



City and Borough of Sitka

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION WORK PLAN 2026-2027





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SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Sustainability Commission acts as an advisory body to the Assembly with the purpose of catalyzing and developing municipal and community-focused approaches that support the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of the City (SGC 2.31.010).

2025-2026

NOTABLE ACTIONS

- Released the final 2023 community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory
- Drafted CBS comments for the Alaska Marine Highway System code revision on electric vehicle transportation
- Assisted in scoping National Lab of the Rockies technical assistance to support strategic planning of municipal solid waste

CONTINUE

1. SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

In 2025, the Commission prioritized working on goals and support the Assembly's direction to decarbonize city operations by 2030 (CBS Res. 22-18). **To support this goal over the next year, proposed actions include:**

- Scoping the municipal greenhouse gas emissions inventory with City staff.
- Identifying key data sources for municipal greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
- Focusing on operational improvements to support emission reduction of the municipal fleet.

2. EXPLORING A REGIONAL APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

This goal aims to develop the Commission's regional and local role by:

- Connecting with neighboring communities with similar bodies to identify overlap in goals.
- Identifying opportunities to collaborate with other CBS bodies to broadly integrate the principles of sustainability.
- Supporting the Alaska Marine Highway Service to improve reliability, sustainability, and frequency.
- Supporting other regional sustainability efforts, such as energy efficiency.

3. COLLABORATING WITH CITY STAFF ON STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW)

In the past year, staffing changes have made this goal particularly challenging. **To support this goal over the next year, proposed action items include:**

- Engaging with the Public Works Director to determine the best ways for the Sustainability Commission to support MSW management.
- Revisiting and revising the Solid Waste Advisory Group, developing a group charter and updating the 2024 SWOT analysis with input from the new Public Works Director
- Drafting recommendations from the findings of the Waste-to-energy technical assistance.

4. FINALIZING THE SITKA COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY (SCRES)

While anticipated to be completed in 2025, federal administration changes have delayed the completion of the SCRES. **To support its finalization over the next year, action items include:**

- Promoting resources and findings in education modules and the 2023 GHG emission inventory.
- Determining the next steps for the GHG emission inventory.
- Supporting the Assembly in adoption of the final strategy.








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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES SGC 2.31.060 B

-  Fossil energy use reduction and development of local, renewable energy sources.
-  Responsible use of natural resources.
-  Diminution of Sitka's supply-chain fragility.
-  Food security enhancement.
-  Sustainable transportation options that leverage Sitka's locally generated, renewable energy sources.
-  Solid waste consumption, reduction, composting, recycling, and re-use.
-  Robust and healthy local ecosystems and natural communities.
- Other matters as the Assembly or Commission may deem beneficial for the City.

2025 ACTIONS

Sustainable Municipal Operations Support

Appointed 2 Commissioners to the Decarbonizing and Right-sizing to Improve Vehicle Efficiency (DRIVE) Advisory Group

Drafted CBS comments for the Alaska Marine Highway System code revision on electric vehicle transportation

Regional Approach to Sustainability

Attended Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority meeting at Southeast Conference

Strategic Management of Municipal Solid Waste Collaboration

Assisted in scoping National Lab of the Rockies technical assistance to support strategic planning

Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy

Released the final 2023 community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory

Completed energy education modules for CBS website

SUPPORTS:



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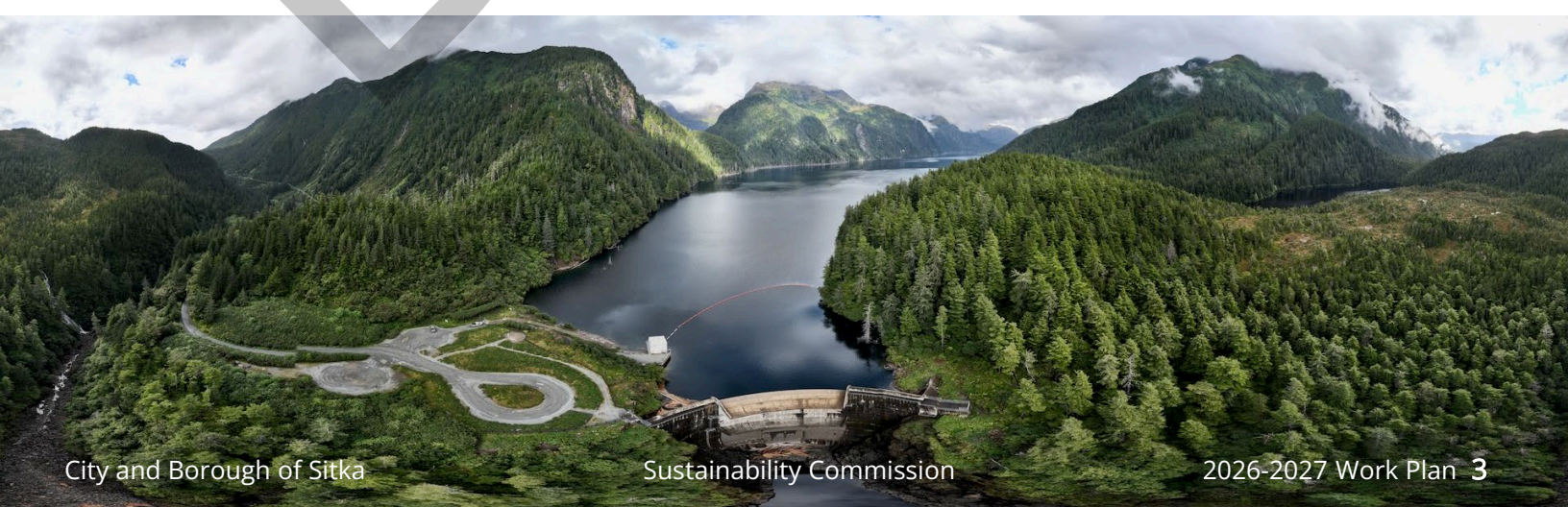
2025-2026 GOAL UPDATES & ACTIONS

