

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

2023-2024 Work Plan





History of Municipal Climate and Sustainability Efforts

Tasks

2007	Mayor signs US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement
↕	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joins ICLEI, conducts baseline inventory of Sitka's carbon emissions• Blue Lake Expansion Project started; energy conservation discussion
2008-2010	City of Sitka forms Climate Action Task Force
↕	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First climate action report compiled; not adopted by Assembly• Blue Lake Expansion Project planning continued
2020	City declares climate emergency, re-establishes Climate Action Task Force
↕	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth ask city to take action on climate change• CATF works with Assembly to identify priority work areas
2022	CATF is retired, Permanent Sustainability Commission created
↕	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City hires Sustainability Coordinator Position• Sustainability Commission convenes and crafts project priorities
March 28	Chair presents SC 2023-2024 Work Plan to Assembly

Scope of Commission



Actions

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



THE EQUATION FOR SUSTAINABLE CHANGE



**MUNICIPAL
GOALS**

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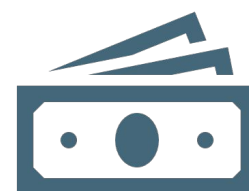
TIME

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CAPACITY

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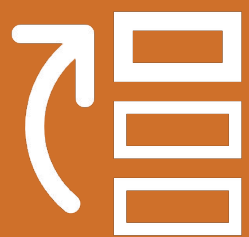
RESOURCES

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**POTENTIAL
FOR
SUSTAINABLE
CHANGE**

To maximize the potential for success, we need to ensure that this equation is balanced.



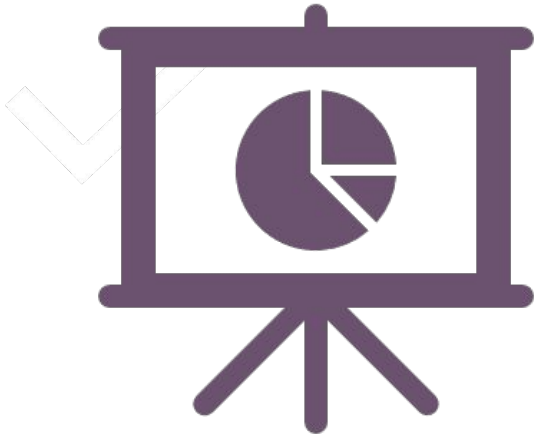
PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS OUTLINE





3 SOURCES OF FEEDBACK

PUBLIC SURVEY



COMMISSIONER INPUT



CITY STAFF FEEDBACK

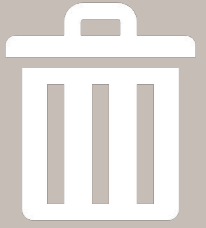




Goal 1: Create a Community Renewable Energy Strategy

- **A Community Renewable Energy Strategy** will establish a shared vision of Sitka's energy future. It will shape a roadmap of community and policy action to achieve sustainability and strategic energy goals
- Components could include but are not limited to:
 - update existing baseline assessment of community emissions
 - forecast energy demands and identify priority actions
 - recommend feasible renewable energy development options
 - propose municipal policies to increase energy efficiency and support weatherization efforts





Goal 2: Analyze Opportunities for Diversion of Municipal Solid Waste

- Current waste management contract to be renewed in 2032.
- This project will identify policy levers and actions to increase waste diversion and support long-term sustainability of Sitka's waste management
- Aligned with the 2014 Interim Solid Waste Management Report
- Seeks to conduct a **baseline assessment of the composition of municipal solid waste.**





Goal 3: Create a Municipal Fleet Transition Plan and EV Infrastructure Strategy

- City has resolved to **decarbonize city operations, including transportation**
- Plan needed to integrate electric and hybrid vehicles into municipal purchasing / procurement schedule and policies
 - EV charging infrastructure
 - time / payback analysis
 - Maintenance and training needs
- The municipal plan will inform a broader EV charging infrastructure strategy for Sitka, and increase eligibility for federal funding support



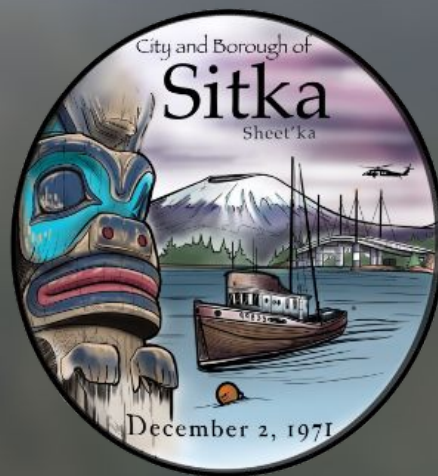


Looking Forward



- Commission meets **first Tuesday** of each month at **6 PM**
- Work on projects in order of priority
- Craft a sustainability lens to provide support and input on other projects, to commissions, staff, assembly
- Report back next year, or when updates are requested

Questions? Feedback?



Mission:

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