

November 27th, 2023, City of Stoughton Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes

Committee members present: Scott Taylor, Katelyn Geleynse, Heath Massey, Ben Heili, Donelle Scaffidi, Rachel Venegas, Sienna Scott, Lisa Reeves, Adrienne Nienow, Mayor Tim Swadley (ex officio)

Non-committee members present: Hannah Bohn, Katrina Becker, Brett Schumacher, Tyler Denig

**Call to Order:** 6:04 PM

Lisa moves to approve October 23rd meeting minutes, Adrienne seconds.

**Criteria for Action Prioritization** (led by Hannah & Katrina):

Objective is to pick 50 priority actions out of 200 or so. We review different methods for prioritizing actions. We brainstorm criteria to use for prioritization and then vote on the criteria.

Next steps: Hannah & Katrina will meet with Mayor & public works directly to discuss the city's existing initiatives. Then, they will build a "scorecard" that we can use to create priority actions. They will return for our 12/18 meeting.

We discuss removing actions related to ordinance amendments and dealing with those with a broader recommendation. This would reduce the number of actions we have to winnow.

7:32 PM Rachel moves to adjourn, Lisa seconds.

# Governance

## Introduction

1. Purpose of this section
  - a. As we developed goals and recommended actions, we realized there was a need for broader organizational recommendations.
  - b. Importance of Systems thinking approach - collaboration and connections (networks)
2. Considerations/Scope of task at hand
  - a. Coordinating Implementation
    - i. Internal coordination (Staff, Council, Committees/Commissions)
    - ii. External coordination - Maintaining connections and collaboration with key partners and networks and Securing funding
  - b. Carrying out actions
  - c. Assessing progress, tracking and reporting, and making adjustments
3. Highlight inspiring governance examples from other municipalities ([look at eco-municipalities in WI](#))

## Recommendations (Actions pulled from Airtable are in pink)

1. Sustainability Committee
  - a. 1 City Staff member on committee
    - i. Staff coordinator, see recommendation #2
  - b. Define council members role on committee
  - c. Some overlap in members on the Sustainability Committee with (not necessarily all of these. Priority = \*):
    - i. Planning Commission\*
    - ii. Parks and Recreation Committee\*
    - iii. Public Works Committee\*
    - iv. Tree Commission
    - v. Rivers and Trails Taskforce
  - d. Define other committee member roles (in addition to Chair and co-chair)
  - e. Form sub-committees to carry out priority actions assigned to the Sustainability Committee



- i. Require (or provide regular opportunities for) sustainability training for all City Staff (example: Attend a Sustain Dane workshop/presentation).
- ii. Attend a Dane County Sustainability Campus tour and/or workshop to learn and connect with the current work and vision for meeting future waste management needs.
- iii. Encourage and support staff in obtaining sustainability-related certifications.
- iv. Include experience or training in sustainability in job descriptions, training, and performance reviews of city employees.

#### 4. Cultivate Relationships with Key Partners

- a. Make critical connections, focus on the intersecting priorities, and adapt together.
- b. Can organize this with a list of key partners and the focus areas they can help with, or List the Focus Areas and Key Partners. Some kind of graphic visual would be nice for this.
  - i. State policy change - Elected officials from county executive to state senate
  - ii. Local organizations and groups:
    - 1. Innovation Center Stoughton
    - 2. Downtown Business Association
  - iii. School District
  - iv. UW Extension
  - v. Dane Co. Office of Energy and climate change
  - vi. Cultural connections
    - 1. Develop relationship with local tribes (Ho-Chunk to start)
    - 2. Develop relationship with Sister City - Gjøvik, Norway
      - a. [Smart Sustainable Cities Verification Report](#)

#### 5. Engagement with Essential Networks

- a. Dane Co. Office of Energy and Climate Change - Join Sustainable Leaders Collaborative (SLC) (Mayor is already, identify other staff/committee members to join)
- b. Dane Co. City and Villages Association
  - i. Ensure that all local proposals account for, connect with and support the plans of adjacent jurisdictions and the surrounding region.
- c. North American Eco-municipality Network
- d. Maintain membership and engage with Sustain Dane