On March 11th, 2025, Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Riley presented the 2025-2026 Work Plan to the City Assembly which was unanimously approved (Item 25-041). Throughout the following year, the Sustainability Commission made steady progress towards the goals despite unexpected challenges including federal administration changes, CBS vacancies, and quorum requirements. As such, this work plan focuses on updates and proposed next steps for the upcoming year. **The 2025-2026 goals were presented as:**

1. SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

In the previous work plan, the Commission reframed the goals to primarily focus on CBS operational support rather than project-based goals and included potential strategic deliverables to support the Assembly's direction to decarbonize city operations by 2030 (CBS Res. 22-18). Unfortunately, with many of these deliverables contingent on other goals and/or collaboration with vacant CBS positions, this goal did not unfold as initially anticipated. However, many of the proposed deliverables are still viable options that would benefit CBS. Fortunately, vacancies gradually filled towards the end of 2025. Meanwhile, the Sustainability Commission remained responsive to requests from CBS staff as unexpected events and opportunities arose throughout the year.

In August 2025, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) announced a brief public comment period for a code review shortly after Alaska Marine Lines announced it would no longer ship electric vehicles (EVs). With the AMHS now the only way for EVs to arrive in Sitka, **the Municipal Administrator requested the Sustainability Commission draft comments for CBS outlining the importance of the AMHS's service, recommend ways to improve the booking process, summarize global safety developments, and highline importance of the AMHS as the only option for municipal EV procurement.**



2025-2026 GOAL UPDATES & ACTIONS

2. EXPLORE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

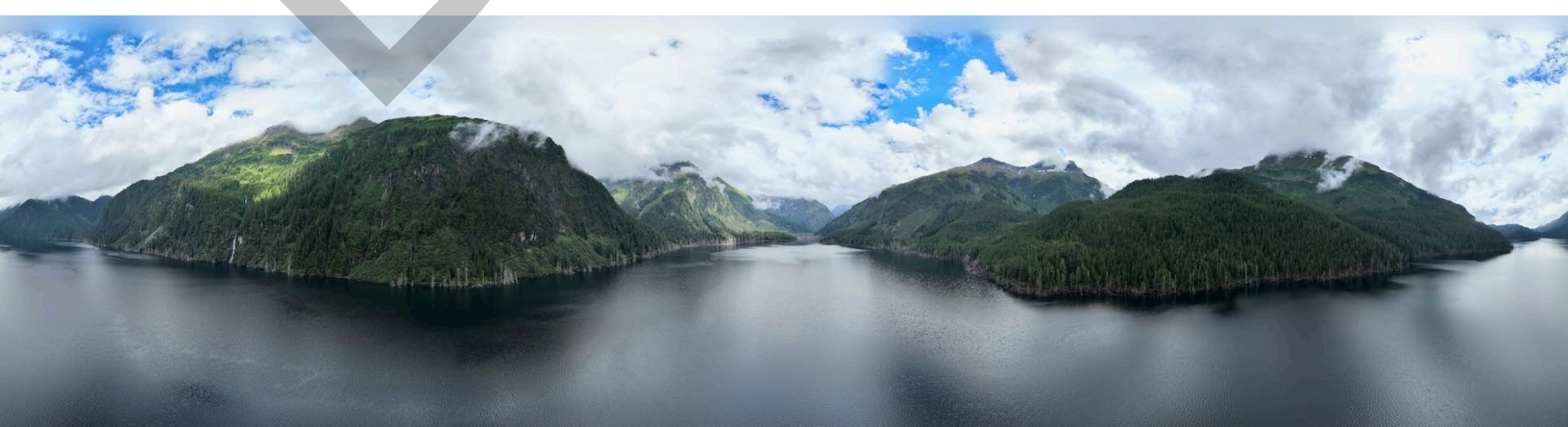
Much of the progress made on this goal closely overlapped with Goal 3, as CBS is a participant in the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority's (SEASWA) regional planning project in partnership with Southeast Conference. This project aims to prepare a regional approach to municipal solid waste. In September 2025, Southeast Conference held its annual meeting in Sitka, which included a session on municipal solid waste and the SEASWA project. This session was attended by two Commissioners who connected with other communities and other municipal solid waste stakeholders.

