

FOREST GROVE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

WORK PLAN | FY 2021-2022

Mission Statement: Using all resources (societal, economic and natural) in an efficient and equitable manner; Sustainability in Forest Grove means considering long-term environmental, economic and social impacts of our actions. Sustainability prioritizes long-term needs over short-term gains to ensure that resources necessary to sustain life are available now and in the future.

ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY:

Materials Management

Commercial Food Recycling/Donation	Educate community on Metro’s program after Jan 2022
Hard to Recycle Event (PlanetCon)	Assist outreach and promotion of event being held 2021 1am - 2pm - TENTATIVE DATE, pending corona virus mitigation Planetcon.org
CO ₂ Reduction and Clean Energy	Backyard burn plan, add additional recycling resources, do research – New Sub Committee Members: Uecker, Johnson, Harris, Peters Weem, and Arrigotti.
Zero Waste Event	Document/How-To Guide on having a zero waste event, TBD

ECONOMIC CATEGORY:

Natural Resources (Soil, Water, Air, Biota)

Earth Day Fair & Litter Clean Up Annual Event	Promote and partner with local business for food and prizes 1-day event around Earth Day 2022, possible partnership with EDC
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Food

Food Fix (to be updated by Robin)	Promote the Food Fix website and information/Promote free food resources in Forest Grove -find the info
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Sustainable Schools/Education

School Gardens	Maintain school gardens in FGSD, Promote “Adopt-A-Garden”
Mini-Grant Program	Publicize Mini-grant opportunities, w/new mini-grant application question to include applicants to measure their equity impact, specifically to low income and BIPOC communities

EQUITY CATEGORY:

Social Equity

Civic Engagement	Ideas: How to engage w/ City Government? How to improve access to city operations, remove barriers and increase accessibility.
Homelessness	Promote and engage in local efforts to address issues. Possibility of working with Forest Grove Foundation.
Affordable Housing	Work with Community Connection. Ask Brian Schimmel to provide regular updates.
American Rescue Plan – Forest Grove	\$5.2 Million over 2 years. How will funds be utilized to improve our community? Ask city for regular updates. Sus Com to promote the use of funds to remove barriers and increase access for underserved community members.

Long-Term Projects:

Energy Conservation and Green Building

Transportation (Safe Routes to School) TBD

Tour City Departments (for Commission members) new tours available 2021?

Community Tours (for Commission members)

Following are related areas of emphasis that are not specifically listed as topic areas in the current Forest Grove Sustainability Work Plan:

Media/Public Relations

“Did You Know...” Social Media	Sustainability articles on the City website, Facebook page, and community pages, Sustainability website (e.g., solar opportunities, watershed education, recycling, free food website, FGHS Community Cupboard, PlanetCon statistics) Waiting on City’s Social media compliance policy guidelines to better be able to share information.
Utility Bill Flyer	Promote Sustainability events
Pacific Pipeline	Engage Pacific students in Sustainability Comm. efforts for capstone projects; contribute volunteer time with student partnerships