



**EDGEWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING**

**HELD AT 1800 HARLAN STREET
EDGEWATER, CO 80214 AND
VIRTUALLY THROUGH
THE GOTO MEETING APP
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Access Code/Meeting ID: 405-842-165
April 22nd, 2025
6:00PM**

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3 or more other City Board or Commission members may attend this meeting

ITEM 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2. Roll Call

Xerxes Steirer and Brian Bartle not present

ITEM 3. Approval of Agenda

Unanimously Approved

ITEM 4. Land Acknowledgement

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes of March 25th, 2025

Unanimously Approved

ITEM 6. General Business

- 1) Sustainability Plan Strategic Update: report out from Andy Rutz on feedback gathered from the March 13th public workshop

See the associated presentation below for the compilation of public feedback

Discussion:

Public Workshop Feedback

Slide 5: Public Workshop

Good turnout to the public workshop - about 35 participants, English/Spanish speaking

Slide 6-11: Dot Exercise Results

It's good to see that the workshop results mirrored the survey results

- Land and Water
 - We are not in the wildland urban interface (WUI), so a fire plan is not really necessary or appropriate
- Waste
 - It's important to have a third party do our waste audit (not just Republic) since we have different ideas of what an audit is
- Social Vibrancy
 - No new recommendations were made by participants
 - Suggestion to emulate the City of Boulder's example of having people go down the block to inquire with residents about what they want
 - Can/should we rename the category?
- Energy
 - Regarding instruction to use Energy Star - in the plan do not be so specific about how to benchmark and monitor, rather provide guidance to ensure it is done
- How to Engage and Learn
 - Edgewater Echo can be used

Strategic Update Approach

Slide 15: Updating, but not Rewriting, the Plan

Slide 16: Organization/Framework of Plan

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- Sustainability in Edgewater
 - Bruce: Add description of the purpose of the plan - the general idea of what the community as a whole and what the City policy is based on
- The Four Categories
 - Jackie: Definitions - it's hard to understand what Social Vibrancy is...may need rewriting for greater clarity
 - Bruce: Energy is generally understood as just electricity > it needs to be explained more explicitly that it is energy consumption in and of different modes (i.e. transportation, heating, etc.)
- Greenhouse Gas
 - Rutz: focus more on the action in response to the data analysis
 - Bruce: Key figures from the report should be integrated into the introductory material
- Assessment Process
 - no comment

- Goals & Actions
 - Need to determine the timeline of what short-term is
 - Long-term actions are the “to-do list” once the short-term ones are completed
 - Suggestion to have short term be 1-3 years and then longer term 3-5 years
 - Are long term goals about broader climate benchmarks?
 - The original thought is that they are based on practicality of what is actually implementable
 - Short and long term are confusing terms, alternatives:
 - Priority vs. additional, first tier vs second tier, low hanging fruit...
 - Suggestion to add “Trees” to the “Land & Water” category name
- Outreach and Education
 - Outreach in each category
 - Use of icons to indicate where this element is incorporated into the main categories
 - Would be nice to have mention that the City invites residents to be involved with outreach and education
 - Articulate a call to action, keep the spirit of civic participation and community engagement alive
- Conclusion
 - Mention community participation and collaboration
 - Cadence is already articulated
 - Mention the opportunity of the timing of the retreat followed by a joint session with Council
 - Explain more the mechanics of the board and its role as well as the sustainability coordinator’s role
- Resources
 - Possibly revise to “Appendix”

Slide 16: Organization/Framework of Plan

Proposed Table of Contents (Draft)

- Suggestion to include completed actions from original plan
 - not necessarily action items verbatim, but at least a summary of highlights
 - more extensive list of these action could be included in the Appendix

Slide 27: Next Steps

- May 12th, 6-8pm is discussion of draft recommendations to inform the first draft
 - Includes brushing up on Env’al Footprint Report and identifying most tackleable for Edgewater > email Shaima by May 2nd
- Week of May 26th - staff review draft of strategic update
- Draft to Sustainability Board & Posted on Website – June 9th

- Sustainability Board Meeting – June 24th
- Feedback on Draft Strategic Update
- City Council Presentation / Adoption (Target) – July 15th

