

CITY OF COLLINSVILLE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2020

A long-range plan for enhancing the quality of life for present and future generations of Collinsville residents through sustainable practices.



CITY OF COLLINSVILLE

Municipal Sustainability Plan



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Executive Summary

Sustainability is the ability to meet the needs of the present without sacrificing the needs of the future. The intent of the City of Collinsville Sustainability Plan is to improve the quality of life for present and future residents by considering the long-term impacts of our everyday decisions and actions.

The purpose of this policy plan is to identify Focus Areas and Objectives that the City can use as a framework for making educated decisions based on resource conservation and life cycle costs analysis. A true plan for sustainability cannot be short-term; it should be a future oriented long-term and multi-generational plan of responsible action. This plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by city staff and the Cool Cities Committee in order to evaluate which policies have not been started, are in progress, are fully implemented, and consideration to add or modify policies based on scientific research and/or emerging technologies. This document is not intended to supersede other city ordinances or planning documents. Rather, it's intent is to ensure sustainable practices are considered in future decision making processes.



Focus Areas

The City of Collinsville 2020 Sustainability Plan is organized into five focus areas, each with a set of objectives. These focus areas and objectives will guide our future efforts, yet allow for flexibility. The timeline for implementation of Collinsville's initiatives and proposed projects will vary. Ideas should be prioritized based on ease of implementation, availability of existing resources, funding commitments, and impacts or urgency. It is our intention to utilize life cycle cost analysis so as to demonstrate the benefits of implementing projects and programs that, at the onset, may appear to be more costly, but over time, in fact, are significantly more cost-effective due to reduced operations, maintenance and replacement schedules, among other factors.

There are many ways in which the achievement of sustainable goals can have a positive impact on local and regional economies. Achieving these goals will not only conserve resources and reduce Collinsville's greenhouse gas emissions, but also enhance economic vitality and lead to a more sustainable city. The City of Collinsville Sustainability Plan is intended to be a dynamic document; experience, testing, emerging and evolving technologies will be incorporated as we achieve goals and set new initiatives. All of the following five focus areas have a significant long-term impact on the sustainability of our community. The objectives and strategies within each focus area are intended to guide our actions.



Transportation

The transportation sector generates the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States largely come from burning fossil fuel for our cars, trucks, ships, trains, and planes. Over 90 percent of the fuel used for transportation is petroleum based, primarily gasoline and diesel. The objectives within this focus area include creating multi-modal streets, greening the City's vehicle fleet, and providing mobility options for residents and businesses.

Focus Areas Overview



Buildings, Grounds & Lighting

The built environment, defined by the facilities and civil infrastructure systems that people use, is the fundamental foundation upon which a society exists, develops, and survives. However, the built environment is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and is also a major consumer of power and water. The strategies within this focus area include greening city-owned and operated facilities, promoting privately owned energy efficient buildings, installing efficient outdoor lighting and traffic signals, reusing and retrofitting vacant buildings, and the promotion of renewable energy generation in the city.



Environmental Management

Environmental management is concerned with understanding the structure and the functioning of Earth, and how humans fit into and impact the environmental system. Being multifaceted, environmental management is about predicting future environmental changes, and maximizing human benefit whilst minimizing environmental degradation. The strategies within this focus area include stormwater management, water quality & conservation, air quality, and waste reduction & recycling.



Land Use & Planning

Land use planning refers to the rational and judicious approach of allocating available land resources to different land-using activities, (e.g. agricultural, residential, industrial) and for different functions consistent with the overall development vision/goal of the city. Sustainable infrastructure demands planning that is efficient, helps support or create closer knit neighborhoods and the sense of community with them, and preserves natural systems that existed on the land prior to human development. Objectives within this focus area include comprehensive planning & implementation, green space conservation and undeveloped land, as well as smart growth principles.



Community Development, Engagement, & Education

The word community is central to the human experience. Being part of a community gives us a sense of belonging, enables us to share personal relatedness, and supports perpetual growth of each other and the environment. Engaging and educating our community on sustainable practices is paramount. Objectives within this focus include promoting local food, environmental justice and diversity, supporting regional sustainability efforts, raising environmental awareness within the community, and encouraging green-business development.



Transportation

Objective #1: Streets

Create a network of multi-modal complete/green streets that add value to surrounding properties.

Strategies

- A. Identify, prioritize, and remedy Complete Street gaps and lack of connectivity with the road network by adding a bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
- B. Customize a long-term plan for creating a network of Green Streets.

Objective #2: Fleet Vehicles

Implement a city fleet investment, operations, and maintenance plan

Strategies

- A. Continue to add more hybrid/electric cars and charge stations to the City fleet as needed.
- B. Install solar panels to provide solar energy for recharging electric cars.
- C. Phase in no-idling practices for non-emergency vehicles.
- D. Encourage fleet drivers to refuel before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. and to plan trips to avoid unnecessary travel.
- E. Right-size/downsize the City fleet with the most fuel-efficient vehicles that are of an optimal size and capacity for their intended functions.
- F. Encourage trip bundling and vehicle sharing when possible.
- G. Keep all City fleet vehicles well-maintained.

Objective #3: Mobility Options

Promote alternatives to single-occupancy car travel.

Strategies

- A. Increase participation in public transportation, carpooling, ride-sharing, walking, biking, etc. (alternative transportation options).
 - i. Increase the number of employers who offer incentive benefits for employees who participate in alternative transportation options.
 - ii. Recognize employers who increase the number of employees who use alternative transportation options (Green Leaf Awards, etc.).
 - iii. Continue to work with Madison County Transit to improve transit within the City and County.
 - iv. Evaluate vehicle parking and bike racks at Transit Stations.
 - v. Evaluate transit stops throughout the City.
 - vi. Encourage Park & Ride areas within the City.
- B. Promote walking and biking.
 - i. Create accessible walking and bike paths to parks, schools, libraries, grocery stores and shopping centers that are safe and well-lighted (using energy efficient lighting).
 - ii. Be recognized as an accessible Walk Friendly and Bike Friendly Community.
 - iii. Increase bike racks and transit stations at parks, stores, shopping centers, and throughout the City.
 - iv. Evaluate parking needs.