- e. American Planning Association (APA) - Plan commission involvement
  - f. Join the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition network.
    - i. Access to network of members to share best practices, resources, and technical assistance to help local governments navigate the many incoming federal funding opportunities from the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
6. Budgeting
- a. Pie chart of how city allocates tax dollars
    - i. Research innovative strategies other municipalities are utilizing to reduce projects that have high costs for both the environment and \$\$ (like road construction).
  - b. Identification of immediate grant opportunities/ other funding sources (ARPA/IRA, etc.)
  - c. Look into innovative and creative fundraising strategies that can be put towards Sustainability and resilience (ex: penny tax, from Minneapolis - funding Climate Legacy Initiative by increasing the utility franchise fee)
  - d. Budgeting targets and commitments
    - i. Near-term tap into big Grant \$ and incentives that will save city \$ - Examples of how early investments in sustainable projects and improvements can save money for future budget years
    - ii. Mid-term & Long term budgeting - make room in budget for sustainability projects and staffing
7. Integrate the Sustainability Plan vision, goals, objectives, and actions in future comprehensive planning and ordinance overhaul.
- a. Make sure Sustainability is a main focus in the next iteration of the Comprehensive Plan
  - b. Update ordinances for sustainability
8. Accountability
- a. Build on the existing Objectives/Indicators listed in the sustainability plan, and establish Baseline metrics and targets
    - i. Hire a consultant to conduct baseline inventory of city-wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Set goals for emissions reductions by sector (e.g. energy, transportation, solid waste, etc.).
  - b. Assess progress toward goals annually.
  - c. Publish an annual progress report on sustainability in the community, in municipal operations, and around the region.



City of Stoughton Sustainability Plan  
Action Prioritization Scorecard

<b>IMPACT CRITERIA</b>			
	<b>Low = 1</b>	<b>Medium = 2</b>	<b>High = 3</b>
To what extent will the action reduce Greenhouse gas emissions?	Little reduction of GHG emissions	Moderate reduction of GHG emissions	Significant reduction of GHG emissions
To what extent will the action protect and restore ecosystems?	Little impact on the protection and restoration of ecosystems	Moderate impact on the protection and restoration of ecosystems	Significant impact on the protection and restoration of ecosystems
	<b>No = 0</b>		<b>Yes = 1</b>
Co-benefit bonus: Does the action address multiple impact criteria?	The action does not achieve at least "medium" impact in 2 or more impact criteria	The action achieves at least "medium" impact in 2 or more impact criteria +1 if the action achieves "high" impact in 2 or more impact criteria	
Equity bonus: Does the action intentionally address environmental injustice and/or equity concerns?	The action does not intentionally address environmental injustice and/or equity concerns		The action does intentionally address environmental injustice and/or equity concerns
<b>EFFORT CRITERIA</b>			
	<b>Low = 1</b>	<b>Medium = 2</b>	<b>High = 3</b>
What will be the overall cost of the action (factoring in potential cost savings and funding availability)?	Relatively low cost. OR, high cost may be mitigated by potential cost savings and/or available funding	Moderate cost. OR, high cost mitigated to some extent by potential cost savings and/or available funding	Relatively high cost.
What labor and resources will be involved in implementing the action? (including city staff effort, collaboration with other entities)	Relatively low labor and resources needed to implement action	Moderate labor and resources needed to implement action	Relatively substantial labor and resources needed to implement action
<b>OTHER CONSIDERATIONS</b>			
Is there strong community support for the action?	* = The action has strong community support. No point value, but % of actions must have strong community support.		

Timeline for implementation	Near term 0-2 years	Medium term 2-6 years	Long term 6-10 years
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#### Instructions for Scorecard Use

Each action identified as “municipal responsibility” and “overlap” within the Airtable database will be assessed using the criteria included in the scorecard. The action will receive points based on the metrics it meets for each criterion.

