

City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
March 25, 2024

Council-Manager Briefing

Sustainability Plan Update

Mayor Rhodus called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Debbie Pennington, Adam Kraft, Tim Meyers, Matt Davidson and Gwen Brill.

Staff members present: Scott Timmer, Adam Sackenheim, Erin Lynn, Alisha Wilson, Steve Wolterman, Laurie Murphy, Greg Kathman, Ben Mann, Mandi Brock, Steve Maynard, Tom Lakamp, Carol Mayhall and Chris Hacker.

Public Utilities Director Adam Sackenheim and Planning Manager Erin Lynn presented an update on the City's Sustainability Plan. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Debbie Pennington	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

None.

Special Presentations

a. Proclamation - Safe Prom & Graduation

Mayor Rhodus presented the Safe Prom & Graduation Proclamation to Fairfield Prevention Coalition. Students from the coalition presented information and initiatives to promote a safe, drug and alcohol free prom and graduation season.

b. Peggy Emmerson, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Emmerson gave an update regarding the career fair coming up on April 18 at Fairfield High School and the Quarterly Business Roundtable on April 25.

c. Fire Department Presentation

Councilmember Paullus recognized Fire Chief Tom Lakamp and the Fire Department for an award from Miami Valley Risk Management Association, the city's loss and casualty insurance provider.

Citizen Comments

None.

Council Reports

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Special Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2024 and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Motion to amend for formatting and grammatical errors.

Councilmember Davidson presented the third reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to repeal existing Chapters 1101 through 1199 (Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Code) of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, and adopt the new City of Fairfield Planning and Zoning Code as part of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this ordinance at the February 12, 2024 meeting, set the joint public hearing date for February 26, 2024, and await the written

recommendation from the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Third Reading

Councilmember Davidson presented the second reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this item at the February 26, 2024 meeting, set the public hearing date for March 11, 2024 and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Third Reading

Councilmember Davidson presented the second reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this item at the February 26, 2024 meeting, set the joint public hearing date for March 11, 2024 and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Public Works

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Resolution continuing a general policy of the City of Fairfield, Ohio regarding property erosion along streams, creeks, rivers and other watercourses.

Recommendation:

It is staff's recommendation that Council pass a resolution continuing the general policy of the City of Fairfield regarding property erosion along streams, creeks, rivers, and other watercourses.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, moved to read all New Business by title only.

Development Services

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Davdison presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Resolution to amend Resolution No. 9-23 to extend the moratorium on the consideration and/or granting of any zoning, occupancy, building or other permits or applications relating to vape stores within the City of Fairfield and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City adopt the resolution extending the moratorium relating to new vape stores within the City of Fairfield until June 11, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the concept and final development plan for the Optimized Senior Living Planned Unit Development on approximately 5.6 acres of land on three parcels located at 6131 and 6151 River Road.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have the first reading on this item at the March 25, 2024 meeting, set the joint public hearing for April 8, and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance and set the joint public hearing date for April 8, 2024.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 4/8/2024 7:00 PM
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Public Safety

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application and Agreement with FEMA for funding nine (9) new firefighters and declaring an emergency

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the preparation of legislation, with rules suspension and emergency provision, authorizing the City Manager to execute and file the application for financial assistance and enter into an agreement for a grant to fund nine new firefighters for 36 months.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Public Works

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Oberson's Nursery & Landscapes, LLC for the 2024-2026 Street Sweeping Services

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Oberson's Nursery & Landscapes, LLC of Hamilton, Ohio for a period of three (3) years at the attached prices.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Capital Electric Line Builders, LLC for the 2024-2026 Traffic Signal Maintenance and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Capital Electric Line Builders, LLC of Dayton, Ohio for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services for a period of three (3) years at the attached prices.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prodigy Building Solutions, LLC for the replacement of HVAC equipment at the Justice Center and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$825,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund. It is further recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prodigy Building Solutions LLC, West Chester, Ohio for this project.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Choice One Engineering for Ross Road and Woodridge Boulevard Intersection Improvement Design