WHAT ARE COMPLETE STREETS?



Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. This includes people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are traveling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders. The concept of Complete Streets encompasses many approaches to planning, designing, and operating roadways and rights of way with all users in mind to make the transportation network safer and more efficient. They may address a wide range of elements, such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bus lanes, public transportation stops, crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, modified vehicle travel lanes, roundabouts, streetscape, and landscape treatments. Complete Streets have been shown to reduce motor vehicle-related crashes and pedestrian risk, as well as reduce bicyclist risk when well-designed bicycle-specific infrastructure is included. They can promote walking and bicycling by providing safer places to achieve physical activity through transportation.



Buildings, Ground, and Lighting

Objective #1: Efficient City-Owned and Operated Buildings

Appoint an energy management team of City employees to benchmark energy usage and identify savings opportunities to implement cost effective energy and sustainability improvements for City-owned and operated buildings.

Strategies

- A. Retrofit all City-owned and operated buildings to use energy efficient light bulbs and install daylight and/or occupancy sensors.
- B. Conduct energy/lighting audits and implement energy savings programs, both internally and with the assistance of Ameren, Smart Energy Design Assistance Center, electrical contractors, other county, state, and federal programs, etc.
- C. Calculate the average energy use of City-owned and operated buildings and implement a plan to reduce energy consumption by at least 10% based on the benchmark.
- D. Promote energy efficient projects and practices that prioritize green building code improvements and retrofits.
- E. Promote practices that use recyclable products in all City-owned and operated buildings/offices including paper containing at least 30% post-consumer recycled content.
- F. Implement a "Shut Off" education campaign to encourage City employees to shut down computers, space heaters, lights, etc. when they are not in use.
- G. Promote practices of replacing appliances with Energy Star Certified appliances and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Sense Certified or equivalent products.
- H. Promote use of energy efficient for new or replacement use.
- I. Implement a green cleaning policy in all City-owned and operated buildings and offices by using certified sustainable products.
- J. Choose electric, propane, or solar-powered tools and equipment, as is feasible, for any maintenance or groundskeeping.
- K. Promote landscaping with native plants that are aesthetically pleasing, require no irrigation, fertilization and minimal, if any, mowing and are resistant to seasonal stresses.

Objective #2: Efficient Existing Private Buildings

Provide recognition and promote incentive-based programs for energy and sustainability improvements in existing private structures.

Strategies

- A. Recognize businesses and residents who practice sustainability.
- B. Encourage businesses and residents to engage in sustainable practices, such as incentive-based programs like Ameren's Energy Efficiency Programs.
- C. Support programs that strongly encourage existing buildings to achieve or strive for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) or an Energy Star Qualified rating.
- D. Educate community businesses and residents about the cost savings advantages associated with energy efficiency and sustainable improvements to their homes and businesses.
- E. Inform businesses and residents about county, state, and federal programs, utilities, and other opportunities to implement cost-effective energy sustainability improvements.
- F. Consider zoning restrictions that allow for greater height restriction on wind turbines.
- G. Promote incentives for businesses and residents who use solar panels and green living roofs.
- H. Promote the weatherization programs that are available through Madison County to low-income residents and senior citizens, and other programs available to the general public.
- I. Educate businesses and residents about energy savings initiatives such as daylight and occupancy sensors, "Computer Shut Off," green cleaning practices, and natural landscaping.
- J. Educate businesses and residents about the efficacy of electric, propane, or solar-powered tools.
- K. Promote freestanding solar panels as an accessory use on residential properties; consider variations when free standing solar panels conflict with accessory use zoning standards.



SUSTAINABLE
GREEN BUILDING



Objective #3: New Green Buildings

Construct new buildings using a green building framework such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) or similar construction practices.

Strategies

- A. Create a City policy that new City-owned and privately owned buildings are built using a green building strategies.
- B. Support programs that strongly encourage or provide incentives for sustainable construction practices such as advanced framing, insulated concrete forms, enlightened building envelope air and vapor control, energy efficient windows and doors and blower-door testing for air sealing.
- C. Consider free or reduced-rate building permits and tap-ons for green construction.
- D. Encourage contractors and do-it-yourselfers to minimize site disturbance during construction especially with regard to mature trees.
- E. Encourage contractors and do-it-yourselfers to select light-emitting diode (LED) lighting and occupancy switching when practical.
- F. Encourage contractors and do-it-yourselfers to select tankless water heaters and low-flow toilets and faucets.
- G. Encourage contractors and do-it-yourselfers to select methods and materials with minimal embodied energy such as steel cladding instead of asphalt shingles or vinyl siding; or cellulose insulation instead of fiberglass and to select materials manufactured within 500 miles of building site.
- H. Encourage contractors and do-it-yourselfers to use paints, caulks, chemicals, and adhesives with no or low volatile organic compounds.
- I. Encourage stormwater run-off control measures that promote ecologically friendly, native landscaping and rain gardens.

