



COOL CITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	May 18, 2026
TITLE:	Sustainability Plan
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development
PROJECT MANAGER:	Caitlin Rice, AICP, Senior Planner
REQUESTED ACTION:	Discussion
SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS AREA(S):	All

Overview:

Staff is requesting the Committee to review the 2020 Sustainability and hold a discussion over priorities for the Committee.

Top categories for concern during the public input portion of the plan include:

1. Waste Reduction
2. Parks & Open Space
3. Home Gardens
4. Local Good Economy
5. Pollution Prevention

Comments included support for farmers markets on Main Street, more green education programs with District 10, more land management principles and tree planting, partnering with library for education programs, utilizing unbuildable lots for rain gardens, small parks, green space etc.

Since the adoption of the Sustainability Plan, the City conducted a Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2021), adopted an Urban Forestry Plan (2024) and Bike Pedestrian Master Plan (2024). The City is currently in the final stages of a Comprehensive Plan Update (Plan Collinsville 2045) for adoption this year (2026). Below are some notable achievements the City has conducted over the past five years.

Sustainability Achievements:

- Solar Panel installations for City facilities
- Beginning construction of shared use paths and pedestrian improvements (St. Louis Road, Summit Ave, Clay Street)
- Promotion of solar panels and adoption of Solar Energy Systems ordinance
- Changes to Infrastructure Design Manual for water quality standards and options for green solutions such as rain gardens and permeable pavers
- Removal of invasive species at City Parks
- Replacement of landscaping material with native plants on City property
- Tree plantings
- MCT Micro
- Willoughby Farm composting, biochar and ASP system

- Sustainability series with Willoughby Farms and Parks Department
- Adoption of composting and native landscaping ordinance
- Adoption of landscaping ordinance that incentives native plants through point system and irrigation waivers

The Committee has made great strides to increase educational outreach and exposure to the Committee and remains a consistent participant in the Green Cities Challenge. Sustainability Plan covers five (5) focus areas with specific objectives and strategies to help achieve them. Staff is requesting the Committee to review the Sustainability Plan and identify priorities for the Committee to target over the next few years.

Some opportunities include:

- Update GHG inventory
- Advocate for habitat linkage, conservation of green space
- Advocate for bike racks, analyzing parking requirements