2) Arbor Day Celebration at Ring in the Spring - Saturday, May 10th from 10am-12pm

Week of May 5

- Rich and Lindsey to mark sites for trees
- Lindsey and Public Works team to dig 6 holes and backfill
- Rich will coordinate tree ordering/delivery with Autumn Tree Lawn and Alameda Wholesale. Total of trees to be planted at Citizen's
 - 3 oak trees
 - 1 London plain
 - 2 Kentucky coffee trees

May 9th

- Time TBD, City staff and sustainability volunteers to plant 4 trees

May 10th: Ring in the Spring Celebration

- 10-11:30am - Rich hosting table on trees, EAB, etc.
 - Shaima/Sustainability also hosting a table/activity
 - PIE will have their own table to promote the HES program
 - They will manage LED kit distribution
- 10:30/11 - Lindsey arrive to get equipment prepped for planting
- 11:30 - Sustainability board to give speech
 - Lindsey is willing to speak as well if needed.
- 11:45 tree planting
 - We will plant one of the Kentucky Coffee trees on the 10th

Board Members attending Ring in the Spring

- Steirer's (from 10am-12pm)
- Jacklyn
- Jeanette Papp
- Bruce

ITEM 7. Category Lead Comments

1) Clean Energy

- a) Bruce attended the last City Council
- b) Wondering about the upcoming potential for micromobility in Edgewater - any updates?

- a. Was discussed before the pandemic
- b. Hasn't been discussed since Lilly on the Board
- c. Shaima will email Lilly PIE's micromobility pptx

2) Social Vibrancy

- a) Shaima will have an Ambassadors sign up sheet at RIS
- b) Recruit volunteers for Resource Central garden planting

3) Land & Water

- a) Sunday, April 27th from 10:30-12 at the City Park greenhouses in Denver > offering fruit and yard trees at 60% discount
- b) Land acknowledgement - Sustainability Coordinator should see the email from Andy with recommendations to update the language

4) Waste & Materials

- a) Sloan's Lake Foundation presented to City Council 2 years ago
 - a. They asked for someone from our Board to attend their meetings > JP volunteered
- 2. Sloan's Lake Guide pamphlets > pick them up at 40 West Arts for free
 - a. They will have an event on May 7th, venue TBD
- 3. Recycling tour with 55+ group at Republic this Thursday, hosted by the City's Communication & Events department

ITEM 8. Public Comment

None

ITEM 9. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas; Staff and City Council Liaison Comments

- 1) New Chief of Police sworn in
- 2) Power outage happened at the P&Z/Council work session when they were segueing into housing discussion on State legislation
 - a) Rezoning (upzoning) is going to happen close to Sheridan
 - b) P&Z is reviewing how to update the zoning
 - c) Implementation of ADU's also being discussed

- a. required to be at least between minimum of 500SF and maximum 750
- d) Share any questions and concerns with Lilly
- 3) **Upcoming Agenda Topics for May 27th, 2025**
 - a) EV Charging System Permits Law (HB24-1173)
 - b) Solar legislation
- 4) **CC4CA Updates**
- 5) Please RSVP to the Volunteer Appreciation Party on May 15th if you haven't already
- 6) Shaima will get notes from CC4CA on solar permitting (HB25-1096)

ITEM 10. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Sustainability Board Meeting Dates & Times for the next 6 months

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00PM

- May 27th
- June 24th
- July 22nd
- August 26th
- September 23rd
- October 28th

Sustainability Plan Strategic Update - Timeline

Activity/Event	Preferred
Shaima to Update on Process; Melissa to present	Jan. 28th (Board Meeting)
Community Survey Closes	February 2nd
Plan Assessment Phase Takeaways Report-Out	Feb. 25th (Board Meeting)
Council Update	March 4th
Community Priorities Public Workshop	March 13th
Board Work Session (report/get feedback on public input from workshop)	April 22nd (Board Meeting)
[Add'l] Board Work Session (preliminary draft recommendations)	Week of May 12th
Staff Review	Week of May 26th
Board Work Session (feedback on final Plan Draft)	June 24th (Board Meeting)
Council Presentation / Adoption	July 15th