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Choice One Engineering to design the improvements to the intersection of Ross Road and Woodridge Boulevard and further recommends that City Council authorize funding in the amount shown in the Financial Impact section.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute and file the Safe Streets and Roads for All – Action Plan Grant Application and agreement and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the preparation of legislation, with rules suspension and emergency provision, authorizing the City Manager to execute and file the application for financial assistance, and enter into an agreement for a grant to fund a portion of the Safe Streets and Roads for All - Action Plan project should the grant application be selected for funding.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Finance & Budget

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain Municipal Court employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain Municipal Court employees to repeal Ordinance No.178-23 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council approve this ordinance, suspending the rules and declaring an emergency to allow for the expeditious implementation of Court employees wage increases.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain salaried and hourly employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain employees, to repeal Ordinance No. 177-23 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council approve this Ordinance, suspending the rules and declaring an emergency to allow for the expeditious implementation of the new rates.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024” - Supplemental Appropriations.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 42-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, April 8 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, April 22 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, May 13 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____

**COUNCIL- MANAGER
BRIEFING**

March 25, 2024

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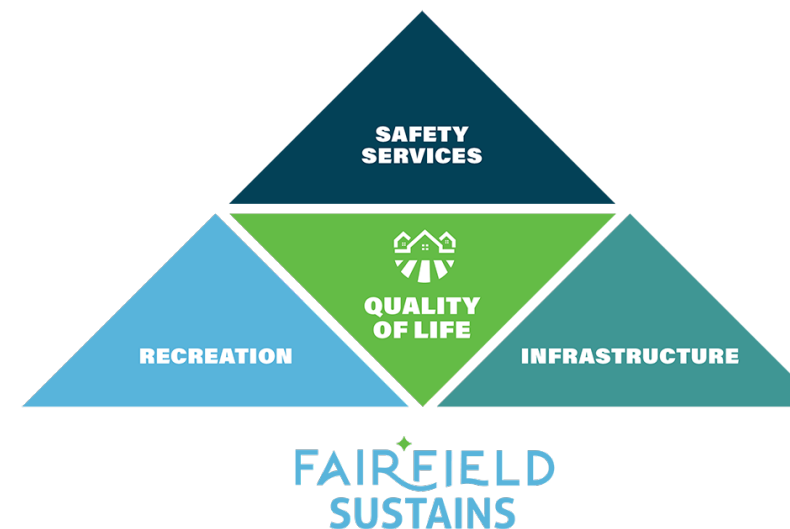


SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  blue strike

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Develop a localized Sustainability Plan for the City of Fairfield
- Funded from America Rescue Planning
- Provide superior **quality of life** for all residents and businesses
- Improve livability by reducing the impact of city operations on **natural resources** and the environment
- Integrate **operational efficiencies**, value/cost savings, process improvements





PROJECT HISTORY



Attachment: Fairfield_StrategiesSeries_Synthesis_CouncilMgrBrief_032524 FINAL (3891 :

GOALS & FRAMEWORK(S)

- **Business sustainability** - support business practice adoption
- **Residential sustainability** - ease participation for residents
- **Decarbonization goals** - carbon reduction projects, opportunity identification and ranking with costs, risks & ROI metrics
- **Building & zoning codes** - incorporate & promote sustainability
- **Green Infrastructure** - recommendations for opportunity areas
- **Efficiency** - municipal operations specified to departmental level
- **Financial operating structure** - updates to rank, prioritize and support sustainable projects and consider in procurement of goods & services
- **Macro level review** of how recommended sustainability plan equates to city wide operational efficiencies, ROI and improved quality of life
- **Fairness in public policy** as related to sustainability initiatives

PLAN TIMELINE AND KEY MILESTONES

JUNE-JULY



**Baseline
Review &
Information
Gathering**

JULY-AUG



**Data
Analysis &
Forecasts**

SEPT-APR



**Community
Outreach &
Engagement**

FEB-MAR



**Draft Goals,
Frameworks
& Strategies**

APR-MAY



**Draft & Final
Sustainability
Plan**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Engagement primary activities

- Biweekly Coordination with Project Team
- (8) Interviews with Council & Mayor (Intro, Goals)
- (3) Department Leadership (Kickoff, Ideation, Strategy Refinement)
- (3) Environmental Committee (Intro, Ideation, Strategy Refinement)
- (3) Special Council Work Sessions ((Kickoff, Ideation, Strategy Refinement)
- Miami University Graduate Student Research Engagement
- Community Promotion - City website, Facebook, Fairfield Flyer
- Community Survey - Broadly Distributed, Multiple Channels