3. COLLABORATE WITH CITY STAFF ON STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW)

Progress on this goal was adversely affected by the extended vacancy of the Public Works Director position. Fortunately, regional progress was still possible through the regional SEASWA planning effort as summarized in Goal 2. The Solid Waste Advisory Group Commissioners assisted the Sustainability Coordinator in scoping a small technical assistance award from the National Lab of the Rockies.

4. CONTINUE SUPPORTING AND FINALIZE THE SITKA COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY (SCRES)

Progress on this goal was significantly adversely affected by federal administration changes that inhibited technical support of the national labs provided to CBS by its Energy Technology Innovation Partnership Project (ETIPP) award. Changes to the publishing process at the labs led to long delays, and travel restrictions shifted much of the public engagement to the Sustainability Coordinator, often with short notice. While these circumstances minimized the Sustainability Commission's ability to support this goal for much of 2025, the final 2023 community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory was released in early 2026 and is currently available online. With adjusted timelines as determined by CBS staff and the national lab technical team, the SCRES is anticipated to conclude in late 2026.



2026-2027 WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Now approaching its fourth year, the Sustainability Commission has made steady ground towards its initial multi-year efforts outlined in its initial work plan approved in early 2023. When the annual work plan development process begins at the beginning of each year, the Commission assesses its previous actions and brainstorms opportunities to improve its operational flow. In the 2025-2026 plan, this included recategorizing the goals into either project- or operational-focused with the intent to shift proposed goals from being project-oriented towards supporting existing municipal operations. The Sustainability Commission has once again reflected and intends the upcoming year to work as follows:

IN 2026, THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION WILL STRATEGICALLY ALTERNATE BETWEEN REGULAR MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS

Due to the long-term nature of the goals prioritized by the Sustainability Commission, progress that results in month-to-month action is not guaranteed. Additionally, many of the goals require significant background information in order to effectively engage with and make progress. To improve momentum, the Sustainability Commission anticipates on alternating between regular meetings, where formal action can be taken, and work sessions, where no formal action is taken but collaboration can continue.

This approach has the additional benefit of allowing Commissioners and the public to deep-dive into topics in a less formal setting and learn about complicated topics from City staff. With this approach, meaningful contributions can be made to inform actions at subsequent regular meetings. These work sessions will be aligned with the Commission's duties and may include topics such as municipal solid waste, greenhouse gas emission inventories, supply chain challenges, or other topics of community interest or as suggested by City staff or the Assembly.

WORK PLAN APPROVAL

In February and March, the Sustainability Commission held Work Sessions to develop the 2026-2027 Work Plan. At the April 6th regular meeting, the Commission unanimously approved the following goals:



CONTINUE SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

1

SUPPORTS:



Fossil energy use reduction and development of local, renewable energy sources.



Responsible use of natural resources



Robust and healthy local ecosystems and natural communities.

SUMMARY: In 2025, the Commission reframed the goals to primarily focus on CBS operations rather than project-based goals. The Commission drafted potential strategic deliverables to support the Assembly's direction to decarbonize city operations by 2030 (CBS Res. 22-18). This goal is meant to position the Commission to support Assembly direction by utilizing the City's asset management program. By focusing on ongoing CBS operations and projects, the proposed strategic deliverables are meant to integrate principles of sustainability into the workings of the City, build resources to support long-term change, and create tools to evaluate and report progress.

INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS: Planning and Community Development, Public Works

FOCUS:

Municipal - Improves existing service

Municipal - Adds new service

Community

FITS WITHIN EXISTING CITY BUDGET:

No

Somewhat

Via grants

Yes

TIME INTENSITY:

Low

Moderate

High

Substantial

CBS STAFF:

During
Post



COMMISSION:



TIMEFRAME:

Q2 2026

Q3 2026

Q4 2026

Q1 2027

CHALLENGES

Unfortunately, many of the proposed deliverables in the 2025-2026 Work Plan were contingent on other goals and/or collaboration with vacant CBS positions. As such, this goal did not unfold as initially anticipated. However, many of the proposed deliverables are still viable options and would benefit CBS and vacancies have gradually been filled in the past year. Meanwhile, the Sustainability Commission was able to remain responsive to requests from CBS staff as unexpected events and opportunities arose throughout the year.

MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DRAFTED CBS COMMENTS FOR THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROCUREMENT

In August 2025, Alaska Marine Lines (AML) issued a notice that it would no longer transport electric vehicles (EV) and plug-in hybrid EVs as of September 1, 2025. Shortly after, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) put out a request for information on potential reforms to regulations to the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). With the AMHS now the only way for EVs to arrive in Sitka, the Municipal Administrator requested the Sustainability Commission draft comments for CBS, that outlined the importance of the AMHS's service, recommended ways to improve the booking process, summarized global safety developments, and highlighted the importance of the AMHS as the only option for municipal EV procurement.