Sustainability Plan Strategic Update

April 22nd, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Agenda

- ▶ Process Update
- ▶ Public Workshop Feedback Report-Out
- ▶ Strategic Update Approach
- ▶ Next Steps

Process Timeline

Plan Assessment - Oct. '24 - Jan. '25

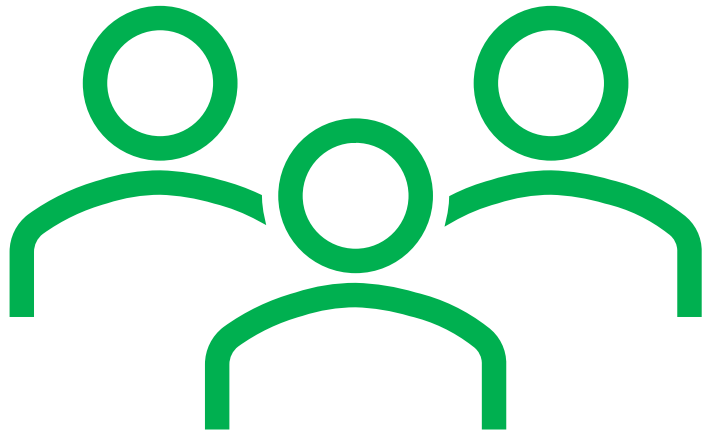
- Sustainability Board Work Session - Nov. 12th
- Stakeholder Interviews - December 16th & 18th
- Community Survey - December - January (end of)
- Environmental Footprint Report

Strategic Priority ID - Feb. '25 - April '25

- Plan Assessment Phase Report-Out - February 25th
- Council Update - March 4th
- Community Priorities Workshop - March 13th
- Sustainability Board Work Session - April 22nd

Draft Strategic Update & Final Plan - May '25 - July '25

- Additional Board Work Session - May 12th
- Sustainability Board Work Session - June 24th
- Strategic Update Council Adoption - July 15th