Points from the Impact criteria will be added together to create an “Impact Score”. In addition to the three possible points for each Impact Criterion, actions may receive a bonus point for co-benefits if the action achieves at least “medium” impact in both criteria. An additional co-benefit point may be awarded if the action achieves “high” impact in both criteria. Actions may also receive an equity bonus point if it intentionally addresses environmental injustice and/or equity concerns. There are 9 points possible in the Impact Score.

Points from the Effort criteria will be added together to create an “Effort Score”. There are 6 points possible in the Effort Score.

These scores (Impact, Effort) will then be used as coordinates in an Impact/Effort matrix. The ~50 top priorities will be selected based on their position within the matrix as well as a few other considerations:

- 1) The Sustainability Committee has decided that at least % of actions included in the plan need to have strong community support as demonstrated through the survey and focus group results. Actions that have strong community support will be denoted in the priority action list with an asterisk symbol.
- 2) There will need to be a distribution of near term, medium term, and long term actions included in the plan. The priority action list will include indication of the timeline for implementation of each action.
- 3) There will also need to be a distribution of actions within each focus area. Actions will be listed by focus area in the priority action list.



## City of Stoughton Sustainability Plan Draft List of Priority Actions

This is an initial assessment of the priority actions identified for inclusion in the City of Stoughton's Sustainability Plan. Actions were included based on their Impact and Effort scores and/or their strong support from the community. Additionally, a few actions were selected for their "momentum building" potential - essentially these could be early wins for the Plan that would require little effort and encourage support for future actions that might be more involved.

Several new planning actions were added to ensure the City can establish a sustainability baseline against which it can measure its progress.

Actions that included code/ordinance changes as well as updates to the Comprehensive Plan were separated from this priority list as there are already plans at the city level to update many of these items. These changes/updates can be included in the Sustainability plan in a separate section.

\* Indicates action has strong community support

### Energy

Action #	Action	Timeline
NEW	Assess municipal energy usage. Set goals for energy consumption reduction, share of renewable energy, etc. Assess progress toward goals annually.	Near
E1	Conduct energy audits of city buildings to identify improvement areas and prioritize energy efficiency projects.	In Progress
E2	Establish or adopt sustainable building standards for new city facilities, which include requirements for net-zero construction.	Medium
E3	Retrofit city buildings with heat pumps to reduce natural gas usage.	Medium
*E6	Adopt sustainable building and energy efficiency standards for all new construction that go beyond the state's minimum requirements.	Medium
E7	Assess city's progress toward achieving Governor's goals: 1) 100% carbon-free electricity for government operations by 2050 (EO #38). 2) Ensure all electricity consumed in Wisconsin is 100% carbon-free by 2050 (EO #52)	Near
*E9	Convert a municipal facility to solar photovoltaic (PV) power to be enhanced in the future by converting an additional facility or two into an interconnected microgrid.	Long



E10	Join the Choose Renewables program as a municipality.	In Progress
E12	Identify opportunities for developing solar canopy infrastructure.	Medium
*E13	Provide incentives and support for businesses to incorporate energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy technologies in existing buildings.	In Progress
E14	Continue to publicize the Choose Renewables program.	In Progress
E15	Bring community stakeholders together to identify intersecting priorities and collaborate to implement clean energy projects.	In Progress

## Transportation

Action #	Action	Timeline
*T1	Install bicycle racks at municipal buildings and other downtown locations.	Near
T6	Assess options for limiting or prohibiting vehicle traffic on Main Street during festivals and other occasions.	Medium
T7	Develop a Complete Green Streets approach to integrate the Complete Streets Policy Framework and Green Infrastructure Practices into local land use policies, street design, and the transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.	Medium
T8	Develop the first park-and-ride location at one of two sites identified by the city.	Medium
*T16	Develop and implement a Safe Routes to School or equivalent program.	Near
NEW	Explore feasibility and funding opportunities to transition municipal fleet to electric.	Long