The Sustainability Commission drafted comments with seven recommendations pertinent to municipal vehicle procurement and EV accessibility in Sitka in general. **These recommendations were:**

1. Clarify and maintain that alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs, which include EVs) are permitted on AMHS vessels.
2. Increase the number of EVs allowed per sailing.
3. Establish a reservation system for EVs to increase booking certainty.
4. Proactively develop operational procedures informed by current best practices to improve utilization of AMHS.
5. Align all applicable sections of AMHS code to better adapt and respond to anticipated updates and safety protocols for transporting AFVs.
6. Ensure Fare Parity for AFVs.
7. Improve public communication with up-to-date information via the AMHS website.

NEXT STEPS

REENGAGE WITH CITY STAFF IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Many of the strategic deliverables originally proposed in the previous work plan were dependent on collaborating with CBS staff in the Public Works Department, most notably the Director and Asset Manager. These positions were either vacant or occupied in the interim, limiting the Commission's ability to engage meaningfully for much of the year. Fortunately, each of those positions are now filled. It is the intent of the Commission to reengage the Public Works Department to progress on the original proposed deliverables, which have been reframed to reflect updates from the past year.

UPDATE THE MUNICIPAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY

The technical team that assisted with the community-wide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions (see Goal 4 on page 14 for more information) began initial work for a municipal inventory. However, due to delays in the publishing process and CBS staff capacity, the municipal inventory did not progress. This year, the Sustainability Commission anticipates supporting this process by:

- Scoping the municipal GHG emission inventory with City staff to support operational needs
- Identifying key data sources and/or collection methods for the municipal inventory

FOCUS ON OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT EMISSION REDUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL FLEET

While the Decarbonizing and Right-sizing to Improve Vehicle Efficiency (DRIVE) Advisory Group was established to assist integrating EVs and other drive trains into the municipal fleet, challenges in the past year require efforts be refocused on areas that CBS has direct control over. While EVs are now significantly more challenging to procure for municipal purposes, CBS still has opportunity to lower fuel spending and reduce emissions by addressing operational changes in the fleet. These can include measures including but not limited to:

- Maximizing the longevity of existing CBS vehicles
- Right-sizing vehicles for their intended use and purpose
- Reducing engine idling

ADVANCE OTHER PROPOSED STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES AS TIME ALLOWS

Identifying sustainability metrics for municipal operations that align with the CBS strategic plan and integrating sustainability metrics into existing and near future CBS projects are still important to supporting sustainable municipal operations. However, it is likely that the focus will be on the municipal GHG emission inventory and vehicle operation improvements will take most of the time over the next year. Regardless, the Commission will continue to assess opportunities to support these efforts as opportunities arise.

CONTINUE EXPLORING A REGIONAL APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

SUPPORTS:



Responsible use of natural resources



Robust and healthy local ecosystems and natural communities.



Other matters as the Assembly or Commission may deem beneficial for the City.

SUMMARY: Now entering its fourth year, the Sustainability Commission will explore opportunities to collaborate with sustainability initiatives regionally. The goal will be to identify overlap with ongoing efforts within the region and support other efforts as applicable.

INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS: Planning and Community Development

FOCUS:

Municipal - Improves existing service

Municipal - Adds new service

Community

FITS WITHIN EXISTING CITY BUDGET:

No

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MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2024, the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA), an authority of 8 communities aimed at reducing the cost of solid waste disposal in the region, received a \$500,000 Denali Commission grant to create a regional solution. Although Sitka is not a member of SEASWA, the Sustainability Coordinator negotiated an MOU to allow CBS's participation.

In September 2025, Southeast Conference held its annual meeting in Sitka which included a session on municipal solid waste and the SEASWA project, which was attended by two Commissioners who connected with other communities and additional municipal solid waste stakeholders.

NEXT STEPS

CONNECT WITH NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES WITH SIMILAR BODIES TO IDENTIFY OVERLAP IN GOALS

Many of the sustainability challenges that communities face are not unique and may benefit from a regional approach, as demonstrated by the SEASWA regional municipal solid waste planning project. As such, the Sustainability Commission will seek to connect with similar bodies throughout Southeast Alaska, identify how goals may overlap, and find ways to learn from and contribute to organizations that support region-wide approaches, such as Southeast Conference.

IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER CBS BODIES TO BROADLY INTEGRATE PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY

CBS has numerous bodies that address specific community needs and priorities. As the Sustainability Commission has learned and grown since its establishment in 2022, it hopes to support other bodies apply the principles of sustainability to their work as opportunities arise.

SUPPORT THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND FREQUENCY

Similar to how the Sustainability Commission supported CBS by drafting comments for the AMHS request for information, the Commission aims to find other opportunities to bring attention to the criticality of the ferry service for communities in the region.

