

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

23-0016

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE  
COUNCILMEMBER PAULA BLACKMON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [7] Blackmon, Ridley, \*West (\*\*9:06 a.m.), Arnold (\*\*9:24 a.m.), \*Resendez (\*\*9:11 a.m.), \*Bazaldua, Schultz

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum of the committee present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the committee had been considered, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Staff

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Date Approved

The agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the committee are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The briefing materials are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT C.

**\*Note: Members of the Committee participated in this meeting by video conference.**

**\*\* Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened.**

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EXHIBIT A

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Dallas, Texas 75201

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**Environment and Sustainability Committee**

**February 6, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

(For General Information and Rules of Courtesy, Please See Opposite Side.)  
(La Información General Y Reglas De Cortesía Que Deben Observarse  
Durante Las Asambleas Del Consejo Municipal Aparecen En El Lado Opuesto, Favor De Leerlas.)

## 2022 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Atkins (C), Arnold (VC), McGough, Narvaez, Resendez, West, Willis	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b> Blackmon(C), Ridley (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Resendez, Schultz, West
<b>GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b> Mendelsohn (C), Willis (VC), Atkins, Bazaldua, McGough, Ridley, West	<b>HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS</b> Thomas (C), Moreno (VC), Arnold, Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Ridley, Schultz
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> McGough (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Atkins, Moreno, Resendez, Thomas, Willis	<b>QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE</b> Bazaldua (C), West (VC), Arnold, Blackmon, Narvaez, Ridley, Thomas
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b> Narvaez (C), Atkins (VC), Bazaldua, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Schultz, Willis	<b>WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY</b> Schultz (C), Thomas (VC), Blackmon, McGough, Moreno, Narvaez, Resendez
<b>AD HOC JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b> Resendez (C), Arnold, Bazaldua, Ridley, Thomas, West, Willis	<b>AD HOC LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS</b> Atkins (C), McGough, Mendelsohn, Narvaez, Willis
<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION</b> Johnson (C), Atkins, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Thomas	<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING &amp; ETHICS</b> Mendelsohn (C), Atkins, Blackmon, McGough, Schultz
<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS</b> Willis (C), McGough, Moreno, Schultz, West	

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

## **General Information**

The Dallas City Council regularly meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 6th floor, City Hall, 1500 Marilla. Council agenda meetings are broadcast live on WRR-FM radio (101.1 FM) and on Time Warner City Cable Channel 16. Briefing meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Council agenda (voting) meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Anyone wishing to speak at a meeting should sign up with the City Secretary's Office by calling (214) 670-3738 by 5:00 p.m. of the last regular business day preceding the meeting. Citizens can find out the name of their representative and their voting district by calling the City Secretary's Office.

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- All persons should refrain from private conversation, eating, drinking and smoking while in the Council Chamber.
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- No cellular phones or audible beepers allowed in Council Chamber while City Council is in session.

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## **Información General**

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Las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal reúnen a ciudadanos de diversos intereses e ideologías. Para asegurar la imparcialidad y el orden durante las asambleas, el Ayuntamiento ha adoptado ciertas reglas de cortesía que aplican a todos los miembros del Ayuntamiento, al personal administrativo, personal de los medios de comunicación, a los ciudadanos, y a visitantes. Estos reglamentos establecen lo siguiente:

- Ninguna persona retrasará o interrumpirá los procedimientos, o se negará a obedecer las órdenes del oficial que preside la asamblea.
- Todas las personas deben abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- Anuncios y pancartas deben permanecer fuera de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- No se permite usar teléfonos celulares o enlaces electrónicos (*paggers*) audibles en la cámara del Ayuntamiento durante audiencias del Ayuntamiento Municipal

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attending the City Council meeting shall be removed from the room if the sergeant-at-arms is so directed by the presiding officer, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the City Council during that session of the City Council. If the presiding officer fails to act, any member of the City Council may move to require enforcement of the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council shall require the presiding officer to act." Section 3.3(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure.

asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal deben de obedecer las mismas reglas de comportamiento, decoro y buena conducta que se aplican a los miembros del Ayuntamiento Municipal. Cualquier persona que haga comentarios impertinentes, utilice vocabulario obsceno o difamatorio, o que al dirigirse al Ayuntamiento lo haga en forma escandalosa, o si causa disturbio durante la asamblea del Ayuntamiento Municipal, será expulsada de la cámara si el oficial que este presidiendo la asamblea así lo ordena. Además, se le prohibirá continuar participando en la audiencia ante el Ayuntamiento Municipal. Si el oficial que preside la asamblea no toma acción, cualquier otro miembro del Ayuntamiento Municipal puede tomar medidas para hacer cumplir las reglas establecidas, y el voto afirmativo de la mayoría del Ayuntamiento Municipal precisara al oficial que este presidiendo la sesión a tomar acción." Según la sección 3.3 (c) de las reglas de procedimientos del Ayuntamiento.

