

Building a Green Capital City-V2 Draft Report

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While city operations will surely take the largest chunk, the city has many opportunities for influence that extend beyond a conservative definition of “operations” and could include other units of government, utilities, transportation, urban planning, etc.

- Operations
- Infrastructure (utilities, transportation, urban planning, etc.)
- Public green indicators
- Policies (utilities, transportation, urban planning, etc.)
- Regional Collaboration - Public

Where it fits in with the *Blueprint*: Blueprint Section: Develop Annual Reporting Requirements for the City (pg 59).

Further Background as appropriate: The sustainability of a community not only involves the environmental quality of the community, but the economic vitality and health of city and its residents as well. The annual sustainability report is envisioned as an action plan that addresses the four key questions posed by the EPA’s Community Assessment Greenkit:

- Where are we now?
- Where are we going?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

The establishment of Guiding sustainability principles (drawn from the *Blueprint* and concisely re-stated) and a set of comprehensive sustainability goals borne out of those principles provide a consistent vision for the city’s continuous efforts. The goals presented herein were drawn from previous workgroup efforts undertaken by City subcommittees and are presented as examples only. Goals, to be useful, must be measurable. Indicators enable the City to measure its progress towards accomplishing its goals. The annual report is re-framed each year through the review of quantifiable indicators.

Annual Sustainability Report

Mayor’s Message/Sustainability Manager’s Message

Executive Summary

Guiding Principles for a Sustainable City

Sustainability Goals

Environmental Performance

- Goal 1-XX (Air Quality)
Objective

- Indicator(s): (EPA average air quality index)
- Goal 2-XX (Water Quality)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 3-XX (Water Efficiency)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 4-XX (Energy & Climate Change)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 5-XX (Solid Waste Diversion)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):

Economic Prosperity

- Goal 1-XX (Economic Viability)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 2-XX (Education)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 3-XX (Housing Affordability)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 4-XX (Green Business Development)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):

Community Health

- Goal 1-XX (Enriching Community Life)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 1-XX (Local Food Supply)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 1-XX (Public Health)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 1-XX (Transportation)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):
- Goal 1-XX (Land Use)
 - Objective
 - Indicator(s):

Annual Report on Indicators

- Environmental Indicator 1-XX
 - Performance target date (relative to a baseline/timeline)
 - City Actions (for reporting year)
 - Trend Analysis (graphic comparison to previous reporting efforts)

- Economic Indicator 1-XX
 - Performance target date (relative to a baseline/timeline)
 - City Actions (for reporting year)
 - Trend Analysis (graphic comparison to previous reporting efforts)

- Community Health Indicator 1-XX
 - Performance target date (relative to a baseline/timeline)
 - City Actions (for reporting year)
 - Trend Analysis (graphic comparison to previous reporting efforts)

Financial Assessment

Feedback and Contact Information

Examples of possible goals: Included in report outline above.