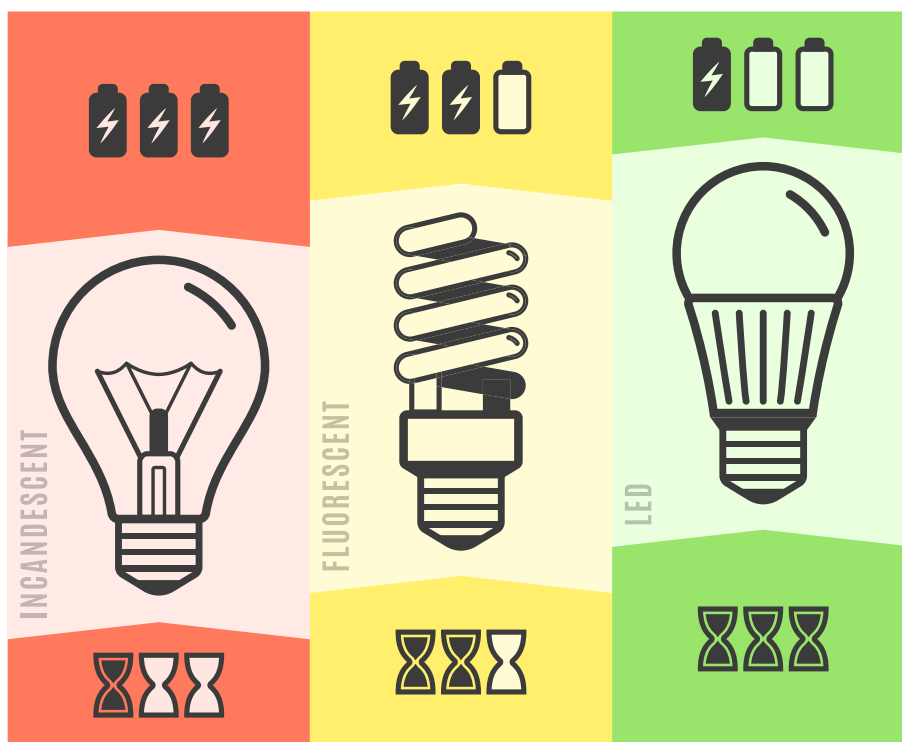
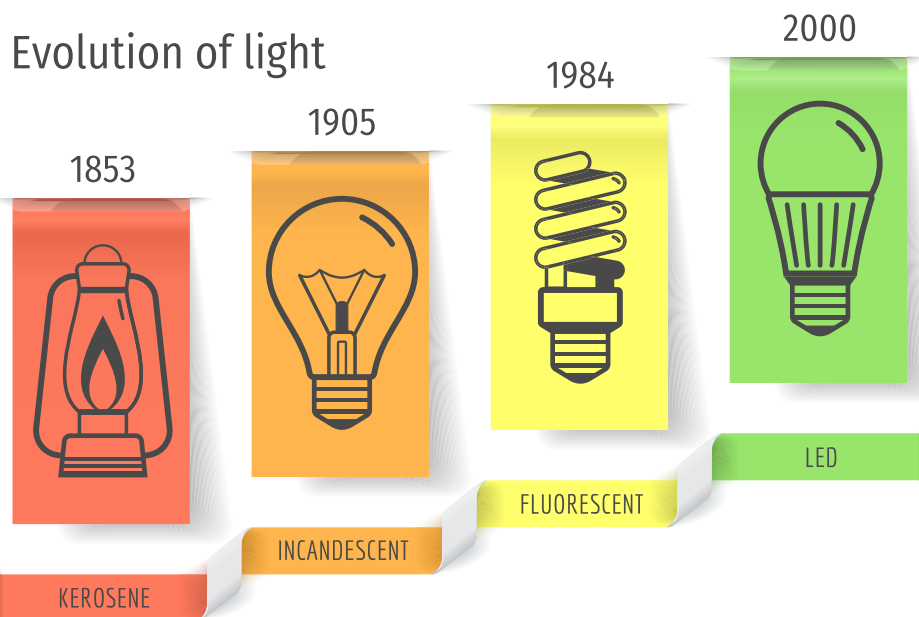


Objective #4: Efficient Outdoor Lighting and Signals

Improve the efficiency and quality of street lighting, traffic signals, and outdoor public lighting.

Strategies

- A. Replace all outdoor lighting owned by the City with energy efficient lighting as older lights expire or fiscal responsibility demands immediate replacement due to electricity and maintenance cost savings.
- B. Ask Ameren about its timeline to replace inefficient high pressure sodium and metal halide bulbs with light emitting diode (LED) lighting. Request that all future lighting use LED for streetlights and traffic signals.



Objective #5: Building Reuse

Create economic and regulatory incentives for redeveloping and re-purposing existing buildings before building new.

Strategies

- A. Review historic preservation ordinances/regulations (Historic Preservation Committee) to encourage adaptive reuse.
- B. Adopt and implement a model for commercial revitalization using a green building strategies.
- C. Adopt development and design standards that facilitate infill developments for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods.
- D. Continue to encourage new businesses to come to the City and use existing buildings for historic preservation and adaptive reuse.
- E. Seek grants from county, state, and federal funds to replace/restore old infrastructure in the City.
- F. Promote the use of solar roofs, green roofs, white roofs and light colored steel roofs.
- G. Encourage weatherization projects.
- H. Encourage ecologically friendly, natural landscaping.
- I. Encourage creative ways to use vacant property to foster a more holistic and sustainable neighborhood and community.
- J. Evaluate properties forfeited to the City for beautification, prosperity, public safety, and sustainability of the neighborhood and community.
- K. For forfeited properties, consider manual deconstruction and salvaging rather than bull-dozing and landfilling; use the City's website, local newspapers, and public auction sites to advertise salvage.

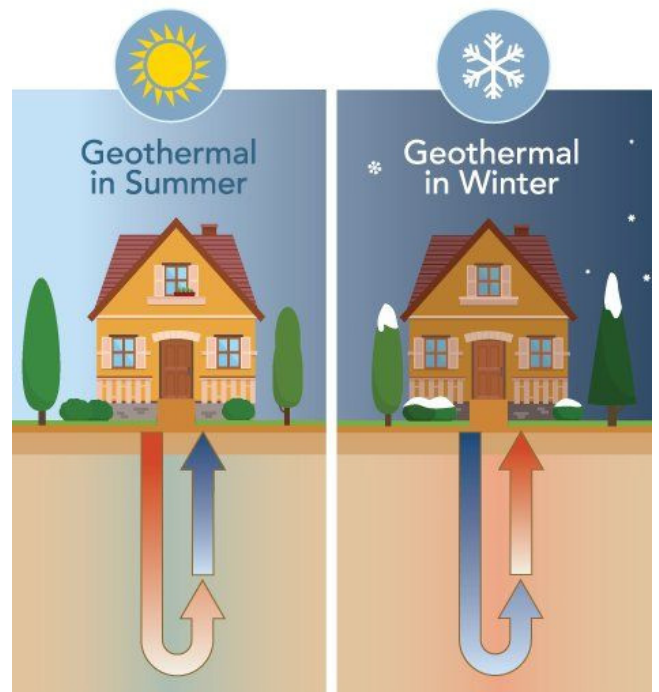


Objective #6: Renewables

Expand the installation of renewable energy generation in the City.

Strategies

- A. Adopt solar energy standards and wind energy ordinances that allow and encourage appropriate renewable energy installations for businesses, City-owned and operated buildings, organizations, and residents.
- B. Seek and promote local, county, state, and federal financial incentives for property owners to install renewable energy systems (solar, wind, geo-thermal).
- C. Develop plans to purchase solar panels/small wind turbines to generate electricity for the City-owned and operated buildings.
- D. Promote the use of thermal storage systems for City-owned and commercial buildings.
- E. Provide incentives for businesses who use solar panels to generate electricity (individually or in collaborative networking with other nearby businesses) or other sources of renewable energy.
- F. Continue to select a bid from a company that uses 100% renewable energy for the electricity that is provided to City residents through electric aggregation.





Environmental Management

Objective #1: Stormwater Management

Continue to enhance the City's stormwater infrastructure via best management practices.

Strategies

- A. Reduce flooding and mitigate flood damage.
- B. Improve water quality.
- C. Promote best practices for land development.
- D. Develop organizational and regulatory framework.
- E. Develop policies for sewage reduction by using "gray water" i.e., waste water from sinks, showers and washers (as opposed to "black water" containing human waste) for toilet flushing and irrigation.
- F. Conduct public education and outreach such as publicized lectures by naturalists and representatives from Missouri Botanical Gardens or from local colleges and universities, and Willoughby Farm; also consider organized tours of local sustainability projects such as rain gardens, native landscaping and energy efficient buildings.
- G. Promote permeable surfaces such as permeable pavers and aggregate in lieu of non-pervious materials such as asphalt and concrete.

Objective #2: Water Quality & Conservation

Continually assess City drinking water and wastewater facilities.

Strategies

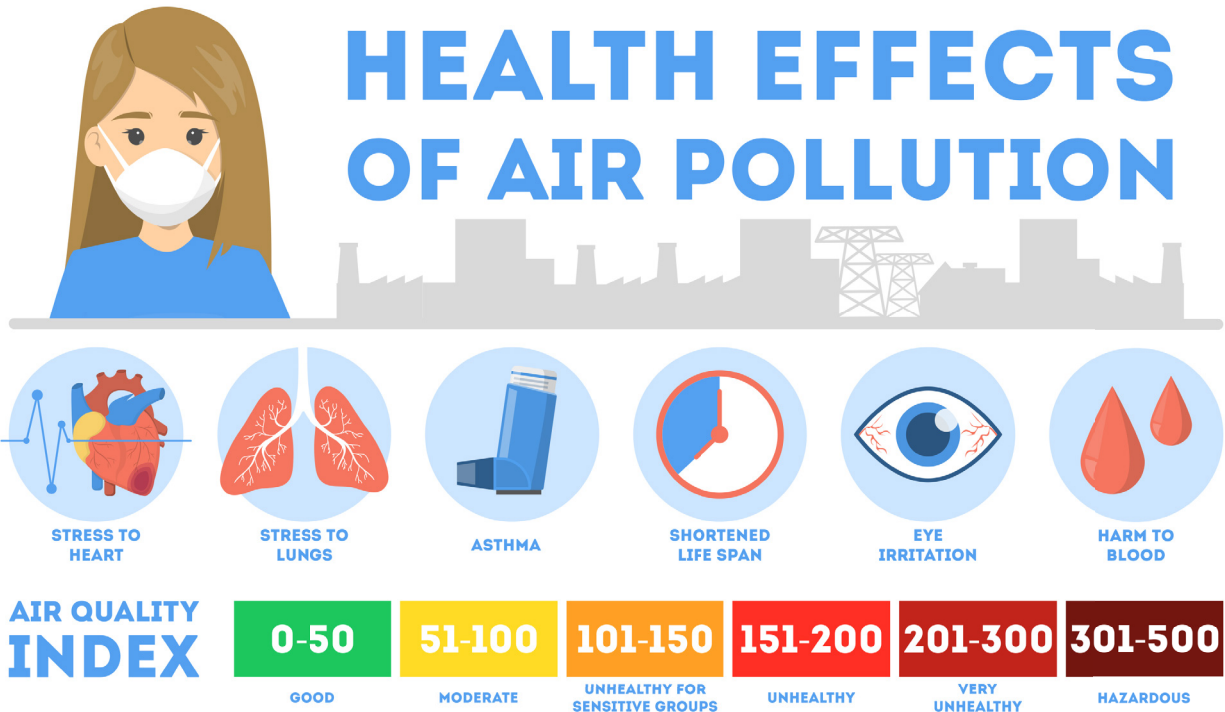
- A. Assess the energy and chemical use at drinking water and wastewater facilities.
- B. Encourage installation of green infrastructure.
- C. Educate businesses, organizations, City employees, and residents of the importance of water quality and water conservation.
- D. Promote practices that conserve water at City-owned and operated buildings.

Objective #3: Air Quality

Reduce the generation of local air contaminants and take steps to improve the air quality of the City to attract people to the community.