Public Workshop Feedback

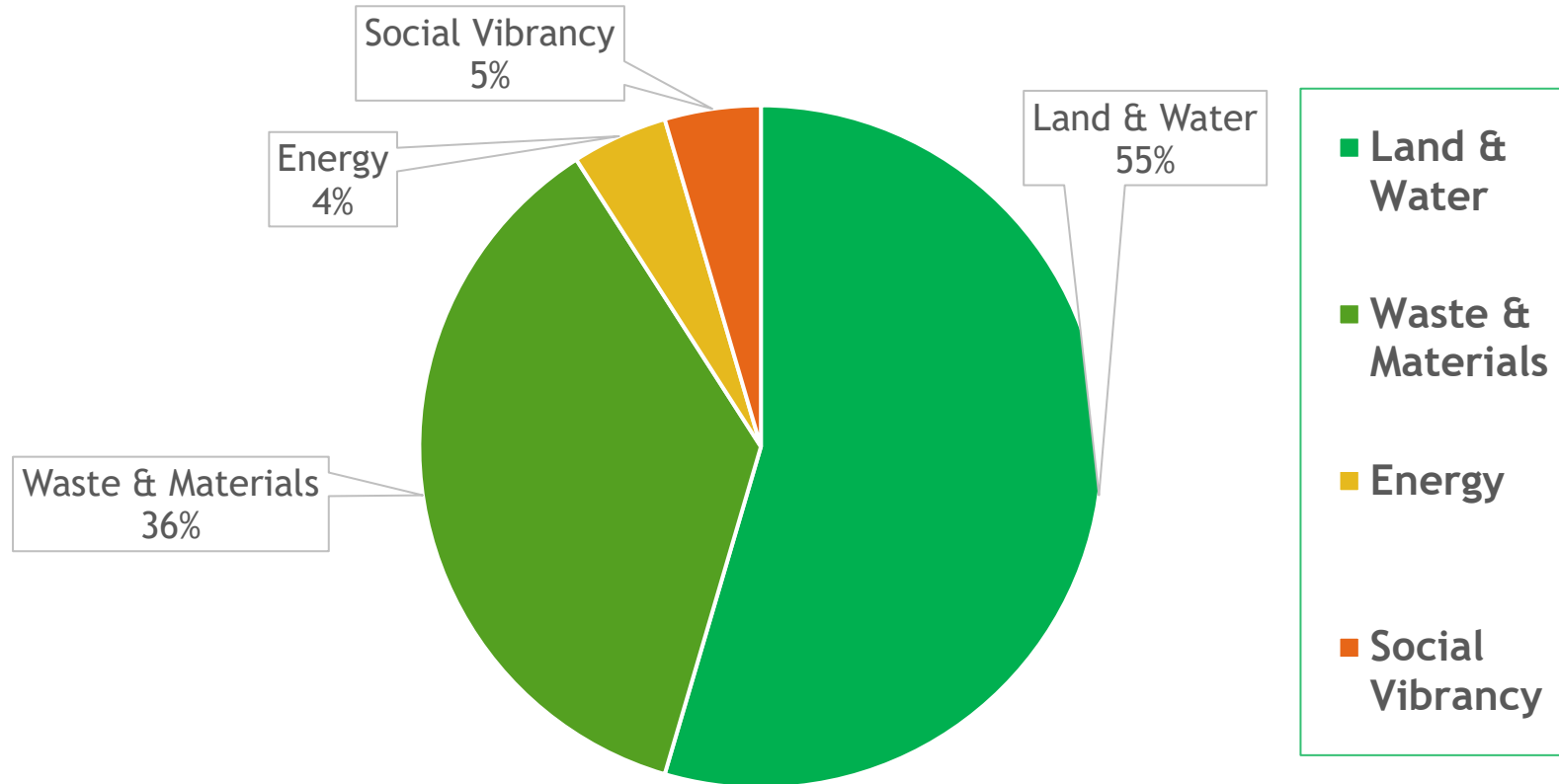
Public Workshop

- ▶ Thursday, March 13th - 6:00 - 8:00
- ▶ Good turnout (~35 participants)



Public Workshop - Dot Exercise Results

Place a Dot on the One Plan Category that Edgewater Most Needs To Prioritize



Community Survey Results (for comparison):

Land & Water - 39%
Waste & Materials - 26%
Social Vibrancy - 19%
Energy - 16%

Public Workshop - Dot Exercise Results

WHAT SHOULD EDGEWATER PRIORITIZE
NEXT IN THE LAND & WATER CATEGORY?

Place a dot on your
TOP 2 Priorities!



Establish a water audit program for businesses and homes

3



Hold workshops and classes with a grey water system expert to educate and strategize for grey water use by residents and businesses

2



Expand the tree program in Edgewater; track the increase/decrease by counting number of trees planted verses the number cut down and track the canopy cover

15



Plant rain gardens in runoff areas in public spaces to use the rain in place, and reduce runoff damage

12



Create a healthy, thriving local food and cottage services economy by educating & encouraging our residents to grow and make their own food and goods

8



Other
(Write in on Post-It)

PLACE POST-IT HERE
PLACE DOT ON POST-IT TO VOTE

“Put in crosswalk light along Creek between Lakewood + Edgewater, West of Soopers + Target, on Depew St.”
(2 Dots)

“While increasing tree canopy, keep in mind solar panel shade problems + fire wise landscaping.”
(2 Dots)

“Consider the benefits of setting a road standard that requires brick to be used instead of asphalt.”

Public Workshop - Dot Exercise Results

WHAT SHOULD EDGEWATER PRIORITIZE NEXT IN THE WASTE & MATERIALS CATEGORY?

Place a dot on your TOP 2 Priorities!



Conduct a waste audit to better understand what is in our residential waste stream

9



Include commitment to waste reduction with each business license renewal every year

8



Expand composting opportunities for businesses, along with other waste reduction strategies

5



Provide recycling, composting, and landfill disposal options at all permitted events

12



Other
(Write in on Post-It)

PLACE POST-IT HERE
PLACE DOT ON POST-IT TO VOTE

“Keep litter cleaned up along Creek to keep it out of the lake.”
(1 Dot)

“New Business Permit - Commit to complete a waste reduction training.”
(2 Dots)

“Free/super-reduced pricing for Residential composting.”