Website (*City*)

Facebook (*City, Resident's page, Fairfield City Schools*)

Fairfield Flyer

Utility Bill Inserts

Religious & Civic Organizations

Business Newsletter

Chamber Newsletter

Chamber Dinner

Halloween on the Green

High School Environmental Science Class

City Employees

Boards and Commissions

Neighborhood Meetings

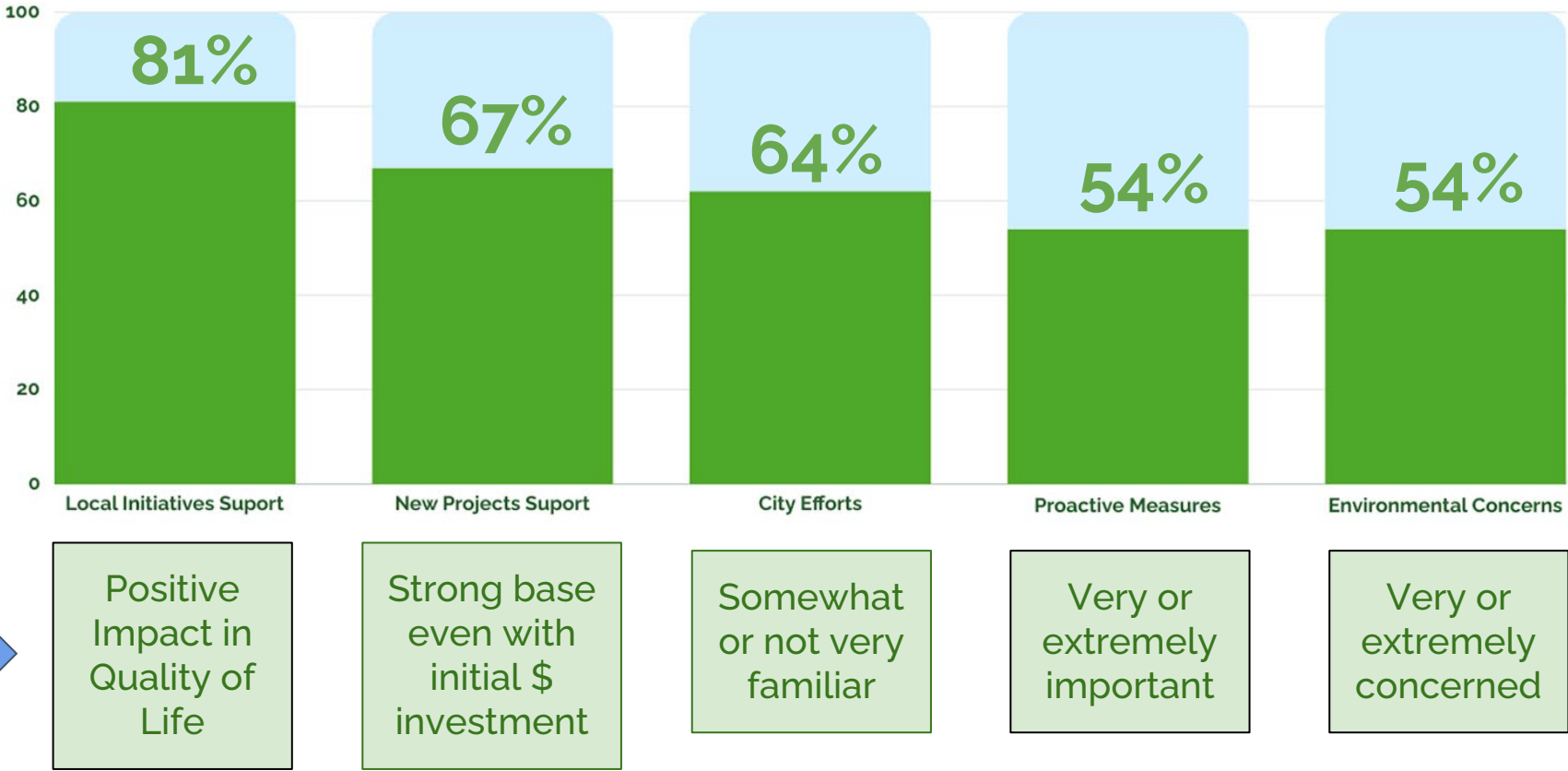
55 Plus Senior Group

Fairfield SURVEY

What is the community's perception of Environment, Sustainability & City?
Questions 1-2, 4-5, 7



The Community's
opinion about
sustainability:



What is quality of life?

