

CITY OF EVANSTON

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE

2024 ACTION AGENDA



2024

LEGISLATION

- Develop Building Electrification and Stretch Code Ordinance
- Develop Building Performance Standards Ordinance
- Develop Ordinance to Eliminate Parking Minimums
- Develop Preservation/Deconstruction Ordinance

CONTRACTS

- Community Choice Aggregation, Municipal Electricity, and Renewables Procurement
- Environmental Equity Investigation
- Evanston Animal Shelter Solar Project
- Low-Income Residential Solar Installation
- Public EV charging station installation and maintenance
- Robert Crown Community Center Solar Power Purchase Agreement

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

- Begin rollout of new waste container standard for municipal buildings
- Create internal Energy Management Task Force
- Develop an employee bike share program
- Facilitate internal CARP related learning events
- Improve special events waste diversion

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Begin participatory science campaign on extreme heat
- Complete initial draft of Circularity Roadmap
- Conduct outreach on building decarbonization
- Create and disseminate recycling and compost education/outreach materials
- Deploy Climate Ambassadors
- Design and construct mobile educational climate kiosk for community
- Expand compost drop off sites
- Facilitate training on deconstruction and building electrification technologies
- Install litter/cleanup stations at specific beaches
- Reconvene the 7 largest employers mentioned in CARP to facilitate collaboration
- Revamp benchmarking and take next steps to require reductions

ONGOING

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

- Continue LED conversion
- Continue long term strategy development on energy procurement including future REC purchases
- Ensure that CARP is adequately addressed in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update
- Implement Community Engagement Policy
- Implement Parks and Green Space Strategic Plan
- Municipal building decarbonization
- Municipal vehicle electrification

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Continue development of the CARP dashboard
- Expand Green Homes Pilot
- Expand Sustain Evanston
- Identify funding sources for climate action
- Implement Tree Preservation Ordinance
- Lead pipe replacement
- Partner with Renca, Chile on climate planning and projects
- Share best practices with neighboring communities
- Work with Community-Based Organizations to secure grant funding

RESEARCH

- Analyses to better understand inefficient building stock
- Assess feasibility of micro mobility electric scooter pilot
- Conduct outreach on banning single-use plastics and expanding bag tax
- Costs and benefits of understanding community wide scope 3 emissions
- Divestment from fossil fuels
- Feasibility Analysis of Recycling Performance Standards
- Finalize food waste analysis and engage consulted individuals and organizations on policy options
- Green Procurement Policy
- Thermal energy networks and microgrids

Promotes circularity and the 5 Rs

Promotes resilience and justice

Reduces emissions from energy use

Reduces emissions from vehicles

Reduces vehicle miles traveled

Relates to all or most CARP goals

Relates to funding, financing, and investing

Relates to outreach and partnerships

Relates to trees and green spaces