## Water

Action #	Action	Timeline
NEW	Assess municipal water usage. Set goals for water conservation, etc. Assess progress toward goals annually.	Near
W1	Review water rate structure and make any necessary adjustments to encourage water conservation.	Near
*W2	Investigate all potential sources of groundwater contamination, especially old and current industrial and manufacturing sites, gas stations, and hazardous waste and superfund sites; pursue BIL and IRA cleanup funding as needed.	Near

W4	Evaluate water use of municipal buildings and install more water saving fixtures as needed.	Medium
*W7	Evaluate current leaf management practices against most current technical guidance and explore potential enhancements to street sweeping, leaf collection, and other practices to reduce total suspended solids and phosphorus in city stormwater below the levels required by state regulations.	Medium
*W8	Explore road salt alternatives and reduction strategies, and implement changes without compromising public safety on our roads and sidewalks.	In Progress
W9	Adopt rain barrel use where feasible on city properties. (Paired with W19)	Near
*W11	Phase out the use of herbicides on city-owned lands, starting with areas more likely to contaminate groundwater or surface water, by replacing conventional vegetation with lower maintenance native alternatives that have denser root systems that inhibit weed growth.	Long
W19	Identify ways to utilize wastewater and rainwater collection for irrigation of city-owned and private landscapes. (Paired with W9)	Long

## Solid Waste

Action #	Action	Timeline
NEW	Assess City of Stoughton overall recycling rate. Set goals for waste reduction, reuse. Assess progress toward goals annually.	Near
S1	Create a municipal purchasing policy that requires consideration be given to whether a product is made from biodegradable and/or recycled materials.	Near
S8	Adopt a resolution to address food waste with clear and measurable food waste diversion goals.	Near
S11	City staff and partners attend a Dane County Sustainability Campus tour and/or workshop to learn and connect with the current work and vision for meeting future waste management needs.	Near
*S12	Research feasibility of developing and operating a city compost site for food waste.	Medium
*S15	Build and maintain composting infrastructure at current and future city-run community gardens.	Near
S18	Develop a public education campaign that is in line with the City's sustainability goals for solid waste, in partnership with John's Disposal.	Near
S19	Host the Dane County landfill Trash Lab mobile exhibit, annually, during high traffic events.	Near

*S30	Support the school district in developing a program for food waste monitoring and reduction, including the incorporation of district-wide composting.	Medium
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### Land Use & Development

Action #	Action	Timeline
*L6	Identify lawns and parks lacking trees or native plants, and implement a plan to plant shade trees, native plants, prairie strips, rain gardens, or bioswales.	Medium
*L8	Examine city property and identify opportunities to replace turf grass with native plants that don't need to be mowed.	Near
L9	Identify upcoming street reconstruction projects and new developments to encourage city and developers to install Green Infrastructure such as bioswales, rain gardens, permeable pavement, tree canopy, etc., to promote biodiversity-rich business parks and neighborhoods.	Near
*L10	Require implementation of conservation practices (e.g., pervious pavement; 0% turf grass; landscaping using native plants; planting shade trees) for developers requesting TIF money.	Near
*L19	Explore ways to permit and incentivize the replacement of turf grass with native vegetation and/or water-wise landscapes that do not require mowing.	Medium
*L20	Increase funding in the CIP to increase the purchase and planting of shade trees on public lands.	Long
*L24	Improve parks, trails, open space, and landscaping at facilities with native habitat, tree canopy, gardens, rain gardens, native prairie, and prairie strips.	Long
L26	Promote connections between agricultural producers and Stoughton businesses and residents, supporting local sustainable agriculture.	Medium

### Community Health & Engagement

Action #	Action	Timeline
*C1	Create and maintain a web page easily accessible from the city's home page dedicated to sustainability resources, guidance, and community events and activities.	Near
*C4	Create a process for facilitated and ongoing community dialogue around controversial topics related to sustainability and development.	Near
C5	Establish a greenhouse gas measuring station.	Near

