



Work Plan-Fiscal Year 2022

Overview

The Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City Manager in the development or initiation of programs or actions that will enhance and create sustainable practices within the City and the community. The Commission focuses on the Triple Bottom Line aspects of sustainability - social equity, environmental health and economic prosperity, and advises on policy matters related to:

- a) sustainable practices
- b) businesses that produce sustainable products and services
- c) City building design and infrastructure
- d) related issues that directly affect sustainability efforts considered by the council

Core Priorities/Work Items

This Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) work plan emphasizes real and equitable progress within the Climate Action Plan 2.0, as well as public education that makes this climate action plan more accessible and usable to members of the community. These core priorities will guide the Commission's focal areas for on-going policy discussion, analysis, and ultimately recommendations to the City Council.

The proposed 7 focus areas for the Commission in FY22 are the following.

Areas for policy recommendations to Council:

Urban Canopy –Explore key focus areas in urban forestry including best practices for increasing and maintaining canopy coverage (including on private property), fostering equity in impact of urban forestry on the local community, building a heritage tree program, and the impacts on canopy coverage from housing development.

Resiliency/Emergency Preparedness – Research and explore opportunities to build community resilience and well-being through:

- Community-based resiliency hubs
- Hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness
- Comprehensive approach to wildfire preparedness
- Connections with City, County and Community partners

Offsets - Research benefits and disadvantages of using carbon offsets and sequestration to reach climate goals, better understand the potential impact of carbon offsets and sequestration on the local community, research opportunities for carbon offset or sequestration projects in Eugene.

Waste Management Research policy options that continue to further Eugene's efforts towards waste reduction. Explore ways to extend and enhance these efforts.

Further Research and Advocacy

Community Education and Outreach – Explore opportunities to:

- Provide public education and empowerment for individual and community action,
- Building Community Capacity to support climate work,
- Enhance connection with County and community partners to move community work forward
- Enhance communication with Council as a commission and between community members

Momentum Forward Issues – Monitor and keep working forward previous recommendations, climate action progress metrics, and topical climate related city efforts including:

- Monitor and keep advancing progress on prior FY recommendations, especially related to CAP2.0
- Updates from staff on key climate issues impacting the community
- Tracking and attending Council and Budget Committee updates with staff
- Topical climate related city efforts: EVs, land use planning, etc.

Emerging area of interest – Address unforeseen, but important sustainability-related items presented by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Commissioners, or the public, in accordance with the Commission’s adopted operating procedures.

Outcomes

- Provide at least 2-3 targeted policy recommendations to Eugene City Council.
- Provide a forum for addressing public concerns related to sustainable policies and practices.
- Provide input to City Council and City Manager on sustainability policies and practices that reflect community values.