## **Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities**

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

*"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."*

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

*"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."*

"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

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The public is encouraged to attend the meeting virtually; however, City Hall is available for those wishing to attend the meeting in person following all current pandemic-related public health protocols.

The following videoconference link is available to the public to listen to the meeting and Public Affairs and Outreach will also stream the Environment and Sustainability Committee on Spectrum Cable Channels 16 (English) and 95 (Spanish) and at [bit.ly/cityofdallastv](http://bit.ly/cityofdallastv).

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### Call to Order

### MINUTES

1. 23-469 Approval of the January 12, 2023 Committee Minutes

**Attachments:** Minutes

### BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. 23-470 Whole Home Dallas Program Update  
[Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability]

**Attachments:** Presentation

- B. 23-471 Green Job Skills Program Update  
[Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability]

**Attachments:** Presentation

- C. 23-472 Progress Report on 2022 Environment & Sustainability Committee Priorities  
[Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability]

**Attachments:** Presentation

- D. 23-473 Code Compliance Litter Abatement Program  
[Chris Christian, Director; Jeremy Reed, Assistant Director; Kevin Mondy, Manager, Department of Code Compliance]

**Attachments:** Presentation



- E. 23-485 Environmental Commission Update  
[Kathryn Bazan, Chair, Environmental Commission]

**BRIEFING MEMOS**

- F. 23-486 88th Legislature - Legislation relating to Environment & Sustainability  
[Carrie Rogers, Director, Office of Government Affairs]

**Attachments:** Memorandum

- G. 23-487 Landscape Equipment Transition Implementation  
[Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability;  
Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality &  
Sustainability]

**Attachments:** Memorandum

**UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

- H. 23-488 23-162: Authorize the (1) interlocal agreement with the Florida Sheriffs Association for the use of cooperative purchasing agreements for procurement of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and charging management software; and (2) ten-year contract award and master agreement with Ford Motor Company for the purchase of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and charging management software; - Not to exceed \$9,506,606.00 - Financing: North Central Texas Council of Governments Grant Funds (\$376,334.00) and Equipment and Fleet Management Current Funds (\$9,130,272.00)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE**

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]

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EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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Item 1: Approval of the January 12, 2023 Committee Minutes

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Schultz and unanimously adopted. (Arnold, West, Resendez absent when vote taken)

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FEBRUARY 6, 2023

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item A: Whole Home Dallas Program Update

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability;
- Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; and
- Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

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FEBRUARY 6, 2023

BRIEFINGS ITEMS

Item B: Green Job Skills Program Update

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; and
- Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item C: Progress Report on 2022 Environment & Sustainability Committee Priorities

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability; and
- Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item D: Code Compliance Litter Abatement Program

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Chris Christian, Director, Department of Code Compliance;
- Jeremy Reed, Assistant Director, Department of Code Compliance; and
- Kevin Mondy, Manager, Department of Code Compliance



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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item E: Environmental Commission Update

The following individual briefed the committee on the item:

- Kathryn Bazan, Chair, Environmental Commission

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BRIEFING MEMOS

Item F: 88th Legislature - Legislation relating to Environment & Sustainability

Item G: Landscape Equipment Transition Implementation

The committee discussed the items.

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UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

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EXHIBIT C



**City of Dallas**

# Whole Home Dallas Program Update

Environment & Sustainability  
Committee  
February 6, 2023

Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator  
Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator  
Office of Environmental  
Quality & Sustainability

# Presentation Overview







- Program Purpose
  - CECAP Implementation
  - Climate Resilience
  - Environmental Justice
- Whole Home Dallas
  - Weatherization
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Renewable Energy
- Partners, Stakeholders, and Contributors
- Success Metrics
- Next Steps



# Program Purpose: CECAP Implementation




**01** | Dallas' **BUILDINGS** are energy-efficient and climate resilient.

B4: Implement a citywide building weatherization program through partnership with community organizations.			
	B4	OEQS	Provide ongoing environment and sustainability targeted outreach and education programs to the community
	B4	OEQS	Launch a weatherization campaign to raise awareness of benefits of home weatherization upgrades
	B4	OEQS	Work with RISE partners to facilitate regional conversations that expand efforts to reduce residential energy burdens
	B4	OEQS	Conduct a green job skills pilot to increase the number of qualified people providing weatherization services