Public Workshop - Dot Exercise Results

WHAT SHOULD EDGEWATER PRIORITIZE NEXT IN THE SOCIAL VIBRANCY CATEGORY?

Place a dot on your TOP 2 Priorities!



Establish a Green Business Program sharing optional resources such as composting and green infrastructure upgrades, and to share sustainable business practices

10



Prioritize Sustainability education opportunities such as a Sustainability Walking Tour, Welcome Packet with “How-To’s” for new residents, etc.

12



Other
(Write in on Post-It)

PLACE POST-IT HERE
PLACE DOT ON POST-IT TO VOTE

Public Workshop - Dot Exercise Results

WHAT SHOULD EDGEWATER PRIORITIZE NEXT IN THE ENERGY CATEGORY?

Place a dot on your TOP 2 Priorities!



Develop benchmarks for all commercial properties with the help of ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

0



Offer homeowner training & consumer protections for solar systems and electric vehicle charge controllers

18



Regularly publicize & report on Edgewater energy efficiency data and Xcel renewable energy progress through outreach channels

9



Other
(Write in on Post-It)

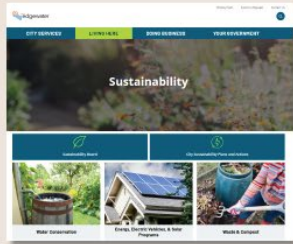
PLACE POST-IT HERE
PLACE DOT ON POST-IT TO VOTE

“Publicize all City, County, State + Federal rebates, + Xcel rebates + how they can be combined.”
(1 Dot)

“A community sponsored solution to help put up solar for homes. This could be a group buy and install program.”
(1 Dot)

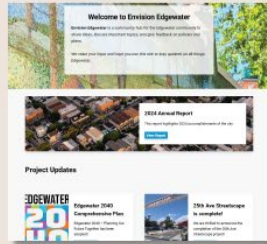
Public Workshop - Dot Exercise Results

WHAT ARE THE WAYS THAT YOU ARE **MOST INTERESTED** IN ENGAGING & LEARNING ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY? [PLACE A DOT ON YOUR TOP 3]



City of Edgewater's Sustainability Website

5



Envision Edgewater

1



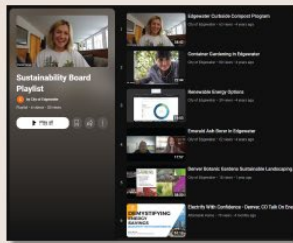
Town Crier/Newsletter

12



Direct Mailings

9



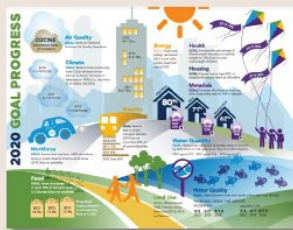
Webinars/Online Seminars

1



In-Person Workshops/
Tutorials

11



How-To Guides/
One-Pagers

12



Booths/Tabling at
Community Events

11

“Edgewater Echo”
(1 Dot)

“Have instructional workshops that are hands-on. Something like going to the community and teaching everyone gardening techniques.”

Public Workshop Feedback

WHAT ELSE WOULD SPECIFICALLY BE HELPFUL TO YOU FROM AN EDUCATIONAL STANDPOINT? WHAT TOPICS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT?

“Do an occasional Saturday Civic Center meeting in daytime.”

“More information about Solar Panels and solar farming.”

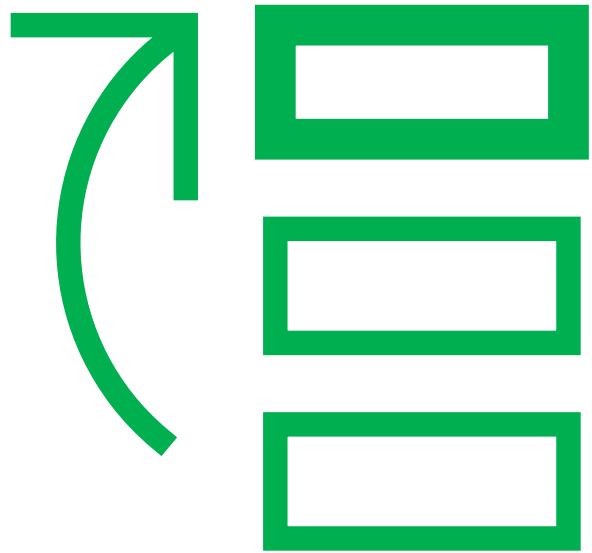
“Programs for children to learn about sustainability.”