Nature and Recreation

Safety and Public Services

Economic and Community Development

Environmental and Health Concerns

Infrastructure Importance

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How to increase quality of life?

Better Dining and Nightlife

Public Transport and Infrastructure

Walkability and Connectivity

Suggestions include more sidewalks, bike lanes, and connected paths

Green Initiatives

More parks, green spaces, community gardens, and environmental programs

Community Engagement and Activities

Requests for more events and activities



Fairfield SURVEY

Top Ranked Strategies *Questions 11-15*





Identify Goals &
Set Targets



STRATEGY **FOCUS AREAS**

**MOBILITY &
TRANSPORTATION**

Create a more walkable, bikeable, transit friendly community through connectivity

**BUILDINGS &
ENERGY**

Increase renewable energy, local solar, energy efficiency and electrification

**RESOURCE
CONSERVATION**

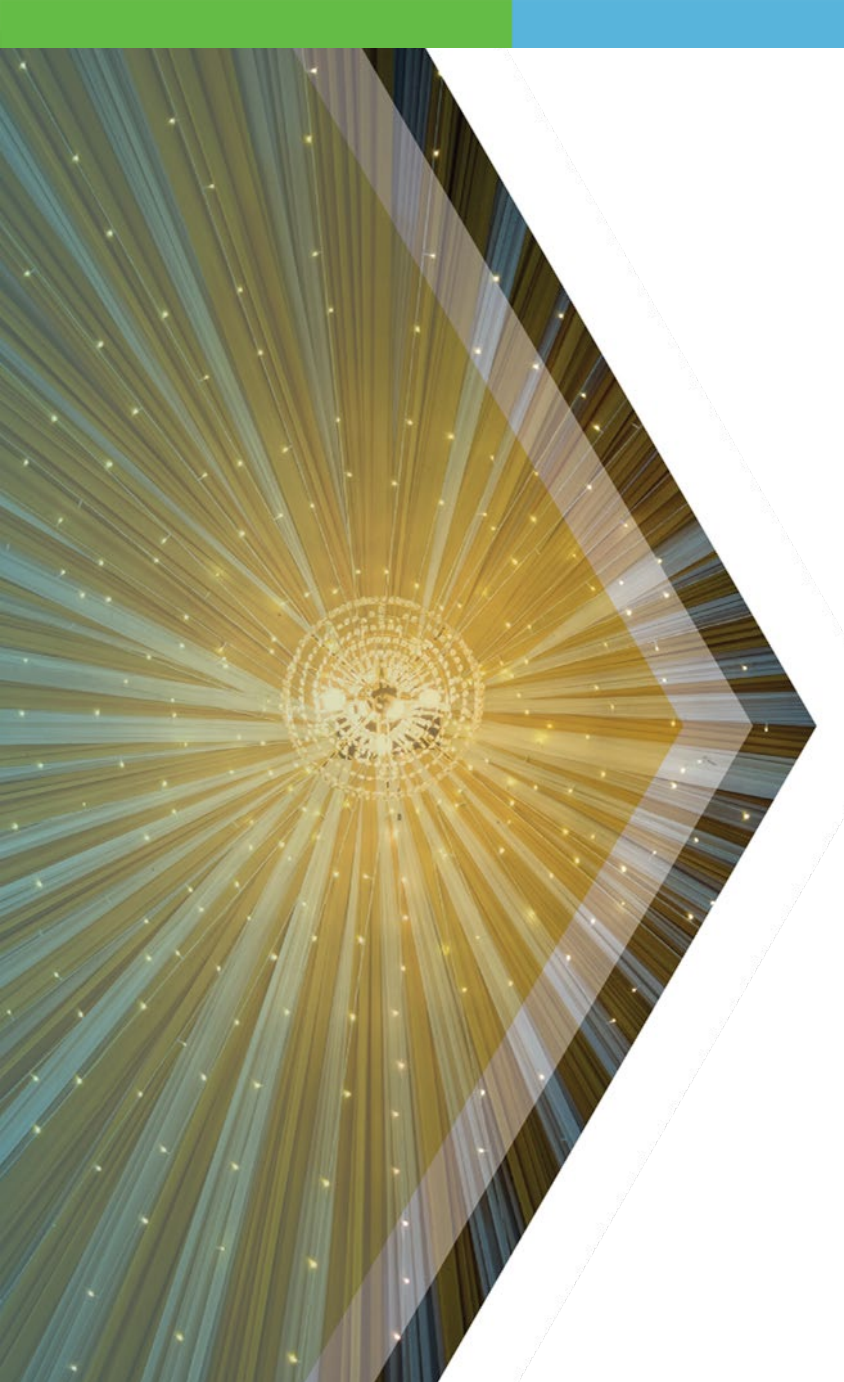
Increase waste reduction, recycling & diversion; Encourage water conservation & efficiency

