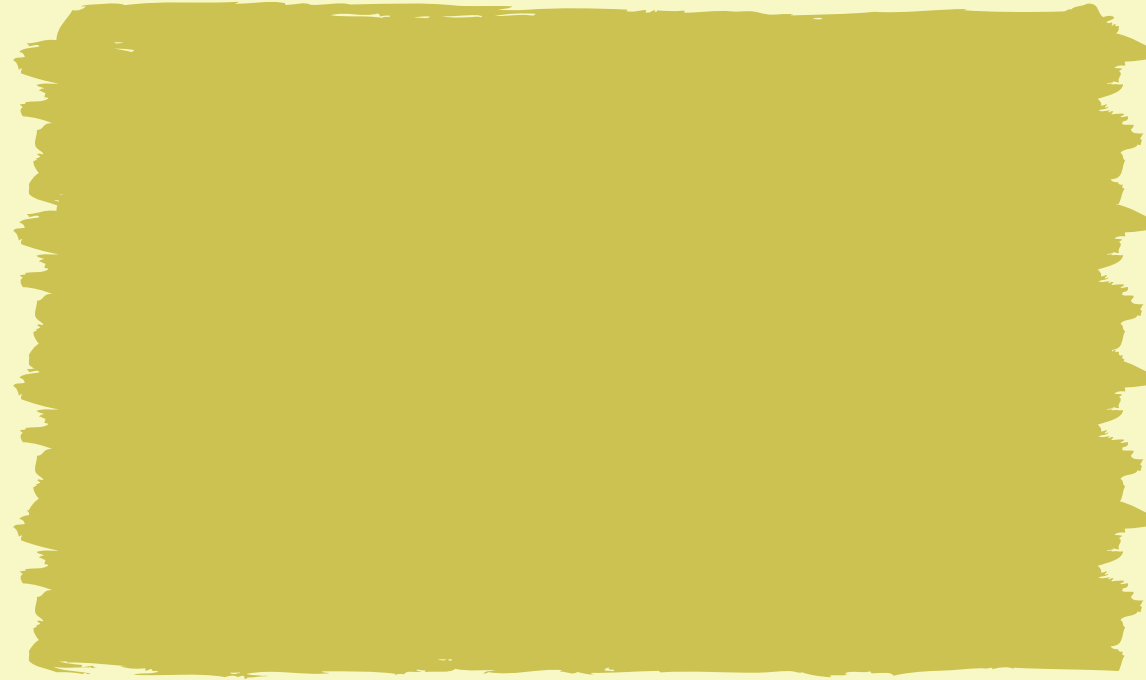
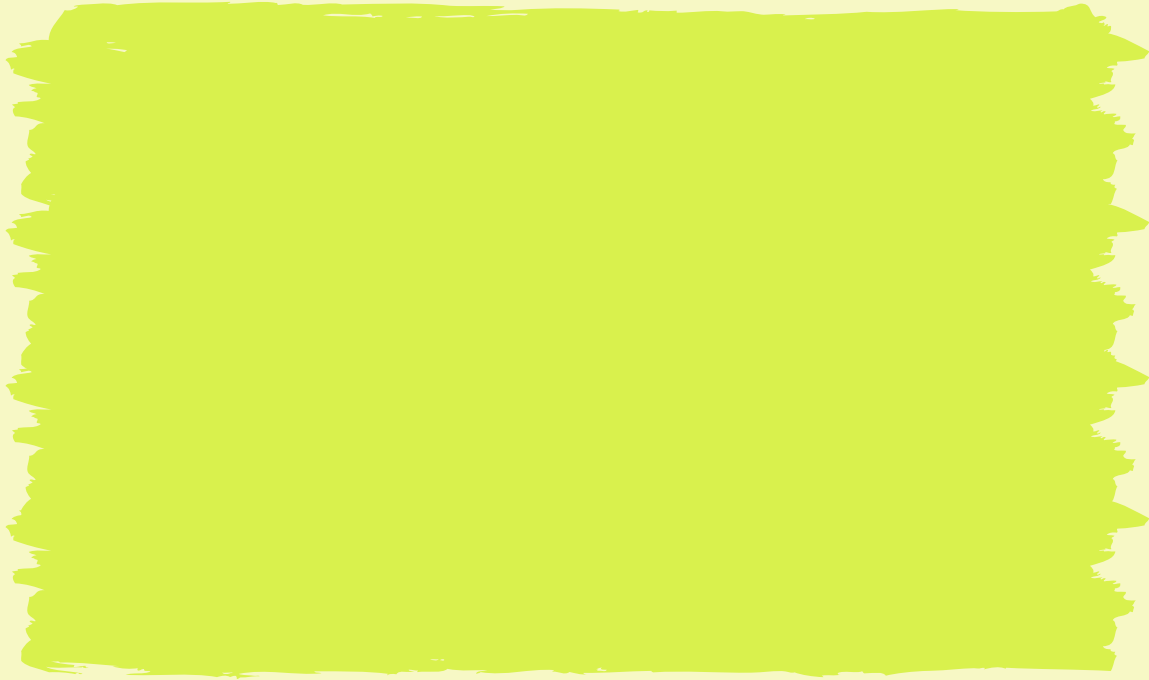
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As stated in Resolution R-21-53, the City Council recognizes the following core values and beliefs related to sustainability that should be upheld:

- The City will evaluate the environmental sustainability of all projects and programs while maintaining a solid relationship with residential and business development;
- The City believes that it is our responsibility to protect all our natural resources and the environment through the implementation of sustainable and responsible projects;
- The City must lead by example by evaluating all city operations to ensure they protect or repair the natural environment and are environmentally sustainable; and
- The City will prioritize the protection of existing tree canopy and the development of greenspaces and parks.

What is one thing you wish the board was doing or something the board is already doing that could be better?

2025 Goals



FY26 Proposed Budget

Project/Initiative:

Proposed funding allocated:
