

SUSTAINABILITY:



Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Goals of The Office of Sustainability:

- ▶ Save the City of Cleveland money and reduce its ecological footprint
- ▶ Use sustainability as a tool for economic development
- ▶ Provide tools and resources to make sustainability business-as-usual within City departments, at home, and the workplace
- ▶ Foster a culture that embraces sustainability action through education

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Office of Sustainability is helping the City to implement many projects, such as:

- ▶ In collaboration with Cleveland's Bike Share Task Force, completed a Bike Share Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan.
- ▶ Achieved LEED Gold certification for the Collinwood Recreation Center, which features solar thermal and PV technology
- ▶ Implementing 14 sustainability projects at the City and in the community through the Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program
- ▶ Providing about 500 free rain barrels to residents annually as part of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program



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SUSTAINABILITY

to learn more information about the Office of Sustainability, please visit: www.city.cleveland.oh.us/sustainability

SUSTAINABLE CLEVELAND 2019

Sustainable Cleveland 2019 is a 10-year initiative that engages people from all walks of life, working together to design and develop a thriving and resilient Cleveland region that leverages its wealth of assets to build economic, social and environmental well-being for all.



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The Office of Sustainability was established in May 2005 to help the City save money and reduce its ecological footprint.



MISSION:

The Mayor's Office of Sustainability leverages Cleveland's wealth of assets by collaborating with the community to improve the economic, environmental, and social well-being of its citizens. To lead by example, the Office develops and implements policies and practices with City departments to embrace a culture of sustainability.

VISION:

The Office of Sustainability will lead and empower Cleveland to be a global leader in urban sustainable living, commerce, operations, and community.



FOCUS AREAS



Energy Efficiency and Conservation

By instituting energy efficiency and conservation initiatives in City facilities, operations, and vehicle fleets, we are saving taxpayer money, and taking the right steps towards carbon neutrality. Through education, policies, and programs, the City empowers employees, businesses, and residents to take action to be more energy efficient.



Renewable and Advanced Energy

Renewable and alternative energy is vital to the revitalization of Cleveland's economy. The City is becoming a leader in advanced energy generation by collaborating with public, private, and institutional leaders to develop wind, solar, waste-to-energy, and other technologies.



Green Building

The City of Cleveland is committed to building green. The City has adopted a Sustainable Municipal Building Policy that requires LEED Silver certification for new construction and efficiency requirements for "fix it first" projects in existing buildings. In addition, developers that receive financial support from the City are required to adopt green building principles, while residential projects must build according to the Cleveland Green Building Standards to receive property tax abatement.



Sustainable Mobility

The City passed a Complete and Green Streets ordinance in September 2011 to provide safe and desirable travel for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists, while incorporating best practices in green infrastructure. Working with the Complete and Green Streets Task Force, we are developing a toolkit to effectively implement this policy.



Supporting the Local Economy

The City is leveraging its purchasing power to encourage companies to be more sustainable while boosting our local economy. The City adopted a Local and Sustainable Purchasing ordinance, which provides a 2-4% bid preference for companies that source products locally and/or are certified as a sustainable business.



Local food is a big focus for the City, which now has more than 250 community gardens and urban farms. We engage businesses, residents, schools, and social service and community development organizations to support this growing movement.



Community Health and Environment

The City understands that a strong, resilient economy requires a healthy community and environment. Tackling water quality helps sustain a dependable supply of clean, safe drinking water. And creating walkable communities also improves public health. The City is addressing these topics and others, such as stormwater, greenhouse gas management, local foods, sustainable transportation, and green space planning.



Waste Reduction and Recycling

The City saves money and natural resources by decreasing the waste generated through its own operations and within the larger city limits. This includes both residential and commercial waste reduction and recycling programs.

The Division of Waste Collection continues to expand the Mandatory Automated Waste Collection Process, reaching about 95% of households by the end of 2015. As a result, the City diverts thousands of tons of waste from the landfill each year and saves over \$1 million annually through waste disposal cost avoidance and recycling.