Strategies

- A. Complete a Greenhouse Gas Inventory to establish a baseline for measurements of gases (CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide, etc.).
- B. Conduct a Greenhouse Gas Inventory every three years to measure greenhouse gas reduction improvements made in the City.
- C. Develop long-term objectives to address air quality issues that focus on improving the health and quality of life of its residents.
- D. Educate our residents and realtors about air quality including:
 - i. Health risks
 - ii. Air quality index and outdoor activity guide
 - iii. Air quality forecasting using airnow.gov tools
 - iv. Air quality improvement
 - v. The causes of climate change
- E. Recognize efforts of City-owned and operated facilities, private businesses, organizations, and schools that encourage practices that improve air quality.
- F. Plant trees near heavy traffic areas, industrial areas, and throughout the City to improve air quality and public health.





Landuse Planning

Objective #1: Comprehensive Plan & Implementation

Update the City's Comprehensive Plan and tie it to regulatory ordinances.

Strategies

- A. Research, write, and adopt a Comprehensive Plan for land use strategy in the City.
- B. Implement the Comprehensive Plan, by modifying zoning ordinances to explicitly reference the Comprehensive Plan as the controlling document for decision making.
- C. The Comprehensive Plan must include environmental protection standards to govern land use planning.

Objective #2: Green Space Conservation and Undeveloped Land

Conserve and optimize usage of remaining undeveloped open and green spaces, including: wetlands, forest, potential park lands, potential or existing trails, and farmland.

Strategies

- A. Identify and inventory elements of the City's green infrastructure network and develop mechanisms to acquire and build components of our green infrastructure network.
- B. Govern green spaces through Comprehensive Plan and/or ordinances.
- C. Govern wetlands conservation, habitat linkage, and natural systems through Comprehensive Plan and/or ordinances.
- D. Support and protect existing community parks and open spaces.
- E. Through zoning incentives, develop land use measures that limit the impact of growth on prime farmland by encouraging development within planned municipal growth areas.

Objective #3: Smart Growth

Pursue new developments and redevelopments throughout the community that create walkable, connected, environmentally sustainable, attractive housing, shopping and business spaces, which optimize land usage and produce financially sustainable infrastructure usage.

Strategies

- A. New Developments: Walkable, Accessible, Connected, Dense Neighborhood & Commercial Planning
 - i. Develop land use practices that reduce vehicle miles traveled by encouraging residential and commercial developments in areas within municipal boundaries.
 - ii. Incorporate into land use and transportation plans the movement of people through systems, with the overall goal of providing residents various opportunities to travel by walking, biking or use of public transportation.
 - iii. Promote a mix of land uses that promote long-term economic sustainability in the City.
 - iv. Develop efficient and healthy land patterns that generate community wealth.
 - v. Promote financial and environmental sustainability by enabling and encouraging walkable housing and commercial land use.
 - vi. Promote the reuse of existing building and infrastructure.
- B. Existing Neighborhoods: Infill Housing & Restoration
 - i. Heavily emphasize revitalizing existing neighborhoods, through restoration, urban infill, and any strategies that make our neighborhoods a vibrant place to live, thus making the best use of existing infrastructure and resources.
 - ii. Promote the replacement of aged-out energy wasting housing with new green construction.
 - iii. Promote the development of neighborhoods that are characterized by well connected, walkable streets and allow a mix of neighborhood-serving land use.
 - iv. Develop and amend existing neighborhood streets to provide pedestrian and bike infrastructure, creating easy access to local businesses.
 - v. Support active lifestyles by enhancing the City's green infrastructure, potentially increasing property values. Inventory all neighborhoods in the City, highlighting best revitalization opportunities, and promoting unique neighborhood identities.
 - vi. Develop urban infill guidelines that provide multiple best-use options for neighborhood empty lots / infill opportunities, promoting sustainable best practices.
 - vii. Seek grants and county, state, and federal funds to replace/restore older neighborhoods.
- C. Green Beautification and Urban Forests
 - i. Conserve open space in areas of growth.
 - ii. Encourage creation of a tree inventory and maintenance plan via both helpful recommendations for private residents and potential ordinances for City property
 - iii. Connect community parks and open space through green infrastructure corridors and greenways.
 - iv. Plant trees, with a preference to native varieties that support wildlife, such as beneficial insects, and sequester CO₂; consider subsidizing private tree planting with grants and free or low-cost assistance from City personnel and equipment.
- D. Brownfield and Blight Stewardship
 - i. Inventory potential and confirmed Brownfield sites; prioritize them for planning and potential redevelopment.
 - ii. Identify and pursue state and federal cleanup funding sources.
 - iii. Research Brownfield reuse best strategies from other industry-heavy municipalities.
 - iv. Research and assess creation of Buffer Zones between industrial areas and blighted residential, potentially creating green spaces from significantly blighted residential areas. (Buffer zones can be single properties adjacent to businesses or much larger areas, such as blocks or part of former neighborhoods.)
 - v. Promote non-traditional, creative property usage in blighted areas with artists and entrepreneurs.



Community Development, Engagement, and Education

Objective #1: Local Food

Increase local food within and near the City.

Strategies

- A. Continue to support & expand local community gardens/local farmers' markets in the City.
- B. Encourage businesses, schools, organizations, churches, civic groups, and residents to join the community garden effort in the City.
- C. Encourage businesses, schools, organization, churches, civic groups and residents to select foods that are produced and distributed with minimal impact on the environment, e.g., poultry, fish, and locally-grown fruits and vegetables instead of beef, lamb and produce from California.