**NATURE &
GREEN COMMUNITY**

Preserve green space & parks; protect natural systems, groundwater & stormwater mgmt

**COMMUNITY &
BUSINESS RESILIENCE**

Improve quality of life through sustainability for residents and businesses



HIGH IMPACT ACTIONS

- Leverage **Energy Aggregation** for Renewable Energy
- Continue **Municipal RECs** (100% renewable energy)
- Onsite **Municipal Solar**; Community solar
- Proactive **Energy Efficiency** Implementation
- Lead by Example - **City Demonstration Projects**
- Robust Implementation of **Fairfield Connects**
- **Electrify** Fleet, Off-road Vehicles, Equipment, Tools
- **Waste Diversion Plan** (WCS, set goal, expand programs)
- Pilot **Food Scrap Organics** Collection
- Citywide Tree Inventory and **Urban Forestry Action Plan**
- Launch **Green Business Recognition Program**
- **Education**, Outreach, Technical Assistance to **Drive Adoption**

GOALS

Reduce energy emissions from electricity by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2055 community-wide

ENERGY & BUILDINGS

STRATEGIES

Leverage energy aggregation to achieve 50%, 70%, 100% carbon-free energy

Increase **municipal on-site solar** by 2030

Encourage **community solar** among residents and businesses

SELECTED ACTIONS

Continue **100% renewable energy for all municipal** operations

Achieve **50% renewable energy power procurement by 2025**. Add 100% option in next procurement cycle (2027); Increase to **70% 2030** and **100% carbon-free energy by 2035**

Conduct **solar siting study** to guide municipal on-site renewable energy installations; Partner with Miami University

Upgrade **cobra head street lights and traffic signals to LED** or other energy-efficient technologies. Accelerate end of life post head light replacements

U.S. IS RAPIDLY DECARBONIZING

25

STATES HAVE
GHG TARGETS OR
CLEAN ENERGY
GOALS

600

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
HAVE DEVELOPED
CLIMATE ACTION
PLANS

**40
MILLION**

PEOPLE OR 12%
OF THE POPULATION
LIVE IN CITIES WITH
CLIMATE ACTION
PLANS

60%

OF FORTUNE 500
COMPANIES
HAVE SET
CLIMATE AND
ENERGY GOALS

FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT
WILL PROCURE
100%

CARBON POLLUTION-FREE
24/7 ELECTRICITY
BY 2030

\$100B

PER YEAR NEEDED
IN CLEAN ENERGY
INVESTMENT TO REACH
90% CLEAN ENERGY
BY 2035

2/3

OF CAR SALES
WILL BE ELECTRIC
BY 2040

U.S. GHG
REDUCTION TARGET OF
50-52%

BY 2030

MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION



GOALS

Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) emissions by 20% by 2030 and 30% by 2055

STRATEGIES

Create a more walkable & bikeable City through robust implementation of *Fairfield Connects*

Convert **25% of non-emergency City fleet to (EVs), hybrid or clean fuels** by 2030

Proactively support **community EV expansion and readiness**

SELECTED ACTIONS

Establish dedicated **Active Transportation Fund** to invest in infrastructure development, smart growth, education, incentives and connectivity enhancements in line w/ *Fairfield Connects*.