SUPPORT OTHER REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS SUCH AS IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Currently, there are other regional efforts that are ongoing and taking place in Sitka. For example, Alaska Heat Smart currently has \$4,000-\$8,500 income-dependent grants available to support 6,000 heat pump installations in 43 coastal communities, including Sitka. More information is available at akheatsmart.org

CONTINUE COLLABORATING WITH CITY STAFF ON STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

SUPPORTS:



Solid waste consumption, reduction, composting, recycling, and re-use.



Responsible use of natural resources



Robust and healthy local ecosystems and natural communities.

SUMMARY: Using the asset management program the City utilizes to strategically approach municipal solid waste (MSW), rather than just staff participating in the process, Sustainability Commissioners from the Solid Waste Advisory Working Group (SWAG) are also included.

INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS: Planning and Community Development, Public Works

FOCUS:

Municipal - Improves existing service

Municipal - Adds new service

Community

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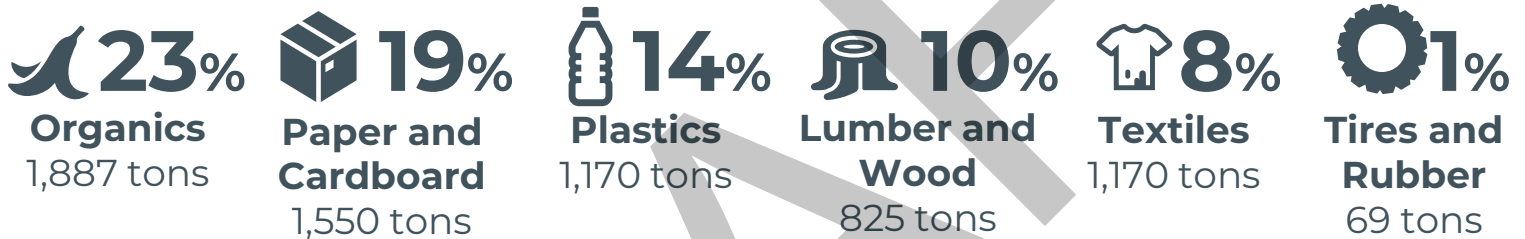
CONTINUE COLLABORATING WITH CITY STAFF ON STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

CHALLENGES

Similar to Goal 1, this goal was negatively impacted by vacancies in the Public Works Department. Without key positions to collaborate with, development of the solid waste advisory group charter and strategy made minimal progress as proposed in the 2025-2026 Work Plan. However, opportunities to improve CBS's ability to strategically manage municipal solid waste locally and regionally (see page 9) progressed.

MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RECOMMENDED ASSUMPTIONS FOR SITKA'S WASTE STREAM



Recommendations were provided by the NLR WTE technical assistance (below) which analyzed 11 communities with similar characteristics as Sitka.

ASSISTED IN SCOPING NATIONAL LAB OF THE ROCKIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

In 2025, CBS received a small award from the National Lab of the Rockies (NLR, previously known as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)). This small award of approximately 40 hours (<\$10,000), of technical assistance addresses knowledge gaps, specific challenges, decision-making considerations, planning, and project implementation strategies related to Waste-to-Energy. In collaboration with the Sustainability Coordinator, Commissioners on the Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG) connected with previous recipient communities to assess options for scoping the technical assistance.

The scope of the technical assistance includes:

- Recommended for assumptions for Sitka's waste stream based on results from waste composition studies conducted in communities with similar characteristics. This was recommended by NLR in lieu of a formal waste composition study for Sitka, which is costly, time consuming, and likely unnecessary based on little variation between waste composition studies of similar communities.
- Suggestions for enhancing the transfer station and recycling center, focused on improving services (e.g., adding or strengthening recycling programs) or incorporating new materials for collection. The evaluation aims to increase operational efficiency and maximize waste diversion, drawing on examples and best practices from similar facilities nationwide.
- A summary of options for challenging and/or unique waste, such as tires and fish waste.

