

## Information Item

**Date:** May 14, 2024

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:**  
Sustainability 2024 Annual Update

**Strategic Focus Area:** Healthy Environment

**Strategic Objective:** Priority 10: Support the green economy by making investments in sustainable environmental programs and projects

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** 10.1; 10.2

**Key Work Item:** N/A



The City of Winston-Salem's Sustainability Department is committed to fostering sustainability by integrating social, environmental, and economic considerations into the City's daily practices. Sustainability is defined as the harmonious balance between these three pillars to guide the City's efforts to enhance quality, livable communities; create a healthy environment; and expand engagement within the community.

This update is intended to illustrate the City's progress in its goals and to be transparent through the performance indicators prepared therein.

In this update, greenhouse gas emissions have been recalculated to meet the current Duke emissions rates. Electricity reductions are calculated to illustrate changes if the City budget item to change out streetlights to LEDs is implemented. The City's progress in renewable energy and EV vehicles is described.

In addition, the report gives updates on small grants that have helped the department and plans for native greenspaces. In the category of food resilience, a key current project is the Food Resilience Planning Project, whereby the department is reaching out to partners in food spaces and residents in order to build better strategies to address food deserts and resilience to hazards in the future.