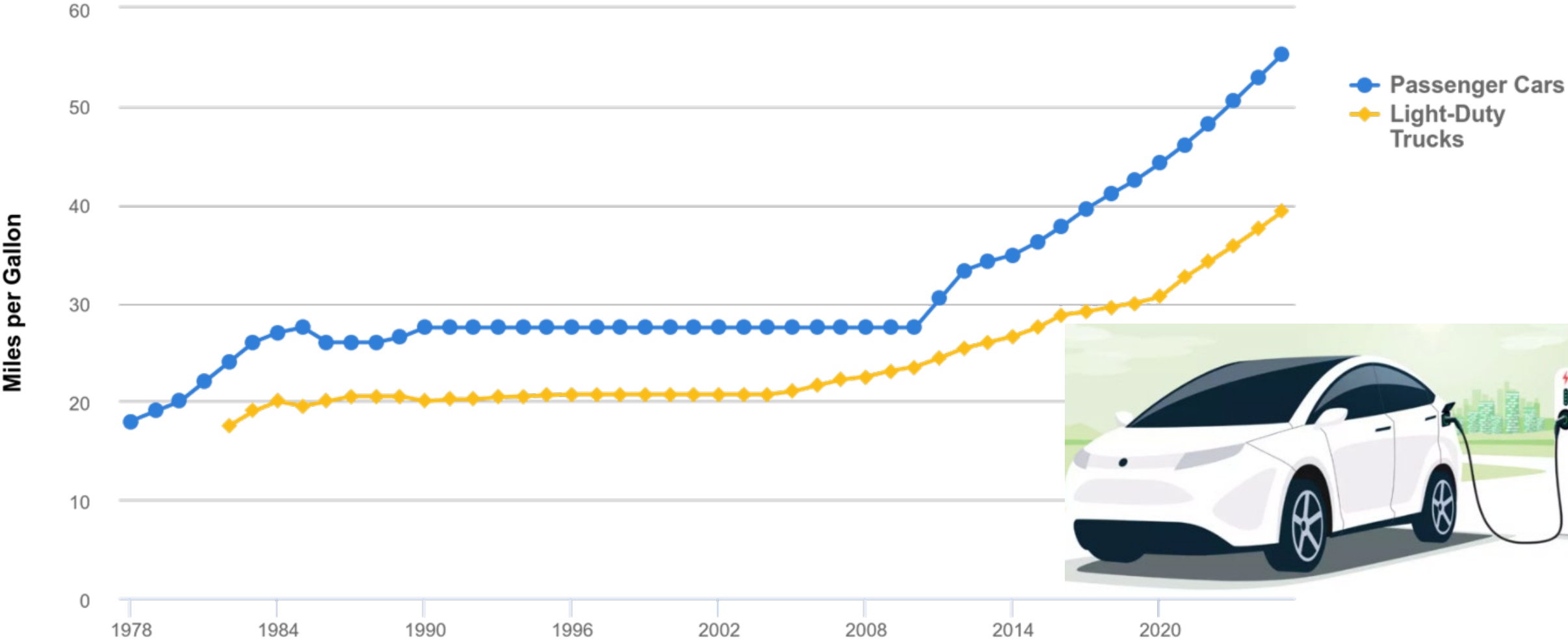
Seize funding opportunities by proactively pursuing federal, state, local grant and related opportunities by monitoring and applying for relevant grants as outlined in Plan.

Develop a **Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Study for 100% Municipal Fleet conversion by 2055** pertaining right sizing, replacement schedule, costs, infrastructure needs, optimal charging locations, and funding opportunities. Partner with Mian University.

Expand ZEV Study to include a **Community Assessment** for charging infrastructure optimization, code enhancements and other strategies to encourage EV adoption for residents and businesses.

Conduct study to assess and set targets including replacement schedule for **off-road vehicles, tools, machinery, e** electrification by 2030.