Objective #2: Environmental Justice and Diversity

Strategies

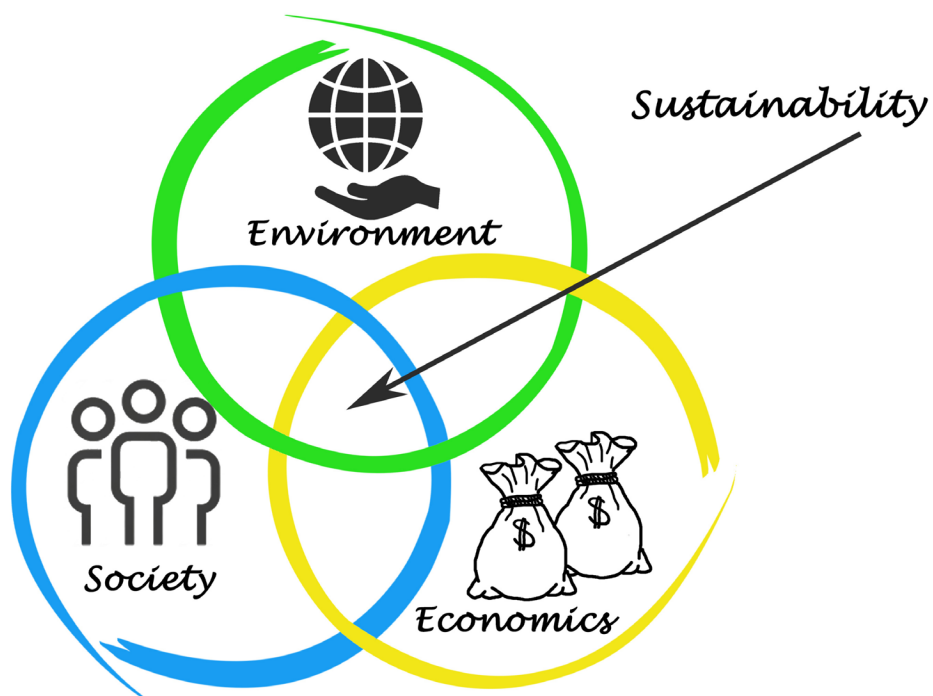
- A. Promote diversity in all facets of life in the City to ensure equity for at-risk groups who may be disproportionately affected by environmental degradation, such as food deserts and floodplain development.



Objective #3: Business Synergies

Strategies

- A. Establish a communication network of businesses, schools, government, and organizations to share information to achieve better results, economic and environmental outcomes.
- B. Encourage the above groups to engage in the focus groups of the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.



Objective #4: Regional Sustainability

Participate in and promote regional sustainability education and projects

Strategies

- A. Continue to communicate with the other sustainability groups, such as other municipal Cool Cities Committees, to share information and explore new approaches to sustainability.
- B. Collaborate with Madison County Sustainability Coordinator and Green Schools Coordinator in their efforts to increase sustainability throughout Madison County.
- C. Support ongoing regional sustainability efforts through sharing and collaboration with East-West Gateway Council of Governments, Heartlands Conservancy, Sierra Club, One St. Louis, and similar sustainability programs.



Objective #5: Environmental Awareness

Strategies

- A. Increase public awareness of environmentally beneficial projects that citizens can do in their homes and neighborhoods.
 - i. Promote the benefits of planting trees on private property and along streets. Provide guidance as to the types of trees that are best suited for varying locations and for wildlife.
 - ii. Develop rain gardens in public places (e.g. Woodland Park) and include information placards that describe the benefits of rain gardens.
 - iii. Promote home recycling and energy efficiency.
 - iv. Continue hosting educational events and classes at Willoughby Farm.

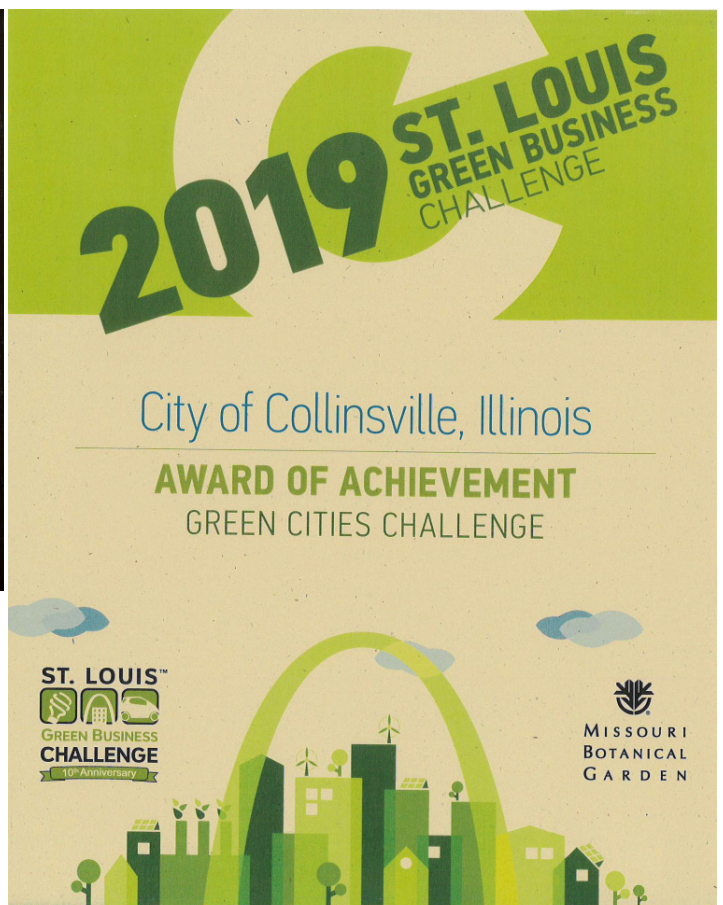


Objective #6: Green Business Development

Increase expansion of the City's green business sector.

Strategies

- A. Seek and promote new green businesses and green jobs.
- B. Identify and promote ways to attract businesses to the City that specialize in sustainable technologies and provide green products and services.
- C. Promote green businesses that are certified under a local, regional, or national program.
- D. Promote workforce training programs in partnership with Collinsville Unit School District 10 that focus on renewable energy.
- E. Encourage community businesses to join the "Green Business Alliance" in Madison County, the Green Dining Alliance, or participate in the St. Louis Botanical Garden's Green Business Challenge.
- F. Encourage businesses through education and incentives to purchase and stock products that are environmentally safe, green, and labeled low vapors.
- G. Encourage businesses through education and incentives to use electric, propane, or solar powered tools for any maintenance or grounds keeping, avoiding gasoline-powered lawn and gardening tools.
- H. Encourage businesses through education and incentives to landscape with native flora.