C7	Develop demonstration projects to showcase best management practices in energy, water conservation, native plantings, recycling, etc.	Medium
*C8	Use schools and anchor institutions to model/showcase energy efficiency and sustainable practices.	Medium
C10	Partner with organizations within the community to hold regular and frequent community education events to promote sustainability.	Near
C21	Hire a consultant to assess any industries reporting emissions of hazardous pollutants to air, water, or land, and engage all relevant stakeholders and regulatory agencies in a discussion addressing ending harm to the community.	Near

### Recommended Ordinance/Code Changes

Action #	Action
E8	Compare the city's building and zoning codes to the current best practices for energy efficiency and climate and economic resilience; identify and prioritize opportunities to update codes.
T2	Amend the parking ordinance to require bicycle racks for all new commercial and multifamily buildings.
T3	Adopt an ordinance allowing Neighborhood Electric Vehicles.
T7	Develop a Complete Green Streets approach to integrate the Complete Streets Policy Framework and Green Infrastructure Practices into local land use policies, street design, and the transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.
T11	Incorporate EV charging guidance into the city's Comprehensive Plan update.
T13	Identify enforceable idling regulations for reducing emissions from unnecessary vehicle idling, then update ordinance(s) and pair the changes with public education.
T14	Target locations for public EV charging infrastructure and amend the zoning ordinance to require EV charging stations where appropriate (e.g. new multi-family developments).
W10	Require pervious surfaces and infiltration areas utilizing native vegetation in all new developments and redevelopments. (ordinance update)
W13	Require protection or establishment of native vegetation in shoreline buffer zones of new developments and redevelopments.
W25	Use ordinance to improve construction site water infiltration, runoff management, and erosion control.
S7	Develop and adopt clear and simple waste reduction policies to encourage compliance.
L1	Update ordinance to allow for cooperative living arrangements.

L2	Update zoning ordinance to allow for conservation subdivisions and agricultural neighborhoods.*
L4	Review and update the city's zoning and ordinances to allow smaller lots, decrease setbacks, ADUs, less land for parking lots, more multi-family.
L5	Add conservation practices into land use regulations for new developments.
L11	Implement Smart Surfaces Coalition alternative surface technologies for city roofs, streets, sidewalks, and parking lots, and update all related ordinance requirements to include and encourage public and municipal use of these alternatives.
L16	Change ordinance to require that terraces/tree lawns are wide enough to support shade trees and rain gardens.
L22	Identify and adopt local land use policies to lay the groundwork for widespread adoption of EVs, customer-based energy generation, and the implementation of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs).
L23	Update property maintenance requirements in the municipal code to include rain gardens as an acceptable drainage option for diverting stormwater away from buildings.
L27	Adopt a zoning or ordinance amendment to limit formula businesses (options include capping the total number of, limiting the density of, or prohibiting altogether).
L29	Review and update land use goals, objectives, and policies in the city's Comprehensive Plan to identify gaps and find opportunities to protect environmentally sensitive areas and ensure sustainability measures and conservation practices are considered and implemented in land use and development decisions.



**City of Stoughton Sustainability Plan**  
**Actions Not Included in Priority List OR Ordinance/Code Updates**

**Energy**

<b>Action #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
E4	Pass an Energy Independent Community Resolution.	Medium
E5	Set a standard for developers and contractors to meet requirements for certification by the Focus on Energy New Home Certification Program.	Near
E11	Provide incentives and support for the school district to incorporate energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy production in existing buildings.	Medium

