**SUSTAINABLE CITY GOVERNMENT**

**VISION:** The City seeks to be a model of sustainable operations to promote a healthy, prosperous, and equitable community now and for future generations.

**BACKGROUND:** Cedar Rapids sustainability efforts have been building momentum and success since 2012.

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**TIMELINE**

- **2012**
  - iGreenCR Initiative
  - iGreenCR promotes green action at work and home

- **2015**
  - EnvisionCR
  - City's comprehensive plan builds on iGreenCR momentum and identifies need to create Sustainable City Government Plan

- **2016**
  - Staff Survey
  - 90% City staff agree “Sustainability is important to me” in survey. Energy, water, and waste are top 3 staff areas of interest
  - **State of Affairs**
  - The City reviewed sustainability issues, work of peer cities, and current city practices. The recommendation was made to form a high-level committee to create Sustainable City Government Plan
  - **Sustainability Integration Committee**
  - City director-level committee formed to assess sustainability performance and create Sustainable City Government Plan

- **2016 State of Affairs**
  - A 3-part educational series held to educate staff and public on sustainability science and leadership

- **Spring 2017 - Summer 2018**
  - STAR Communities
  - Comprehensive sustainability assessment conducted; Cedar Rapids earns Certified 4-STAR Community designation

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  - State of Affairs
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- **Fall 2016 - Spring 2017**
  - STAR Communities
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- **2018 - 2019**
  - Sustainable City Government Plan
  - Sustainable City Government planning process kicks off with goal to integrate sustainability priorities across City operations

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**SUSTAINABLE CITY GOVERNMENT PLAN: NEXT STEPS**

- **1. PRINCIPLES**
  - City staff identify statements that form City’s sustainability ethos
  - **June - July**

- **2. STAR OUTREACH**
  - Celebration of achievements; input on remaining STAR actions and existing plan alignment
  - **August - September**

- **3. GOALS**
  - Create metrics and goals using STAR and EnvisionCR
  - **October - December**

- **4. ACTION**
  - Begin work on Sustainable City Government Plan priorities
  - **January - March**

The Sustainability Integration Committee will work to integrate sustainability goals and action across the City organization with support from Council and guidance from EnvisionCR and the STAR Communities assessment.