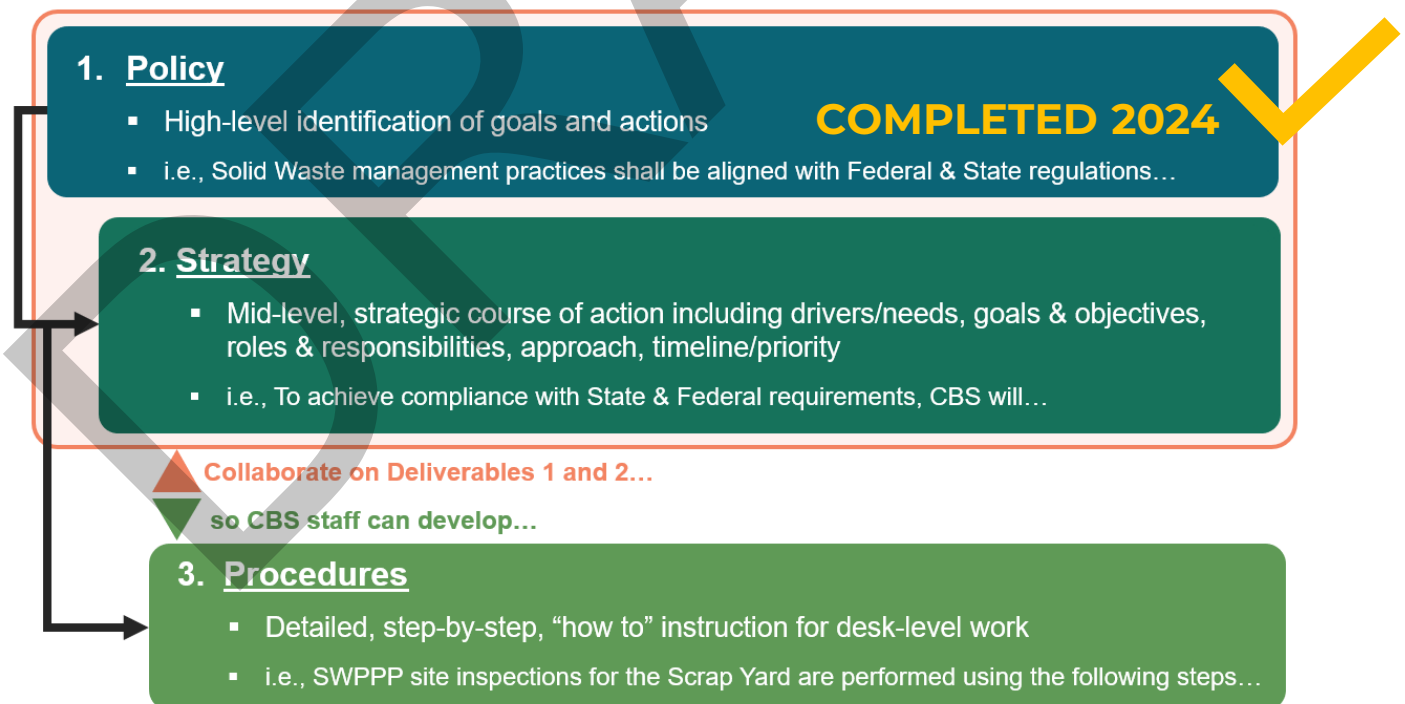
NEXT STEPS

REENGAGE WITH CITY STAFF IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Like Goal 1, the municipal solid waste strategy originally proposed in the previous work plan heavily depended on collaborating with CBS staff in the Public Works Department. With the Public Works Director position now filled, determining the best ways for the Sustainability Commission to support municipal solid waste (MSW) is the first step.

REVISIT AND REVISE THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY GROUP (SWAG) WITH INPUT FROM THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

As outlined in CBS Public Works Policy 24-01-01, the SWAG was established to help create a MSW strategy, effectively communicate the policy to the appropriate parties both internally within CBS and externally to the public. To begin, SWAG will develop a group charter that outlines a working process for collaboration and additional components necessary for strategy development with input from the new Public Works Director. Additionally, revisiting the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis conducted in 2024 will provide context and an opportunity for collaboration.



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINDINGS OF THE NLR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Once published, the Commission anticipates reviewing the findings from the NLR WTE technical assistance and drafting recommendations for the next steps in collaboration with the Public Works Department.

FINALIZE THE SITKA COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY



SUPPORTS:



Fossil energy use reduction and development of local, renewable energy sources.



Responsible use of natural resources



Robust and healthy local ecosystems and natural communities.

SUMMARY: In late 2023, was successfully selected as one of nine communities for the third cohort of the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DoE) Energy Technology Innovation Partnership Project (ETIPP) to support the development of the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy (SCRES). **The SCRES aims to establish a shared vision of Sitka’s energy future to guide energy-related community decisions by shaping a roadmap for community and policy actions that advance the shared energy vision.** The Sustainability Commission defined The scope to include a community-wide greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory, public energy education, the development of future energy scenarios, and a compilation of community actions and policy recommendations based on continuous community engagement throughout the project.

This City-led project, heavily supported by the Sustainability Commission, works in collaboration with energy experts, collectively known as the technical team, primarily at the Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL). The SCRES is funded through the ETIPP program and the Sustainability Coordinator’s time.

INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS: Planning and Community Development, Electric

FOCUS:

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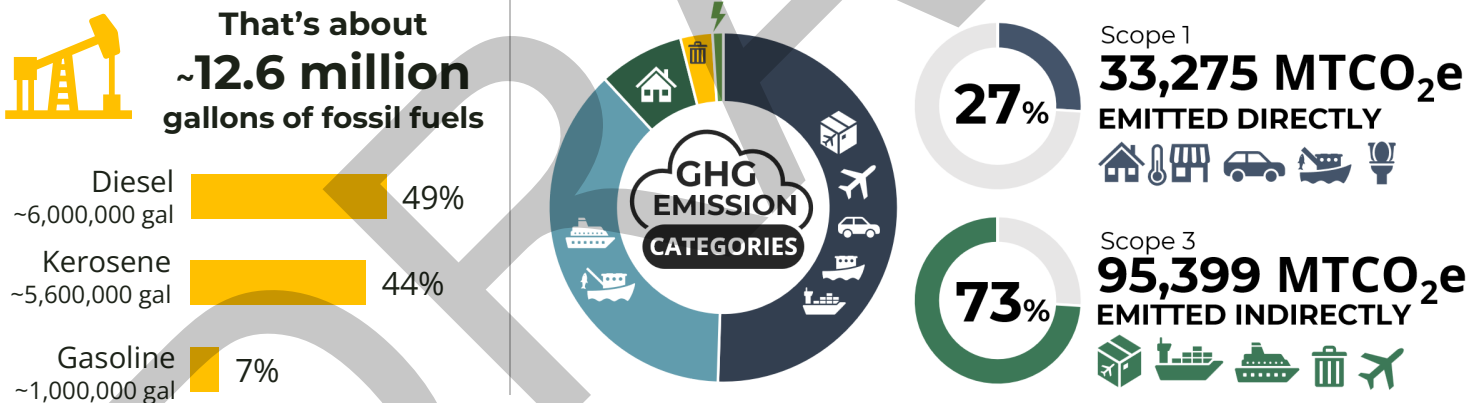
Progress on this goal was significantly adversely affected by federal administration changes that limited the technical support of the national labs as originally scoped. Changes to the publishing process at the labs led to long delays and travel restrictions shifted much of the public engagement to the Sustainability Coordinator with little notice. While these circumstances minimized the Sustainability Commission’s ability to support this goal for much of 2025, the new processes and procedures with the technical team have stabilized and the SCRES is anticipated to be completed in 2026.

MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

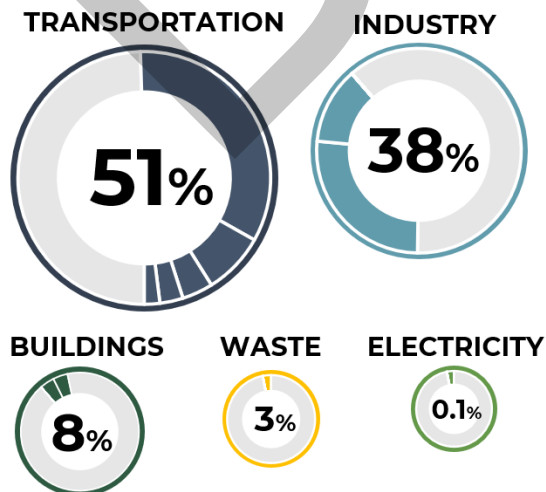
RELEASED THE 2023 COMMUNITY-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY

After the initial draft and over 40 pages of public comment in late 2024, the community-wide inventory was further refined throughout 2025 to reflect new information and community insights before being published in January 2026. The 2023 Sitka Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory is now online at cityofsitka.com/GHG

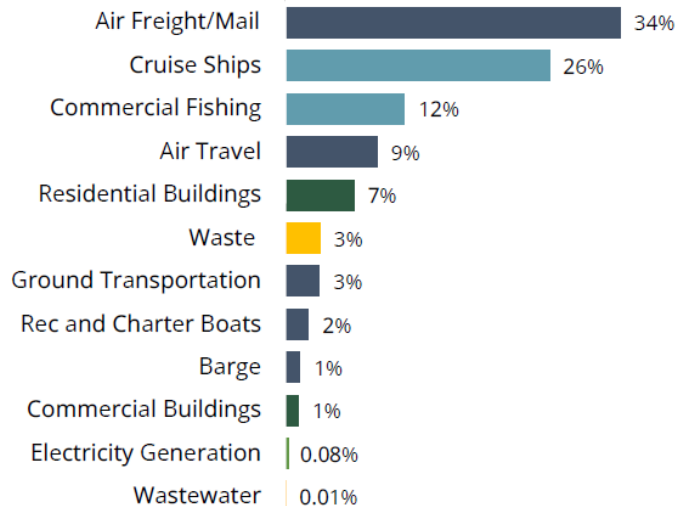
IN 2023, SITKA PRODUCED 128,675 METRIC TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT (MTCO₂e)



BY CATEGORY



BY END USES



APPROVED GUIDING PRINCIPLES FROM COMMUNITY ROADMAPPING WORKSHOPS

Community workshops were held to facilitate the creation of personalized visions and pathways to Sitka in 25 years. Using real data from Sitka’s electric grid and needs and calculated through the GHG emissions inventory process, the exercise was formatted as a boardgame called *Energy Quest: Sitka’s Path to 2050*. The purpose of this game was to help community members understand the complexity of energy planning as both a consumer and the electric utility. This then informed player’s priorities of what can be electrified by when, and how additional demand can be met if needed. **Through this process, four guiding principles for Sitka’s energy future emerged: affordability, reliability, self-sufficiency, and innovation.** The full report is available at cityofsitka.com/Energy-Quest

