

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody Sustainability Committee serves to encourage our community to reduce its environmental impact by providing assistance in public education and outreach on sustainability; and

WHEREAS, at the core of this mission is our commitment to define sustainable practices and to demonstrate them by honoring those who are most dedicated to reducing our community’s environmental footprint; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Hero of the Year award is given to one exemplary individual recognized by the Committee, Mayor and Council, and our City for their dedication, service, and leadership in sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Jason Metzger models sustainable behavior in his personal and professional life and commits his free time to driving community change; and

WHEREAS, Jason has dedicated significant time to sustainability efforts by serving for years on the Sustainability Committee and working as an employee in the green sector; and

WHEREAS, Jason lives sustainable principles by growing an organic garden and tirelessly using a push-reel mower for his lawn; and

WHEREAS, Jason bike-commutes to work in all weather, all year and illuminates the way forward for bicyclists of all ages within the Dunwoody community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Jason models leadership in the City of Dunwoody and consistently displays passion while sharing his knowledge with others in order to improve awareness, attitudes and behavior to drive sustainable best practices in Dunwoody.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 29, 2024, as Sustainability Heroes Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 29th day of April, 2024.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Sustainability Hero Organization of the Year award is given to one exemplary organization or business recognized by the Committee, Mayor and Council, and our City for dedication, service, and leadership in sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Oak Avenue Landscaping is a completely electric landscaping business; and

WHEREAS, Oak Avenue Landscaping uses equipment that is powered by batteries and is charged using energy from solar panels; and

WHEREAS, Oak Avenue Landscaping prioritizes equipment that is quieter and less intrusive than gas-powered equipment; and

WHEREAS, Oak Avenue Landscaping works to keep Dunwoody beautiful and free of pollution while serving the community’s landscaping needs; and

WHEREAS, Oak Avenue Landscaping remains committed to making the city a more eco-friendly community.

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Dunwoody Sustainability Plan Update – 4/29/2024

Sustainability Committee 2023 Audit Review:

- City Department Plans include Sustainability Goals
- Continue to Monitor our Watersheds
 - Neighborhood Water Watch (NWW) collaboration with Chattahoochee River Keeper waterway monitoring provided early detection of compromised stream from sewage overflow
- Sustainability enhances community engagement, wellness, and business destination desirability
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Assessment
- Front Yard Tree Planting Program Success
- Water Education and Awareness Program opportunities include communications
 - Green Speak topic in January 2024)
- Enhance Recycling Awareness
- Inform Dunwoody Energy Strategy – GHG Inventory Assessment

2024 Priorities:

- Fund 2 HHW and 2 E-Waste Recycling Events
- Education & Wellness – Quarterly Green Speak Series, Monthly D-News Highlights
- Plan to Platinum – Assess gaps and establish plans to pursue ARC Platinum Status by 2026
- Assess Recycling Options for Multi-Family Housing Residents
- Reevaluate joining Georgia Department of Community Affairs WaterFirst Community program
- Support Front Yard Tree Planting, Educate on Replanting and Natives, assess Composting Options
- Pursue Grants to support additional Community Sustainability Enhancements