**02** | Dallas generates and uses renewable, reliable, and affordable energy.

E3: Continue partnership with public utility companies on an intensive program on renewable energy options.			
	E3	OEQS	Implement a Whole Home Weatherization Program resource HUB to connect residents with existing services



# Program Purpose: Climate Resilience



- Climate change is affecting everyone, but not everyone will be affected equally!
- Dallas residents are seeing more extreme weather due to our changing climate.
- Homeowners can take action to make their Whole Home resilient to extreme weather by including home updates like:
  - Weatherization
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Renewable Energy



**WHOLE HOME**  
**DALLAS**





# Program Purpose: Environmental Justice



*U.S. Department of Energy  
measures the average energy  
burden for low-income households  
at 8.6%.*

- Housing in low-income communities may be poorly insulated, with less-efficient appliances and structural issues. Leading to wasted energy.
- Racial Equity Plan Target 2.12
  - “Increase residential building efficiency through weatherization, access to clean energy through community solar programs, and reduce energy use in historically disadvantaged communities through other related programs.”



# Whole Home Dallas Program



- Whole Home Dallas helps residents by:
  - **Educating** on benefits of household upgrades.
  - **Connecting** to available programs and resources that are:
    - Income-Based Assistance
    - Rebates & Discounts
    - Tax Incentives



WEATHERIZATION



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



RENEWABLE ENERGY



# Whole Home: Weatherization



## What is Home Weatherization?

Weatherizing aims to improve household resiliency by sealing drafts and protecting the interior from outside conditions.

## What are the benefits of weatherizing your home?

Saves residents on utility bills and makes interior temperatures more comfortable.

## What are weatherization upgrades for your home?



Repairing or Replacing Doors



Caulking



Weatherstripping



Insulation



Energy-Efficient Windows



# What programs are available to help weatherize your home?



## Income-Based Assistance

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
DCHHS Weatherization	The purpose of this program is to reduce household energy usage, address health and safety needs, and offer minor home repairs by installing approved weatherization materials.	Household with a combined gross income at or below 200% of federal poverty level.	(214) 819-1909	<a href="#">Visit website</a> <a href="#">Send Email</a>

## Rebates & Discounts

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday	During May 27-29, 2023, you can purchase certain EnergyStar energy efficient products tax free during the Texas sales tax holiday.	List of qualifying items can be found on the website.		<a href="#">Visit website</a>

## Tax Credits

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
Insulation	Energy Star Tax Credits are available for primary residences. Tax credit for 10% of the cost, up to \$500 (Not including installation).	Typical bulk insulation products can qualify, such as batts, rolls, blow-in fibers, and pour-in-place.		<a href="#">Visit website</a>



# Whole Home: Energy Efficiency



## What is energy efficiency?

Energy efficiency helps use less energy to get the same job done.

## What are the benefits of making your home energy efficient?

Energy efficient appliances use less energy and can lead to lower utility bills.

## What are energy efficient upgrades for your home?



EnergyStar® Appliances



EnergyStar® Light Bulbs



Programmable Thermostats



Smart Plugs



# What programs are available to help make your home energy efficient?



## Income-Based Assistance

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA)	HEEHRA provides point-of-sale consumer rebates to enable low- and moderate-income households across America to electrify their homes.	Low-Income is defined as: <80% Area Median Income(AMI)		<a href="#">Visit website</a>

## Rebates & Discounts

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
Oncor Retail Products Program	Oncor Retail Products Program provides Oncor residential customers with in-store, point-of-sale discounts for qualifying ENERGY STAR® products.	Must be an eligible Oncor customer		<a href="#">Visit website</a>

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# Whole Home: Renewable Energy



## What is Renewable Energy?

Renewable energy is “clean energy” made from resources that nature will replace, like wind, water, and sunshine.

## What are the benefits of adding renewable energy to your home?

Leads to less reliance on the power grid and offsets rising electricity costs.

