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.

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

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2016 Sustainability Integration Committee
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2016 State of Affairs
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Summer 2017 - Spring 2018 STAR Communities
Comprehensive sustainability assessment conducted; Cedar Rapids earns Certified 4-STAR Community designation

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Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 Sustainable City Talks
A 3-part educational series held to educate staff and public on sustainability science and leadership

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Spring 2018 - Winter 2019 Sustainable City Government Plan
Sustainable City Government planning process kicks off with goal to integrate sustainability priorities across City operations

SUSTAINABLE CITY GOVERNMENT PLAN: NEXT STEPS

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.

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