**Transportation**

<b>Action #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
T4	Update and augment the Stoughton Bike Transportation Plan Map to an ArcGIS map with designated bike lanes, non-motorized shared use paths, and recommended routes.	Medium
T5	Invest in a bicycle fleet for city employees.	Medium
T9	Draft a proposal with DCCVA members to advance the goal of connecting the city of Stoughton and surrounding towns to Madison and each other (e.g., Madison Metro transit services, commuter rail).	Medium
T10	Identify and install new EV charging stations at municipal buildings.	Medium
T12	Leverage the strength of the Dane County Cities & Villages Association to advocate and lobby for change in state law to allow non-utilities to charge by the kilowatt-hour for EV charging.	Near
T15	Apply for Bicycle Friendly Community status with the League of American Bicyclists.	Medium
T17	Engage community members in Walk Audits.	Near
T18	Incentivize or require businesses (especially large employers, grocery stores, convenience stores, etc.) to install bicycle racks.	Near
T19	Develop a ride share program, complete with an online community ride-share board accessible from the city's website and sustainability page.	Medium

**Water**

<b>Action #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
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W3	Enhance testing of city water for contaminants, especially regulated and unregulated forms of PFAS.	Near
W5	Evaluate water loss in water distribution system and develop control program.	Medium
W6	Evaluate benefits and feasibility of having Stoughton Utilities become an EPA WaterSense program partner.	Near
W14	Map riparian zones and assess current condition of shoreline buffer zones (35 feet from shorelines) in the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction zone.	Medium
W15	Halt mowing (accounting for shoreline access and infrastructure maintenance needs) and, if feasible, establish native vegetation on city-owned buffer zones.	Long
W16	Research utilization and implementation of switchgrass in, for example, roadside erosion control, riparian buffers, and stormwater management basins. Identify possible locations to plant switchgrass in Stoughton.	Medium
W17	Develop a program to educate the community about the sources of our drinking water, contamination threats, and ways to take action to protect and restore water quality.	Medium
W18	Develop a city terrace rain garden program for residents impacted by road reconstruction.	Medium
W20	Incentivize, require, and support the use of rain gardens to infiltrate rooftop runoff from large buildings on commercial, industrial, and institutional sites.	Long
W21	Where possible convert stormwater management areas that currently support mowed turf, e.g., stormwater basin side-slopes and swales, to native vegetation.	Long
W22	Develop a leaf management education and outreach program to broaden citizen participation in timely removal of street leaf litter.	Medium
W23	Encourage use of rain barrels and rain gardens among homeowners.	Medium
W24	Provide property owners with guidance for landscaping methods that reduce runoff and decrease contamination of runoff.	Long

## Solid Waste

Action #	Action	Timeline
S2	Utilize natural buildings materials for new city park playground construction, rather than plastic.	Near
S3	Create a program to encourage and facilitate the practical reuse of waste from private and municipal construction projects.	Medium

S4	Establish fines or fees for larger entities who do not recycle, or provide incentives to larger entities for recycling.	Medium
S5	Support or require developers to take the following actions to reduce waste: monitor waste stream, use pre-manufactured, recycled, and repurposed building materials.	Medium
S6	Require large events to have a near-zero waste plan.	Medium
S9	Utilize social media and other forms of communication to regularly inform residents about waste reduction/zero-waste, recycling, backyard composting, product re-use, and hazardous waste disposal.	Near
S10	Require and support restaurants and other food-related businesses to reduce food waste and incorporate composting.	Medium
S13	Install a clearly labeled recycling bin next to every public garbage bin.	Near
S14	Evaluate pathways for diverting waste to the future Dane County Department of Waste and Renewables Sustainability Campus (e.g., assess alternative haulers and analyze logistics of make a switch; educate public on access/use of the site, encouraging individual use)	Near
S16	Minimize moving-related waste with strategic partnerships, guidance on solid waste disposal and donation, hazardous waste education, and other public awareness campaigns.	Medium
S17	Require industrial businesses to put together a plan to reduce waste and emissions. Showcase businesses that demonstrate exemplary practices.	Long
S20	Research opportunities to better understand household and business waste management practices and barriers.	Medium
S21	Create and maintain a tool-sharing library.	Long
S22	Establish a free-cycle page on the Sustainability webpage (or connect with facebook groups?) for community members to post items they no longer want.	Near
S23	Develop a comprehensive and streamlined system for rescuing and distributing edible surplus food from farms.	Long
S24	Business: Work with businesses on waste audits.	Medium
S25	Host thematic stakeholder workshops for collaboratively exploring and envisioning pathways to community-wide waste reduction (e.g., potential themes: creating a circular and resilient local food system; phasing out single-use plastics; preventing PFAS contamination)	Medium