## What are renewable energy sources for your home?



Renewable Electricity Plans



Solar Panels



Solar Energy Storage



Solar-Powered Generator



Solar-Powered Water Heater



# What programs are available to help add renewable energy to your home?



## Income-Based Assistance

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
Go Green, Save Green: Energy Guide for Texans	Low-income households generally pay more for electricity without any extra benefits. This step-by-step guide helps understand how you can save money with a renewable energy product.	Resource is available to all Texas residents.		<a href="#">Visit website</a>

## Rebates & Discounts

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
Oncor Residential Solar Program	Oncor has an incentive program for residential solar photovoltaic systems. Incentives depend on the size, azimuth, and other factors of the system.	Homeowners with Oncor as their electric delivery provider qualify for incentives.		<a href="#">Visit website</a>

## Tax Credits

Program Name	Description	Qualifications/Requirements	Phone Number	Digital Contact
Solar Investment Tax Credit	If you install a Solar PV system between 2022 and 2032 you may receive a 30% tax credit. If you install a system in 2033 the credit will decrease to 26% and to 22% in 2034.	Depends on installation date.		<a href="#">Visit website</a>





# Partners, Stakeholders, Contributors



SMU | Hunt Institute for Engineering & Humanity

a hub of innovation for a resilient humanity



North Central Texas Council of Governments



ENERGYPRO HOME ENERGY SPECIALISTS

SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

TEPRI Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute  
News from TEPRI



GREEN CAREERS DALLAS  
Solar Power For Good



ONCOR.

# Success Metrics



## Awareness

- Webpage visits
- Video views
- Time spent on website



## Engagement

- Onsite events
- Virtual presentations
- Zip code tracking



## Sharing

- Social media
- Mentions
- Likes



## Action

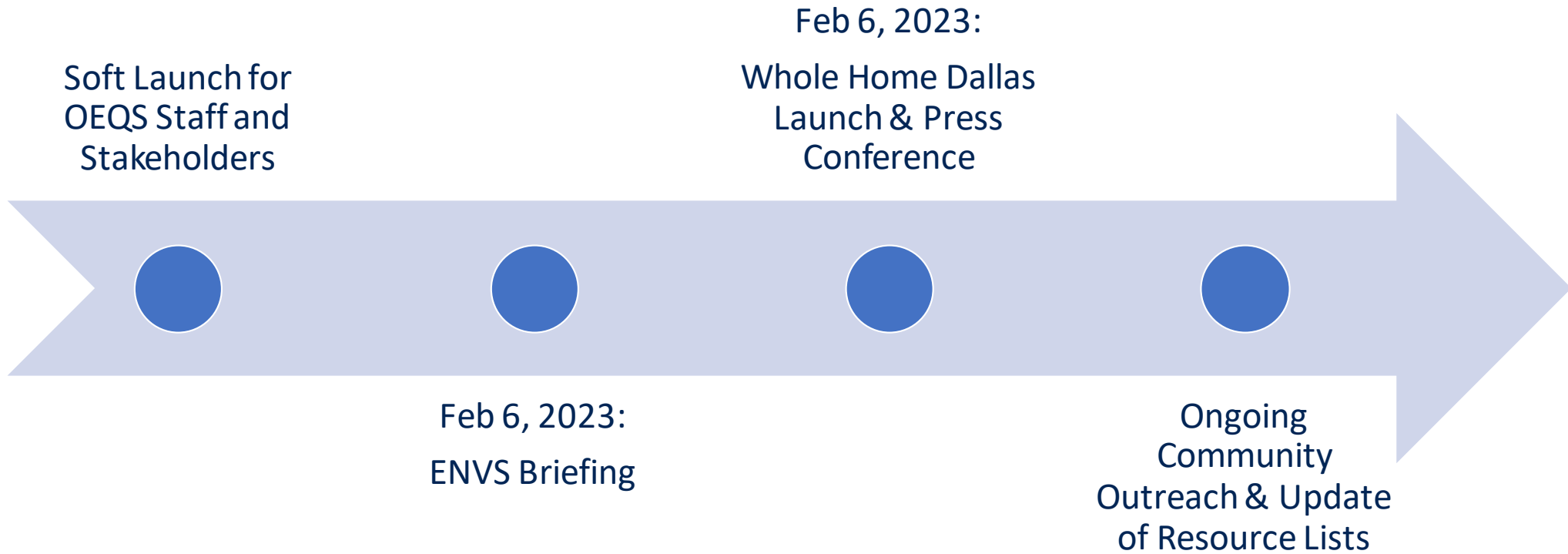
- Click through rates
- Email inquiries
- Request for assistance

### Anticipated Outcomes:

- Quarterly outreach in high impact equity priority zip codes
- Quarterly 2% increase of webpage visits



