Stoughton Sustainability Committee Vision & Mission

A sustainable community requires a new ethic of living on our planet, considering the long term impact of actions and policies on our community's environmental, social, and economic health. The Stoughton Sustainability Committee will:

- Develop a Sustainability Plan to guide the policies and efforts of city departments, committees, and commissions
- Collaborate with city staff, to generate an annual report that measures progress against benchmarks established in the Sustainability Plan
- Identify and collaborate with local and regional partners to promote sustainability efforts, including community outreach

Focus Area	Description	Vision Statement (preliminary)
Energy	Energy usage by the city and the community.	Embrace energy efficiency and conservation, while decreasing the use of fossil fuels, toward achieving a 100% clean energy future.
Transportation	Moving towards more energy efficient options	Cut the energy pollution by creating a transportation system that makes energy efficient transportation a more desirable option for city employees, residents, and businesses.
Water	Groundwater, wastewater, surface water	The City of Stoughton, including residents and businesses, conserve, protect, restore, and advocate* for groundwater and surface water resources, ensuring clean water is available for drinking, recreation, fishing, and the support of healthy aquatic habitat.
Solid Waste	Waste reduction and improved recycling	Facilitate the reduction in the amount of waste sent to landfill, while decreasing the amount of waste generated overall. Proper disposal of hazardous waste.

Land Use	Housing density, amount of park lands, the type of park lands	The City of Stoughton encourages compact, efficient growth that incorporates mixed use development, diversity of housing types, thriving businesses, and preserved and restored natural habitats. The city acknowledges that land is a precious resource and strives to increase developed areas conservatively, only as needed to meet the needs of its growing population.
Community	Engagement, education, and health	The City of Stoughton promotes an ethic of resource conservation and environmental stewardship by encouraging and empowering residents of all ages and backgrounds, businesses, and community groups to take actions that improve environmental quality and the quality of life in our community and region. Through learning and engagement opportunities for schools, businesses, organizations, city government, and individual citizens, the City focuses on making sustainability a part of life for all in our community.