

City of Hendersonville

Sustainability Strategic Plan Public Input Meeting

Parameters of Public Input Meeting:

- Goals of public input meeting:
 - o Gain a holistic, comprehensive picture of the collective community-wide perception of sustainability, what focus areas are most important, and the priorities that should be implemented on the municipal level.
- Outcomes of the sustainability plan:
 - o Measurable goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or carbon emissions
 - o Addresses focus areas: energy, transportation, land management, waste management, water, and community involvement
- Representative requirements:
 - o The sustainability plan will be completed *specifically* in regards to municipal operations (not residential or commercial). While feedback on initiatives that involve public support is important, that is not the focus of the sustainability plan. The Community Involvement category is where residential and commercial involvement discussions will take place.
 - o Representatives should refrain from talking about their own specific company/board/private involvement and priorities in the specific topic area to keep this a holistic and integrated approach. Instead, focus on the discussion topics and overall focus area topic as it relates to municipal City operations. For residential and commercial involvement on a specific focus area topic, please guide those folks to the Community Involvement focus area table.
 - o Representatives are of course welcome to tell participants they are involved in a business or board, but representatives are not there to represent those entities, instead they should be there representing the specific focus area as a whole.

Tables:

1. Land Management

- a. **Goal Overview:** Increase and enhance City owned green spaces while improving tree canopy cover, protecting biodiversity, and improving the overall health and character of our City.
- b. **Representative:**
 - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm: Tree Board – tree canopy and importance of biodiversity
 - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm: Jane Grossman – Community gardens and pollinator habitat
- c. **Discussion topics:** City tree canopy, pollinators, community gardens, and native landscaping on City property
 - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's land management sustainability initiatives?

- ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

Other tables

(for informational purposes and if other members would like to participate in):

2. Energy

- a. **Goal Overview:** Improve energy efficiency and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources for City operations.
- b. **Representative:**
 - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
 - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:** Increased renewable energy and building efficiency
 - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's energy sustainability initiatives?
 - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

3. Transportation

- a. **Goal Overview:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the City's fleet while prioritizing consistency and efficiency of service; Promote access to small businesses and sense-of-community while improving citizen health and equitable community connectivity through increased walkability and bikeability.
- b. **Representative:**
 - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
 - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:** Increased bikeability and walkability for Hendersonville; electric vehicle infrastructure; and lower emission alternative fuels (propane for example)
 - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's transportation sustainability initiatives?
 - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

4. Waste Management

- a. **Goal Overview:** Reduce the amount of Municipal Solid Waste sent to the landfill through recycling, composting, and other waste reduction efforts.
- b. **Representative:**
 - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
 - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:**
 - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's waste management sustainability initiatives?
 - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

- iii. The current recycling rate City-wide is 30%. How can we (City, residents, and businesses) increase this percentage? What other waste reduction strategies should the City focus on?

5. Water

- a. **Goal Overview:** Ensure safe and reliable drinking water supply for all Hendersonville citizens; Preserve and protect natural aquatic resources affected by actions under the jurisdiction of the City of Hendersonville; Identify and address community flood hazards and reduce infrastructure vulnerability to flood hazard
- b. **Representative:**
 - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
 - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:**
 - i. What is most important to you in terms of the City's water related sustainability initiatives?
 - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?

6. Community Involvement

- a. **Goal Overview:** Provide recommendations for how residents and businesses can incorporate sustainable practices in their lives and communities.
- b. **Representative:**
 - i. Session 1, 10am-12pm:
 - ii. Session 2, 5:30-7:30pm:
- c. **Discussion topics:**
 - i. While residential and commercial level attributes of the sustainability plan are limited, that doesn't mean these areas aren't important. Outside of City municipal sustainability initiatives and goals, what do you think is most important to you in terms of the City's sustainability initiatives relating to residential and commercial involvement?
 - ii. What are specific goals you would like the City to reach in these areas?