Vehicle Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) Requirements by Year



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RESOURCE CONSERVATION

GOALS

Achieve a 10% increase in waste reduction and diversion by 2030

Encourage Community Water Conservation

STRATEGIES

- Advance Sustainable Waste Management Planning
- Enhance Organics Collection Diversion
- Strengthen Current Diversion Programs
- Advance Targeted Waste Management Solutions

SELECTED ACTIONS

- Complete **Waste Characterization Study (WCS)** and **Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan by 2027**
- Launch **pilot food scrap organics** collection program **by 2026**
- Enhance and expand **existing recycling, green-waste and leaf pickup** diversion programs
- Develop **new targeted waste management programming** to increase diversion
- Adopt **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP)** for municipal operations to maximize source reduction and guide sustainable procurement **by 2025**

NATURE & GREEN COMMUNITY

GOALS

Preserve and Strategically
Develop Sustainable
Landscapes &
Communitywide Culture
of Sustainability

STRATEGIES

Preserve, expand and enhance 935 acres of existing publicly managed parks and greenspace.

Demonstrate Leadership in Sustainability by Modeling Best Practices in City Operations by **2030**

SELECTED ACTIONS

Citywide **Tree Inventory and Urban Forestry Action Plan (UFAC)** by 2028

Secure funding and **implement UFAC**, inventory and complementary initiatives

Continue City's active leadership in **Stormwater Collaborative** and **Groundwater Consortium** and **Tree City USA**

Lead by example with **City Demonstration Projects** for sustainable practices, landscaping, water catchment, porous surfaces, stormwater protection, at City parks, buildings, facilities

GOALS

Enhance Quality of Life
through Sustainability

Embrace Sustainability as
Core Aspect of Community
Identity & Value

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

STRATEGIES

Actively **Lead by Example in City Operations** to Demonstrate Sustainable Practices.

Actively **Encourage Sustainability Practice Adoption** Among Residents & Businesses By Removing Barriers to Participation.

SELECTED ACTIONS

Establish a **City Sustainability Coordinator** position to actively oversee and administer the implementation of this Plan across all focus areas, departments and community sectors

Establish **educational programming to train residents and businesses** in sustainable practice adoption and easily connect additional available resources and services

Actively monitor, pursue and **secure grant** or other funding to **support resilient natural systems** through such efforts as stream protection, wetlands or riparian restoration, erosion control, etc.

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

GOALS

Enhance Business & Community Resilience to Environmental Changes

STRATEGIES

Promote Business Resilience through Sustainability Practice Adoption

Promote Community Resilience Adaptation & Preparedness

SELECTED ACTIONS

Develop and implement **green business recognition program k 2025**; Recruit, **award and promote green businesses**

Utilize **economic development resources to target and transform commercial areas** through beautification, bike paths low-impact landscaping, green corridors and privately managed pocket parks

Continue to **actively address historical flooding concerns** through active stormwater and floodplain management and inspection activities. Utilize annual capital investments to monit and improve stormwater maintenance and infrastructure.

Partner with Butler County Emergency Response and Pre-Disaster Mitigation effort to integrate resilience into community emergency response and preparedness efforts, including environmental resiliency.



RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

- Establish Sustainability Coordinator
- Proactively Secure Grant Funding
- Fund Dedicated Active Transportation Fund
- Establish Dedicated Sustainability Fund
- Strategic Use of Economic Development Funds
- Lead by Example - Demonstration, Policy
- Prioritize Sustainability in SOPs, Policies, Purchasing (EPPP)
- Education, Outreach, Technical Assistance

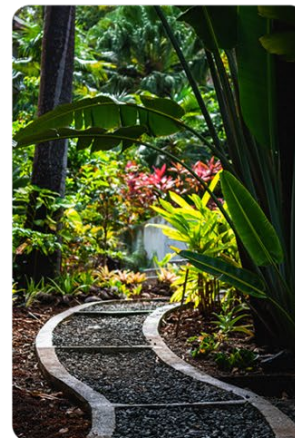
NEXT STEPS

APRIL 2024



Draft
Plan

MAY 2024



Obtain
Feedback
on
Draft Plan

SUMMER 2024



Present
and
Adopt Final
Plan

ONGOING



Implement
and
Track

Thank you!



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