# Next Steps





**City of Dallas**

# Whole Home Dallas Program Update

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Quality & Sustainability



**City of Dallas**

# **Green Job Skills Program Update**

**Environment & Sustainability  
Committee  
February 6, 2023**

**Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator and  
Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator  
Office of Environmental Quality  
and Sustainability**

# Presentation Overview



- Background/History: Why Green Jobs
- City of Dallas New Green Job Skills Pilot
- Qualifications
- Available Classes
- How to Apply
- Success Metrics
- Next Steps



# Background/History: Why Green Jobs



## DEVELOPING A STRONGER, LOCAL WORKFORCE THROUGH GREEN JOB SKILLS

- The implementation of green infrastructure across the country is creating the potential for a new wave of jobs.
- New training and certification standards and programs are necessary to meet the increasing and projected demand.



# New Green Job Skills Pilot



- Green Job Skills Pilot is a workforce development program that empowers local workers looking to develop or master the emerging and specialized skill sets needed to meet the high demand for environmental jobs.
- Provides virtual access to FREE or minimal cost training and education.
- Offers in-depth training programs that combines applicants practical experience with the technical foundation for developing a foundation in green careers.



**GREEN JOB SKILLS**

[greenjobskills.com](http://greenjobskills.com)





# DO I QUALIFY?

If you have general home improvement experience or proven skills in any of these areas:



GENERAL CONTRACTING



REMODELING



SEALING & INSULATION



REPAIR & MAINTENANCE



ROOFING



UTILITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ And you, \_\_\_\_\_



LIVE IN THE CITY OF DALLAS



HAVE INTERNET ACCESS



ARE ELIGIBLE TO WORK

Green Job Skills may be right for you. **The best part is that it's free!**

# Available Classes



- Partner with Santa Fe Community College EnergySMART Academy.
- All SFCC core weatherization programs are IREC accredited.
- Flexible self-paced online courses taught by experienced professionals.
- Available training classes are aligned to specific parts of the Weatherization Job Task for Retrofit Installer Technician, Building Analyst, Energy Auditor, and Building Science Principles.



# How to Apply



- Easy online application is a simple one-page format that asks basic information like contact details, experience and class requested.
- Mobile-friendly online application.
- Streamline approval process
- Acceptance of Terms and Conditions required for participation.



# Success Metrics



## Awareness

- Webpage visits
- Video views
- Time spent on website



## Engagement

- Onsite events
- Virtual presentations
- Zip code tracking



## Sharing

- Social media
- Mentions
- Likes



## Action

- Click through rates
- Email inquiries
- Request for assistance



## Satisfaction

- Survey results
- Online polls

**Anticipated Outcomes:** • Recruit 50 participants in year one pilot



# Next Steps



Jan 11, 2023:  
Environmental  
Commission  
Briefing

Feb 6,  
2023:  
ENVS  
Briefing

Workforce,  
Education,  
and Equity  
Committee

Quarterly  
Status  
Updates



Soft Launch  
for OEQS Staff  
and  
Stakeholders

Feb 6, 2023:  
Green Job  
Skills  
Launch &  
Press  
Conference

Open  
Enrollment

Final  
Pilot  
Report  
(EVC/EN  
VS)





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# **Green Job Skills Program Update**

**Environment & Sustainability  
Committee  
February 6, 2023**

**Pharr Andrews, Senior Climate Coordinator and  
Rosaerlinda Cisneros, Climate Coordinator  
Office of Environmental Quality  
and Sustainability**



**City of Dallas**

# **Progress Report on 2022 Environment & Sustainability Committee Priorities**

**Environment & Sustainability  
Committee**

**February 6, 2023**

Carlos Evans, Director  
Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director  
Office of Environmental Quality &  
Sustainability

# Presentation Overview

- Background
- Current Status
- Other Related Efforts
- Next Steps





# Background



- **ENVS Committee:** Formed on December 16, 2021
- **Mayor set 6 ENVS priorities towards a stronger, safer, healthier, more vibrant, and more equitable City:**
  1. Reviewing city codes, policies, and procedures
  2. Reforming bulk-and-brush trash pickup program
  3. Implementing the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and effectuating resilience strategies
  4. Exploring new, equitable policies to address neighborhood environmental concerns
  5. Insuring progress on Hensley Field remediation
  6. Developing a plan to dredge White Rock Lake



# Reviewing City Codes, Policies & Procedures



*Reviewing city codes, policies, and procedures that allowed for environmental threats to occur, and recommending new codes, policies, and procedures including zoning changes to prevent such occurrences in the future: Efforts include, but are not limited to:*

