

Dunwoody Sustainability Plan Update – 4/11/22

2021 Progress on Sustainability Plan Achievement

Adoption of the new Sustainability Plan with the goal of ARC Green Communities platinum performance

Staff reviewed Plan with Committee provided status and made requests for 2022 budgets

Plan Action status is recorded in Short-term Work Plan (STWP) as Maintain, Priority, or Other

Sustainability Committee developed Priorities, with qualitative inputs, not quantitative (budgeting)

Key Performance Gap: Staff training was not conducted in 2021, as required by the Plan

2022 Recommendations for Sustainability Plan Improvement

Council should review STWP, Maintain Actions, and direct/fund progress on Priorities Actions

Plan's 5 Pillar reviews are planned by Committee & Staff from Mar-Dec. Annual audits in Jan-Feb

Increased City Staff time and focus as required to achieve Plan goals with training & performance reviews

2022 Priorities: Action Items for Each Goal
The city will work to increase park space so that all residents will live within 1/2 mile walking distance to a publicly accessible park.
The city will develop, adopt and implement a greenspace plan that provides for connectivity of protected greenspace within and among neighborhoods and retail areas.
The city will consider a residential tree policy with restrictions and expanded regulations around the cutting of native trees.
The city will maintain policies that encourage and do not unreasonably restrict hobby beekeeping within the city.
The city will conduct water audits (indoor and outdoor) of existing local government facilities and implement recommendations -or- engage in performance contracting for water use in government buildings.
The city will consider EPA WaterSense or higher efficiency plumbing for new public buildings and assess retrofits for existing public buildings where the long-term benefits outweigh the costs.
The city will evaluate and strive to become a Georgia Department of Community Affairs WaterFirst Community.
The city will develop a plan to test and monitor the complete city watershed in accordance with the City's impaired waters plan.
The city will reduce the size of street lanes to reduce asphalt on roads where feasible.
The City will strive to become, and maintain, a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze level or higher.
The City will strive to become, and maintain, a Walk Friendly Community at the Bronze level or higher.
The City will implement policies to ensure adherence to its No Idling Policy that requires turning off vehicles when stopped for more than 30 seconds except as noted in the policy for all city owned and contractor vehicles used for city business.
The City will encourage each public school's PTO or volunteer organization to actively implement/support a Safe Routes To School program to promote safe walking and bicycling to school, to support bus use and carpools, and to raise awareness of no idle policies in carpool lines and parking areas.
The City will strive to maintain and increase electric vehicle charging stations at publicly accessible parking lots throughout the city.
The City will pursue policies and actions that eventually lead to the connection of our multi-purpose trail network with those from our neighboring cities.
The City will maintain/update trails, pedestrian connections, and bicycle facility maps and incorporate way-finding signage on trails and at appropriate community locations.
The City will initiate a process to engage in energy benchmarking to determine how the City's buildings perform relative to their peers in terms of building size, type, occupancy, and climate.
The City will create, and apply a schedule to conduct energy audits/retrocommissioning of appropriate city facilities and implement recommendations.

<p>The City will continue to support community solar power efforts by utilizing the expedited solar permitting checklist and evaluating additional best management practices (BMPs) to promote and facilitate rooftop solar installation.</p>
<p>The City will work with local schools to institutionalize recycling programs and associated educational efforts.</p>
<p>The City will partner with the Dunwoody Nature Center, or others, to provide a 'How To' program for residential and commercial composting.</p>
<p>The City will formalize recycling requirements at public events and evaluate tools to encourage waste minimization and composting at those events.</p>
<p>The City will develop a sustainability consideration checklist for routing during review of events and permitting projects to ensure that policies are followed (ex. Public event recycling).</p>
<p>The City will develop and implement educational campaigns about road safety, rights/laws regarding Vulnerable Road Users, sustainable vehicle utilization, multi-modal transportation options, energy efficiency, and bicycle and pedestrian friendly policies.</p>