Public Input



Open Houses

In order to incorporate feedback from residents and businesses, the City hosted two (2) open houses. There were originally four (4) planned open houses but two (2) of the meetings were canceled due to COVID19. There were twelve (12) people in attendance. Participants of the open houses were asked to review the draft policies within the plan and leave their feedback on sticky notes to be placed on the display boards. The following items were specifically cited by participants:

- Continue promoting Farmer’s Market on Main St.
- Share more green education programs in partnership with District 10
- Promote more land management and tree planting
- Expand partnership with Library for citizen education
- Consider using odd and un-buildable lots as rain gardens, small parks, and green space.
- Add Electric Vehicle charging stations to mobile apps like “Plug Share” so that drivers can find them.

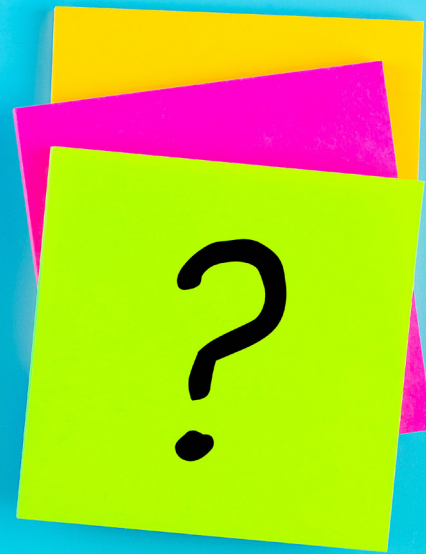
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OPEN HOUSE DATES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 5pm-7:30pm City Hall	SATURDAY MARCH 7 9am-NOON Collinsville Memorial Library
TUESDAY MARCH 17 5pm-7:30pm City Hall	WEDNESDAY MARCH 25 5pm-7:30pm City Hall



Online Survey



In addition to the open houses, the City posted an online survey from March to May 2020 for residents to provide feedback. The following two pages identify the feedback received from 244 participants.

Demographics



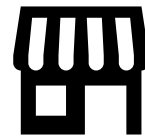
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26.5%

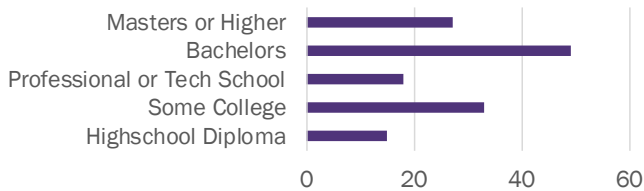


234 Residents
95.9%

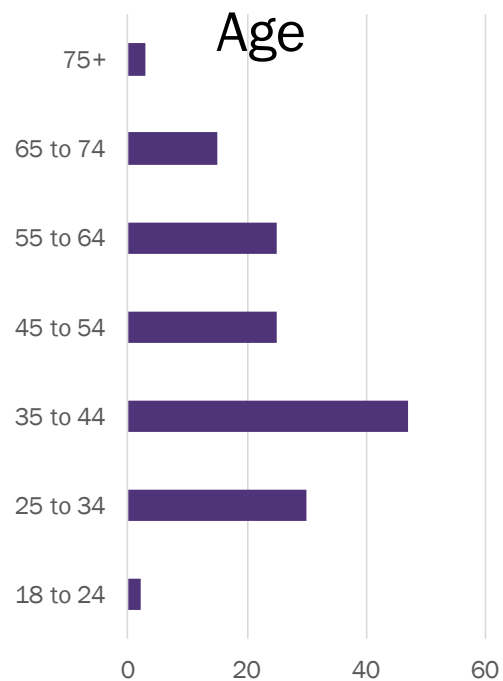


10 Business Owners
4.10%

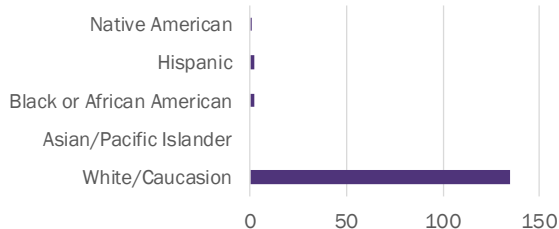
Education



Age



Race/Ethnicity



Online Survey cont. (2 of 3)

Does sustainability directly
Impact your daily life?

YES
87.6%

NO
12.4%

Are you interested in living a
more sustainable lifestyle?

YES
61.9%

Maybe – I need
more info
31%

NO
7.1%

How interested are you in
learning more about
sustainable practices?

Extremely
Interested
48.5%

Interested
39.88%

Somewhat
Interested
11.7%

Not at
all
0%

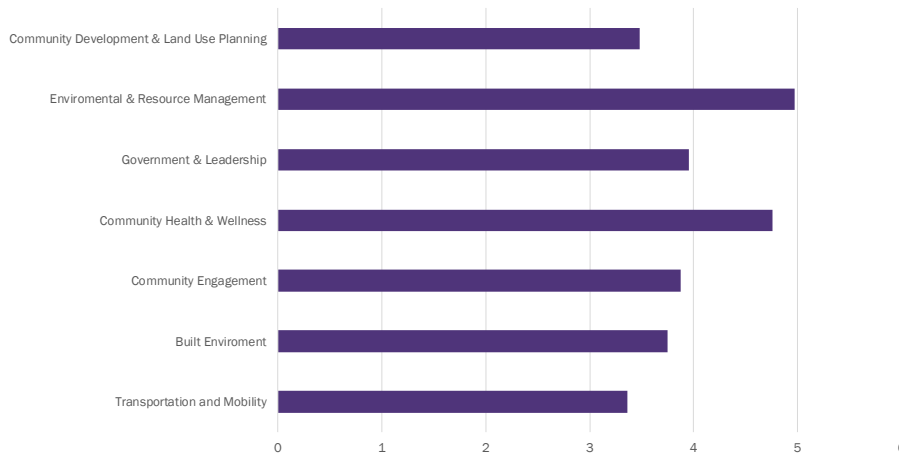
Would you participate in
sustainability practices and
initiatives if you save money?