“Acquire a trolley or bus or ease of transport within the city . . . Use advertising to offset costs.
Pick up residents (social engagement) - possible cycle 10:00, 2:00, weekend 12:00, 6:00 pm.”

“Put special book exhibit in library with posters and flyers along with books + videos to check out.”



Questions / Comments



Strategic Update Approach


Updating, but not Rewriting, the Plan

- ▶ Intent of Update will be to largely retain the format and style of the document
 - ▶ Feedback received throughout the process has reinforced that the vision of the Plan and the Goals still resonate with the community
- ▶ Update can:
 - ▶ Reorganize pieces of the document
 - ▶ Remove some content that was directly related to the process of creating the City's 1st Sustainability Plan
 - ▶ Remove some content related to completed Actions
 - ▶ Add content - particularly prioritization - gleaned through this process

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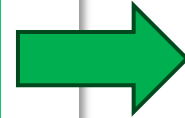
Update with list of specific participants, partners, etc. from this Strategic Update process.

Specifically acknowledge the work that went into the 2019 effort in a more condensed, narrative format.

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**Collapse into a single section:
Sustainability in Edgewater**

Include within:

- History (including Timeline)
- ICLEI Model Info (condensed)
- Existing Plan Guidance & Policy Background (Comp Plan & those completed since 2019)
 - High-level & linking to documents
 - Include narrative on Pollutants/Environmental Impacts
 - Link Environmental Footprint Report takeaways informing Strategic Update

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Largely keep narrative intact

Call out that these Four Categories were reaffirmed in the Strategic Update process.

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Remove section and add into Resources ("Appendix") & in **Sustainability In Edgewater** section

Link to/attach Environmental Footprint Report

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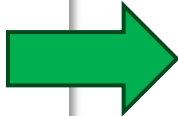
Move after the consolidated **Sustainability in Edgewater** section; retitle "Assessment & Strategic Update"

- Consolidate narrative & photos from 2019 Assessment Process
- Add photos & narrative about Strategic Update process

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- Keep Goals largely intact (slight wordsmithing)
 - Edit out completed Actions
 - Update with new Actions
 - Introduce Hierarchy in Actions:
 - Short-Term Priorities
 - Ongoing Actions
 - Long-Term Actions

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Move to after “The Four Categories” section

Use as an opportunity to set up this topic's importance and the community's emphasis on it from the Strategic Update process.

Introduce a way of tagging/keying specific Actions in each Category that best aligns with Outreach & Education.

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Weave into Goals & Actions

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Revise to “Implementation & Advocacy”

- Address cross-jurisdictional collaboration
- Formally recommend a Strategic Update cadence going forward
- Articulate Sustainability Board's role as a citywide advocate
 - Discuss process of Board Retreat → Annual Advocacy Theme(s) / Presentation to City Council

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Revise to "Appendix"

Include links to resources & link to/attach Environmental Footprint Report

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- Outreach & Education
- Goals & Actions
 - Land & Water
 - Waste & Materials
 - Energy
 - Social Vibrancy
- Implementation & Advocacy
- Appendix

Next Steps

- ▶ **Sustainability Board Meeting - Monday, May 12th**
 - ▶ Discussion of Preliminary Draft Recommendations
 - ▶ ***Homework Request (!)*** - Review Environmental Footprint Report; Identify items that seem most “tackle-able”; Email to Shaima **by end of next week (May 2)**

- ▶ **Week of May 26th**
 - ▶ Staff Review Draft of Strategic Update

- ▶ **Draft to Sustainability Board & Posted on Website - June 9th**

- ▶ **Sustainability Board Meeting - June 24th**
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Sustainability Plan Strategic Update

April 22nd, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM