Key Takeaways from Community Input Meetings

Comments:

Energy

- Standards for energy efficiency in new construction/remodelilng of City buildings
- LEED certified buildings
- Invest in solar energy projects
- Dark sky complient street lighting
- Citywide inventory for energy audit
- Public outreach

/aste Management

Comments:

- More trash cans on Oklawaha Greenway
- Public education outreach on recycling & impacts of plastic waste
- Plastic waste reduction
- Community composting program (ex. at community garden)
- Compost pick up service
- Increase tree canopy
- trash clean up days quarterly

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Comments:

- Incorporate tree canopy and pollinator habitat on Ecusta Trail
- Land restoration; Invasive species removal
- Parklets with tree shade, benches, & pollinator habitat
- Fitness amenities at parks
- County coordination

Other Comments:

Water

- Enhanced buffer zones & managed runoff
- Water recycling for buildings; ex.
 greywater
- Low flow devices at WTP & WWTP
- Bioswales

Key themes:

- Increased renewable energy
- policy improvements for standard building efficiency measures

Top 3 actions:

47% - Implement recommendations from energy audits of municipal buildings

28% - Invest in solar energy projects

19% - Sustainable building policy

Key themes:

- Waste reduction outreach & education
- Plastic reduction through eduction and policy work

Top 3 actions:

30% - increase recyclilng rate

18% - policy on waste reduction for new construction

18% - policy on waste reduction for staff and City events

Key themes:

- Increasing biodiversity for greenspaces
- "Pocket parks"
- Increased tree canopy

Top 3 actions:

42% - Increase tree canopy

34% - Increase low maintenance landscaping

(less water, pesticides, & maintenance)

26% - Invasive species removal

Key themes:

- Permeable pavement in construction
- Increased efforts to keep storm drains clear

Top 3 actions:

57% - Protect & enhance water quality

17% - water efficiency policy

17% - Outreach/education

Transportation

- EV chargers on Ecusta Trail
- Policy for vehicle aquisition
 - Right size requirement
 - Efficiency emission reduction
- Micromobility, ex. Bike/scooter share downtown
- Invest in electric & low emission vehicles
- Incentivize City staff to walk between City Hall and City Ops.
- Implement bike and pedestrian plans already completed
- ADA compliant walk spaces

Key themes:

- City shuttle service downtown / increased public transport
- Alternative fuels for City fleet & equipment
- Walkable & bikable City
 - increased safety
 - Increased sidewalks & paths

Top 3 actions:

30% - increased walkability infrastructure

27% - Increased bikeability infrastructure

16% - conversion of City vehicles to electric

Community Opportunities

- Educational workshops for sustainable practices for residents
- Increased promotion of City rain barrel program
- Homeowner energy support
- Incentive program for residents and businesses to preserve trees
- Requirements for businesses to recycle

Key themes:

- Free parking for electric vehicles to incentivize purchasing
- Electric vehicle infrastructure for multi-unit density

How will we fund the plan?

74% - funded through a hybrid of grants & city funds