S26	Develop incentives to phase out single-use plastics and other non-recyclable materials in the city while supporting local restaurants in a group-buy of truly recyclable or compostable containers for food products.	Near
S27	Connect homeowners, developers, and businesses to incentives and rebates available for constructing with metal roofing, recycled materials, and other sustainable building materials.	Near
S28	Establish an annual Clean Sweep event.	Near
S29	Facilitate a group buy program to offer compost bins to City residents and businesses.	Near
S31	Work with schools to set up a "drink, empty, recycle" milk carton recycling program.	Medium

### Land Use & Development

Action #	Action	Timeline
L3	Ensure accessibility of outdoor recreational areas and trails for people with disabilities.	Near
L7	Identify and inventory areas for in-fill, conservation, and sustainability practices, then incentivize or require these practices as part of the development first.	Near
L12	Adopt CarbonStar rating system and set embodied carbon limits on new construction (roads and buildings).	Near
L13	Require all waterfront development, redevelopment, and revitalization to prioritize people, parks, and public spaces, and prohibit vehicle infrastructure along the waterfront.	Near
L14	Develop a program enabling citizens to buy shade trees at cost from the city and provide educational materials on planting and caring for the tree.	Medium
L15	Pursue Boundary Agreements with townships to preserve farmland, wetlands, and grasslands.	Medium
L17	Allow for shade trees to be planted on residential properties when tree lawns are too narrow.	Medium
L18	Develop guidelines for best practices for increasing tree canopy in new developments and established neighborhoods.	Medium
L21	Review requirements for street widths and reduce when appropriate during reconstruction.	Long
L25	Develop single-family, multifamily, or mixed-use communities built around a working farm or community garden (commonly known as agricultural neighborhoods).	Near

L28	Form a working group of staff, City Council members, and citizens to outline current energy efficiency standards for buildings as per state statute. List other energy efficiency options along with cost. Work with planners, developers, and contractors to incorporate more sustainable building designs. Provide incentives if necessary based on the cost of exceeding state standards.	Near
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## Community Health & Engagement

Action #	Action	Timeline
C6	Host workshops bringing community stakeholders together to envision potential pathways and solutions to address the lack of accessibility to quality, affordable food options on the east side of Stoughton.	Medium
C9	Work with Chamber and Downtown Business Association to attract and support sustainable businesses in Stoughton.	Medium
C11	Establish and maintain a dedicated sustainability section at the Stoughton Public Library which can include books, media, and a bulletin board of local resources/educational events.	Near
C12	Work with community organizations to educate the public about the benefits of native plants.	Medium
C13	Host a sustainable home and business tour.	Medium
C14	Recognize local businesses that prioritize sustainability and equity with awards.	Long
C15	Promote the importance of walking and biking safety for the entire community with broader outreach and publicity for the annual Bike, Walk & Roll to School event.	Near
C16	Provide homeowners with guidance for evaluating their water use, installing water saving fixtures, and replacing water softeners.	Near
C17	Provide homeowners guidance for conserving water in landscape irrigation.	Long
C18	Ensure sustainability practices are integrated into large local events, especially promoting zero-waste principles, e.g., Syttende Mai, Taste of Stoughton, etc.	Near
C19	Connect homeowners with household electrification information and incentives made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act.	Near

C20	Adopt a resolution making the library a Book Sanctuary.	Near
C22	Support local entrepreneurship with funding and educational opportunities.	Near