2025 ENERGY QUEST ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



12
Workshops
Half in high school classes



59
Roadmaps



84
Players



101
Questionnaire Responses



120+
Hours of Community Input

NEXT STEPS

PROMOTE RESOURCES AND FINDINGS IN EDUCATION MODULES AND THE 2023 GHG EMISSION INVENTORY

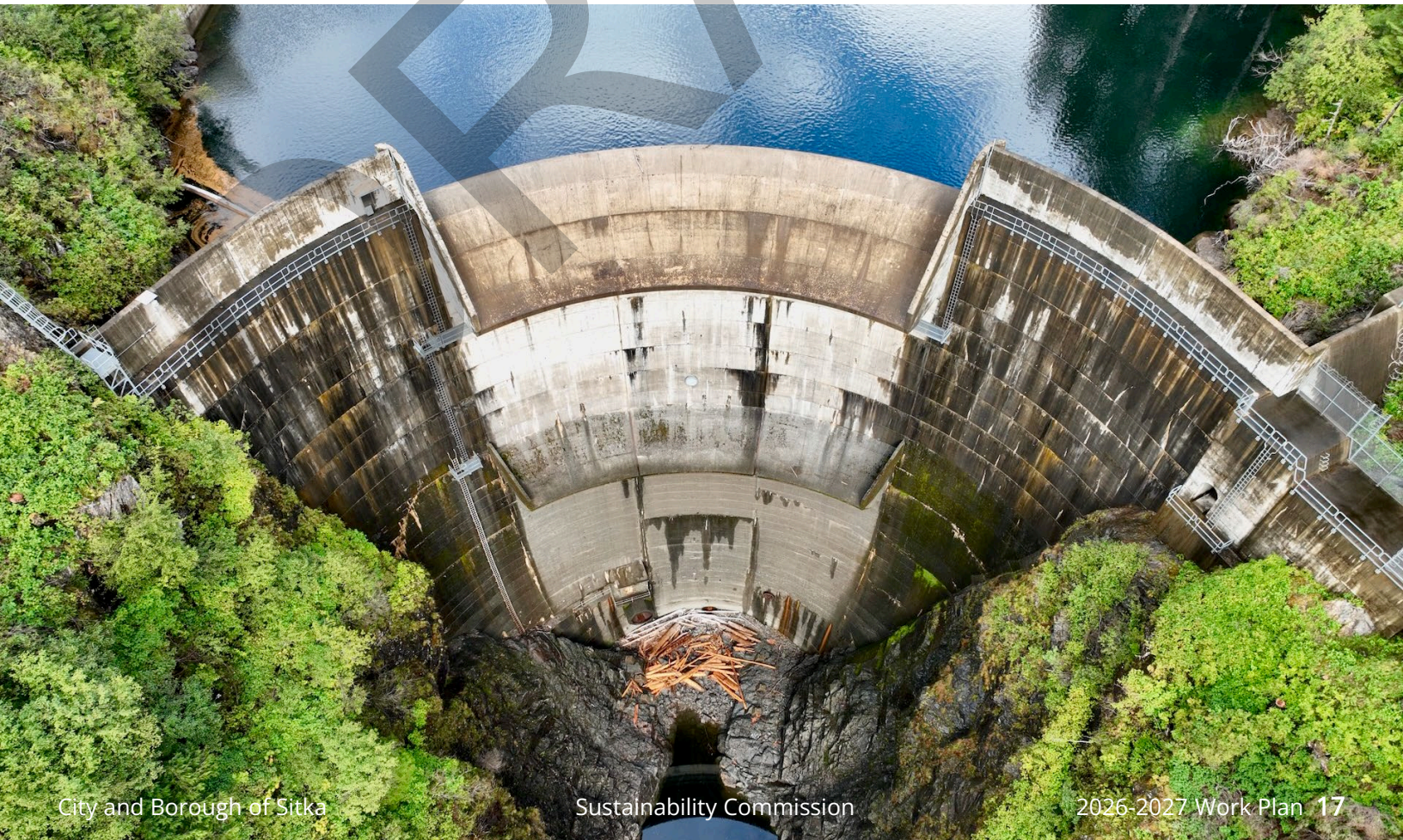
Information on the SCRES website, which now includes all seven education modules, as well as results from the 2023 Sitka GHG Emissions Inventory, should be shared with community members. The Commission intends to create ways to communicate key findings and actions to improve the public's energy understanding so they can continue to contribute to community decision making.

DETERMINE NEXT STEPS FOR GHG EMISSION INVENTORY

The 2023 Sitka GHG Emissions Inventory does not contain actionable recommendations. It serves only as descriptions and estimations of energy sources and uses to inform goal setting and further strategic planning. The Sustainability Commission intends to work with the Assembly to determine the best path forward with the GHG inventory, such as updating frequency or further goal setting direction.

SUPPORT ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF THE FINAL STRATEGY

The revised timeline from the technical team is for the SCRES to be completed in late 2026. The Sustainability Commission will continue to provide input on the strategy as needed, in preparation for its review and recommended approval for Assembly adoption later this year.





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CITY AND
BOROUGH OF
SITKA

MISSION

To provide public services for Sitka that support a livable community for all.

Service | Integrity | Teamwork | Kindness | Accountability