

Sustainability - Policies

Policy Prioritization

What do you think the top 5 priorities should be for the City?

Implement policies for municipal operations and the community to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.	
Strive to become a carbon-neutral city.	
Develop an adaptation strategy to address the impacts of climate change.	
Continue to maintain and expand the tree canopy citywide.	
Maintain and regularly update the City's Green Building Ordinance.	
Support communitywide financing mechanisms to encourage investment in carbon-reducing strategies on private buildings.	
Promote fuel efficiency and cleaner fuels for vehicles and construction/maintenance equipment.	
Provide ongoing education to residents and businesses about waste reduction, composting, and recycling.	
Collaborate with other government agencies to promote waste reduction.	
Establish a citywide water efficiency and conservation program.	
Transform alleys into green spaces that capture stormwater and reduce the urban heat island in the City.	

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Policy Prioritization (Continued)

Maximize local actions to reduce urban runoff, within the constraints of the water table and geology.	
Require energy and water efficiency upgrades at time of title transfer.	
Require solar photovoltaic (i.e. solar panel) installations with 1 KW capacity or more for all new construction over 1,000 square feet.	
Require solar water heaters on all new development and major renovations.	
Require rainwater cisterns for landscape use with the capacity to capture water from a 1 inch storm on all new development and major renovations.	
Support communitywide financing mechanisms to encourage investment in carbon-reducing strategies on private buildings.	
Prohibit commercial use of cleaning products with chlorine and PCBs.	
Provide separate bins and pick-up for household food and yard waste in all residential and commercial projects.	
Create a city environmental department/division to oversee environmental sustainability strategies throughout all City departments.	
During select times on weekends, transform a major street into a traffic-free, pedestrian and community space.	
Prepare a community-wide energy audit that assesses building-specific energy efficiency and suggests ways to improve it.	

Sustainability - Goals

Goal Prioritization

What do you think the top 2 priorities should be for the City?

Mitigate impacts of climate change.

Reduce air pollution and improve air quality.

Reduce building-related energy demand, especially non-renewable energy.

Prioritize green businesses and practices.

Become a zero waste city.

Increase water use effectiveness.

Eliminate the discharge of environmental contaminants in urban runoff.