



WESTMINSTER

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN TARGETS AND STRATEGIES

MAY 2021



Energy

Establish a resilient, equitable and reliable energy future powered by low-carbon and renewable energy.

Targets

- ❑ Achieve 2% electricity savings and 0.5% natural gas savings community-wide annually through 2030 compared to the city's 2014 baseline.
- ❑ Pursue opportunities to decrease energy utility costs for low-income households.
- ❑ Strive for 80% renewable electricity for primary municipal facilities and operations by 2030.
- ❑ Align with the Governor Administration's Roadmap to pursue 100% renewable electricity community-wide by 2040.

Strategies

- EN1. Support a Clean Energy Agenda for the State of Colorado
- EN2. Explore Opportunities for Resilient Energy Systems
- EN3. Build Regional Renewable Energy Partnerships
- EN4. Provide Residential Energy Education and Engagement
- EN5. Increase Renewable Electricity for Municipal Facilities and Operations
- EN6. Conduct Energy Performance Contracting in Municipal Facilities
- EN7. Update Building and Development Codes

Timeline

- Ongoing
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- Immediate and Ongoing
- Immediate and Ongoing
- Immediate and Ongoing
- Immediate and Ongoing
- Near-Term and Ongoing



Economic Resilience

Foster a dynamic and diverse economy that cultivates and strengthens a wide array of economic opportunities.

Targets

- ❑ Maintain a diverse primary industries base.
- ❑ Expand opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs within the community.
- ❑ Grow opportunities for local workforce to match business needs.
- ❑ Improve social responsibility and sustainable business practices in the community.

Strategies	Timeline
ER1. Foster Small and Local Business Development	Ongoing
ER2. Enhance Workforce Development for Under-represented Populations	Ongoing
ER3. Align Workforce Development to Business Needs	Ongoing
ER4. Strengthen Core Economic Development Functions of Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion	Ongoing
ER5. Create a Sustainable Business Support and Recognition Program	Immediate and Ongoing
ER6. Explore the Integration of Sustainability Practices into Economic Development Incentives	Mid-Term



Health & Wellness

Increase awareness of and access to healthy lifestyle options, including recreation opportunities, healthy foods and wellness services for all.

Targets

- Achieve the parks, open space and trail targets established in the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Plan.
- Reduce food swamps and lessen the effects of food deserts on local populations.
- Increase education about and access to local and healthy foods, mobility options for active lifestyles and other healthy living opportunities.
- Increase community resilience and neighborhood connections for improved health and wellness outcomes.
- Collaborate to improve regional air quality.

Strategies

Strategies	Timeline
HW1. Improve Trail Connectivity	Immediate and Ongoing
HW2. Partner to Expand Health, Nutrition and Wellness Education and Offerings	Immediate and Ongoing
HW3. Achieve HEAL Cities Designation	Immediate
HW4. Reduce Local Contributions to Regional Air Pollution	Immediate and Ongoing
HW5. Encourage Home Gardens and Local Food Production	Near-Term and ongoing
HW6. Identify Needs and Gaps Related to Community Health and Resilience	Near-Term and Ongoing
HW7. Encourage and Recruit Healthy Food Options	Near-Term and Ongoing
HW8. Develop Community Partnerships for Resilience	Near-Term and Ongoing



Housing & Neighborhoods

Support a vibrant, connected and sustainable mix of diverse and adaptable neighborhoods that facilitate a sense of community.

Targets

- Maintain or increase the percentage of residents who somewhat or strongly agree that the city can be described as safe and secure.
- Increase both the diversity of housing types and affordable options available in the city.

- Maintain or increase the percentage of residents who rate the overall quality of their neighborhood as very good or good.
- Achieve 90% or greater voluntary compliance with nuisance code violations issued by the city.
- Increase opportunities for creating community and neighborhood engagement.

Strategies	Timeline
HN1. Preserve and Cultivate Affordable and Workforce Housing	Ongoing
HN2. Protect and Preserve Existing Housing Stock	Immediate and Ongoing
HN3. Promote Sustainable Practices and Product Diversity in Construction	Immediate and Ongoing
HN4. Focus on City Neighborhoods	Near-Term and Ongoing
HN5. Facilitate Discussions focused on Neighborhood Inclusivity and Resilience	Near-Term



Materials & Waste

Cultivate improved waste and materials management that supports source reduction, sustainable diversion and regulatory compliance through accessible services and programs for all sectors.

Targets

- Increase waste diversion rate to 25% by 2030 for all city operations and facilities.
- Increase the community-wide waste diversion rate.
- Enhance city environmental management systems and practices.

Strategies	Timeline
MW1. Reduce Waste and Increase Diversion in City Facilities	Near-Term and Ongoing
MW2. Require Enhanced Waste Infrastructure in New Developments	Near-Term and Ongoing
MW3. Explore Options for Increasing Commercial Waste Diversion	Near-Term and Ongoing
MW4. Explore Options for Increasing Residential Waste Diversion	Near-Term and Ongoing
MW5. Enhance Environmental Management and Compliance	Near-Term and Ongoing



Transportation & Mobility

Innovate to provide a safe, connected, accessible and inclusive multimodal transportation network.

Targets

- Achieve the mode share targets for carpool, transit, bicycling and walking established in the Transportation & Mobility Plan (TMP).
- Improve and invest in transportation infrastructure to enhance and complete connections to local and regional activity centers (such as shopping, jobs and recreation).
- Reduce and strive to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries in the transportation system.
- Increase the number of light duty and medium duty electric vehicles in the city fleet.
- Increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations on and off city property.

Strategies	Timeline
TM1. Identify, Complete, Operate and Maintain a Multimodal Transportation Network	Ongoing
TM2. Identify Sustainable Funding for a Multimodal Transportation Network	Ongoing
TM3. Adopt a City-wide Complete Streets Policy	Immediate
TM4. Utilize Best Practices to Achieve Transportation Industry Standards and Recognition Programs	Ongoing
TM5. Expand Outreach and Education to Facilitate Active Transportation Options	Ongoing
TM6. Encourage Private Electric Vehicle Adoption and Infrastructure Development	Near-Term and Ongoing
TM7. Advance City Fleet Vehicle Electrification and Infrastructure Development on City Property	Near-Term and Ongoing



Natural Resources & Environment

Perpetuate the legacy of Westminster’s natural resources by conserving and maintaining thriving natural systems and enhancing city infrastructure.

Targets

- ❑ Maintain and protect biodiversity and native species throughout the city.
- ❑ Expand the urban tree canopy coverage.
- ❑ Improve the health of the community’s waterways and water bodies.
- ❑ Reduce system-wide water use to 110 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) or lower by 2030.
- ❑ Halt the decline in the Utility Condition Index (UCI) for the city water and wastewater infrastructure systems.

Strategies	Timeline
NR1. Enhance Biodiversity	Ongoing
NR2. Increase Westminster’s Tree Canopy Coverage	Ongoing
NR3. Expand Stormwater Low Impact Development	Ongoing
NR4. Improve and Maintain City Stormwater Program	Ongoing
NR5. Replace Aging City Utility Infrastructure	Ongoing
NR6. Prepare and Adopt Water Efficiency Plan	Immediate
NR7. Adopt Water Efficient Landscape Standards	Immediate and Ongoing
NR8. Reduce Outdoor Water Use at City Properties and Facilities	Immediate and Ongoing

For more information on the Sustainability Plan, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofwestminster.us/Residents/CityServices/Sustainability/SustainabilityPlan.

If you have questions about the Sustainability Plan, please email sustainability@cityofwestminster.us.