

Memo

To: CDBG Committee

From: Karl Van Lith

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Subject: Sustainability Plan

The newly developed Sustainability Plan has been referred to several City committees. This new plan updates the Green Capital City Plan from 2005. That plan had an energy conservation and green building focus and was created prior to the City adopting The Natural Step (TNS) framework which looks more broadly at sustainability. The new Plan is a guideline document for policy makers, employees and residents and looks at a wide range of sustainability categories and outlines goals and actions for the City to take.

Several of the categories touch on areas that have interest to CDBG. Energy conservation in NH facilities, workforce development, business incubators/economic development, affordable housing, education, and health care access are a few of the areas where goals have been developed. The Plan was meant to provide a longer view of how Madison and the surrounding region can be sustainable.