

2024 Sustainability Advisory Committee Goal Setting

SAC's Purpose

1. **Policy Development:** Provide guidance to the Mayor and Council on institutionalizing environmentally sustainable practices by evaluating and proposing policies that support City sustainability commitments.
2. **Education:** Increase awareness of energy and environmental sustainability by developing and recommending activities aimed at promoting sustainable behaviors across the community.
3. **Partnership:** Facilitate and encourage public and private partnerships that improve the effectiveness of efforts to create a more environmentally sustainable future.

MCAP Year 1 High Impact Activities

- Activity 1: Continue Installation of Renewable Energy Resources on Municipal Property*
- Activity 5: Incorporate Equity and Sustainability into Processes to Address Aging Infrastructure
- Activity 7: Establish a Policy for the Purchase, Sale, or Adaptive Reuse of Highly Vulnerable or Underutilized Assets
- **Activity 9: Integrate Climate Justice, Equity, and Resilience Best Practices into All Hazards Planning Committee and Emergency Response Plans and Operations**
- **Activity 10: Enhance Stormwater Control Measures for City-Owned Property**
- Activity 12: Utilize Green Fleet Policy for Fleet Electrification
- Activity 14: Use Climate Justice and Sustainability Tools for Planning and Decision Making*
- Activity 15: Monitor and Engage in State-Level and Utility Policies on Climate and Sustainability*
- **Activity 17: Conduct Solid Waste Master Planning Process**
- **Activity 18: Utilize Urban Forestry Practices on City Land in Priority Neighborhoods to Reduce Heat Island Impacts and Sequester Carbon**
- **Activity 20: Conduct Programs for Food Production, Community Gardening, and Edible Plantings on Public Lands***
- **Activity 21: Make Climate and Sustainability-Related Data and Progress Towards Goals Publicly Accessible**

*indicates ongoing high impact activities

Sustainability Organizational Work Plan Priorities for FY 2022-2023

- ★ Municipal Climate Action Plan (MCAP) Phase I: Tracking and Reporting
- ★ Integration of the Climate Justice Initiative into City Operations
- ★ Single-Use Plastic Reduction Project

2023 Annual Goals (from the 2022 Annual Report)

1. Evaluate and determine clean energy and energy efficiency projects and initiatives that may be expedited based on funding and other incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act, IRA. This effort could substantially accelerate the community's progress toward the 100% renewable energy goal.
2. Prioritize support for energy projects and initiatives that will contribute to the community's resilience to climate change.
3. Establish partnership with Asheville Area Redevelopment Commission to increase community awareness and education of stormwater and green infrastructure.
4. In collaboration with the Sustainability Department and other groups, evaluate ways to provide education for the community on how to improve our Climate Resilience.
5. Participate in the development of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Emergency Operations (EOC) plan
6. Continued support, outreach, and education on the Food Scraps Drop-Off program.
7. Continued support of neighborhood community education for recycling program improvements with an emphasis on public housing (engagement, education, functionality etc).
8. Support educational efforts and engagement with local groups regarding adoption of a single-use plastic reduction ordinance.

City Council Annual Priorities

- ★ Homelessness Strategies
- ★ Equitable and Affordable Housing and Stability
- ★ Neighborhood and Climate Resilience
- ★ Reparations
- ★ Reimagining Public Safety
- ★ Improve and Expand Core Services