YES
46.9%

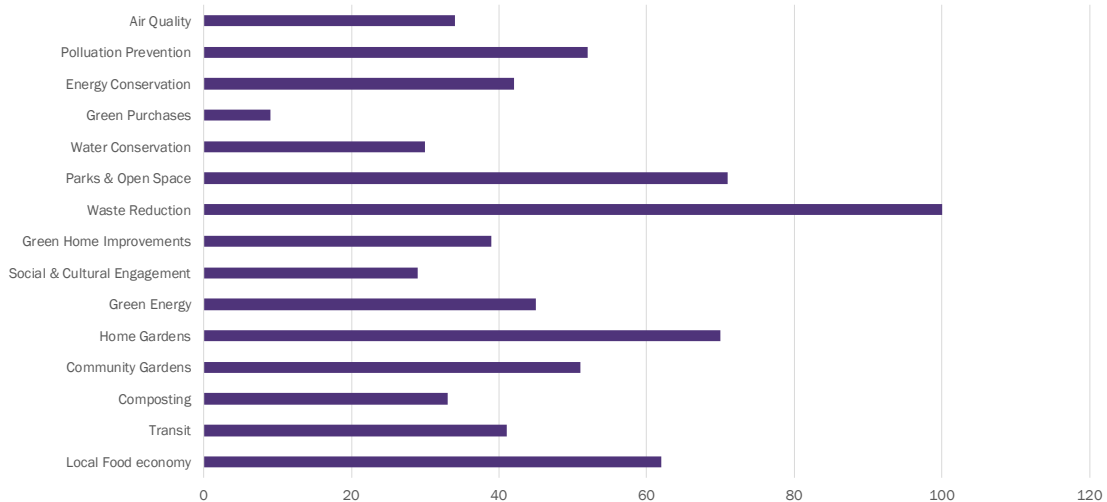
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Top Rated Sustainability Categories

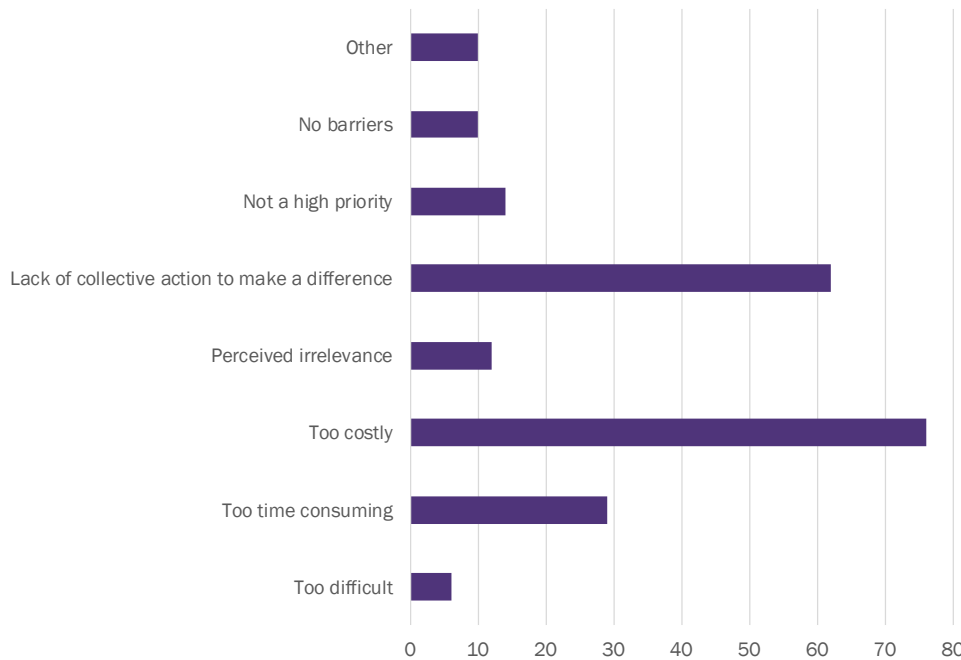


Top Rated Sustainability Categories



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Top barriers to living more a sustainable lifestyle



Other Responses

- ▶ Limited Yard Space
- ▶ Lack of green businesses
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ City regulations on gardens
- ▶ Resale Value
- ▶ Physical Limitations
- ▶ Lack of Government Leadership
- ▶ Not allowed by the City
- ▶ No current limb pick up
- ▶ City Ordinances

General Comments about Sustainability Efforts in Collinsville

Continue the residential recycling program. Consider reimplementing the regular branch pickup program. Do not allow single issue organizations to force city government to mandate a fee on plastic and paper bags.

Please allow neatly maintained front yard vegetable/food gardens in containers or bordered plots.

I'm glad to see that our city officials are taking sustainability seriously. It is hard to get people to recognize their responsibility to the planet and how everyone benefits from environmentally responsible living. Please do not waiver in your dedication to this cause.

Education will be key. Many feel like their actions don't impact the community. It might be derived from a lack of connection to each other.

The e-waste and hazardous waste collections at Gateway are much appreciated. We really miss the semi-annual yard waste pickup of large limbs, etc.

Do more to promote the local food economy: access to healthy food (restaurants, community gardens, home gardens); alleviate food deserts with grocery stores and dining options for all areas of the community; incorporate the minority population into Uptown festivals and events celebrating Hispanic, African American, etc. food and culture. South Morrison and Collinsville Road are food deserts.

I think the committee is trying to help, the community needs to be better on board.

Wish Collinsville had more educational and practical resources for sustainability.

Extremely pleased to see this survey!

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