- **Forward Dallas Update:** Staff are continuing efforts to guide land use decision making, to plan for a better future. (Ongoing)
- **Development Code Update:** Dallas Development Code overhaul to develop a modern, updated and user-friendly code aligned with all adopted City plans and policies (Underway).
- **Building Code Update:** Proposed Code updates to the FY 21 Building Code will be on the March 8, 2023, Council Agenda.
- **Net Zero Carbon Design Policy:** Recommended technical specifications for the pending Capital Bond Program, and the convention center, underway (recommendations May 2023).
- **Lane Plating Community Advisory Group:** Supporting community stakeholder input into EPA site characterization and cleanup under the EPA Superfund Program to address a 90-year-old electroplating operation in South Dallas. This site began controlled demolition January, 2023.
- **Blue Star Site Settlement and Cleanup:** Ongoing work to remediate property. Staff are supporting the Planning Department City-initiated rezoning process.



# Brush and Bulky Item Collection Program



*Reform Bulk-and-brush trash pickup to ensure maximum efficiency and proper use:*

- Completed a brush and bulky item separation pilot collection program in 6 neighborhoods in December 2021.
- Information from pilot was used to inform the Local Solid Waste Management Plan Update, adopted on June 22, 2022, by Council Resolution 22-0965. This new updated plan informs future decision-making on brush and bulky item collections and processing of green waste material for beneficial reuse.




# CECAP Implementation (Multi-Department Effort)



Implement the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and effectuate resilience strategies, such as the creation of green roofs and a solar program.


**COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**




**IMPLEMENTATION WORK PLAN  
FY 20-21**

BY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY  
WITH ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE AND  
LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FORWARD


NOVEMBER 2, 2020



**CECAP IMPLEMENTATION  
WORK PLAN  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**



**CECAP IMPLEMENTATION  
WORKPLAN  
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**



BY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY  
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
AND LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS FORWARD

**92% of 136 Milestones/ 48 Actions**

**94% of 263 Milestones/ 73 Actions**

**202 Milestones/ 73 Actions Underway**



# CECAP Efforts Underway:



- **Environmental Commission & Environmental Health Committee**
- **Connect Dallas - Strategic Mobility Plan** (complete, Spring 2021;
- **Fleet Electrification Study:** the plan and recommendations were presented to the ENVS on Aug 1, 2022.
- **Local Solid Waste Management (“Zero Waste”) Plan Update** (Complete, 2022):
- **Comprehensive Food and Urban Agriculture Plan** (Underway, complete 2023):
- **Energy Management Improvements for City Buildings** (Complete 2022): Assessment energy efficiency opportunities; resilience hubs, and or for self-generation of renewable energy. Efforts include:
  - **Energy Efficiency Audits:** performed for over 140 buildings, along with priorities for implementing energy efficiency efforts, solar generation, and future batteries to support resiliency.
  - **Energy Efficiency Upgrades:** City Hall Parking Garage, the Hampton-Illinois Branch Library and Juanita Craft Recreation Center, Complete: 50-to-60 percent reduction in energy use.
  - **US Department of Energy – Better Climate Challenge:** February 2022, the City committed to partnering with the US DOE Better Climate Challenge program to reduce energy-use intensity, and to decarbonize 140 City buildings in the next 10 years.
- **Expanding Green Space/Trails:**
  - Expanded parklands by 193.8 acres through the additions of the Parkdale Park, Woody Branch Park and South Oak Cliff Park and others.
  - Over 73 percent of Dallas residents now within a ½ mile distance to a park or trail.
- **Solar Program Implementation** (Underway): The City has several different solar programs underway:
  - **US DOE Community Solar Grants:** two U.S. DOE Program Assistance Grants to investigate feasibility of developing solar on Deepwood Landfill. (Project on hold)
  - **ARPA Community Solar Grant:** Using \$1.2 Million in Community Solar grant funds to implement community solar in Dallas (Project underway)
  - **City-wide Community Solar Plan:** (Underway, complete 2023) Plan to prioritize community solar generation; this contract should come forward for City Council approval in Spring, 2023.
  - **City Facility Solar:** Solar photovoltaic panels installed at West Dallas Branch Library, Fretz Park Recreation Center, and Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center.; currently accepting bids to add solar+ battery to the Bachman Recreation Center.
  - **Solar for Affordable Housing:** Install solar panels on affordable housing projects underway at the St. Phillips Community and at the multi-family Dallas City Homes project in West Dallas; Efforts continuing in 2023.



# CECAP Efforts (Cont'd):



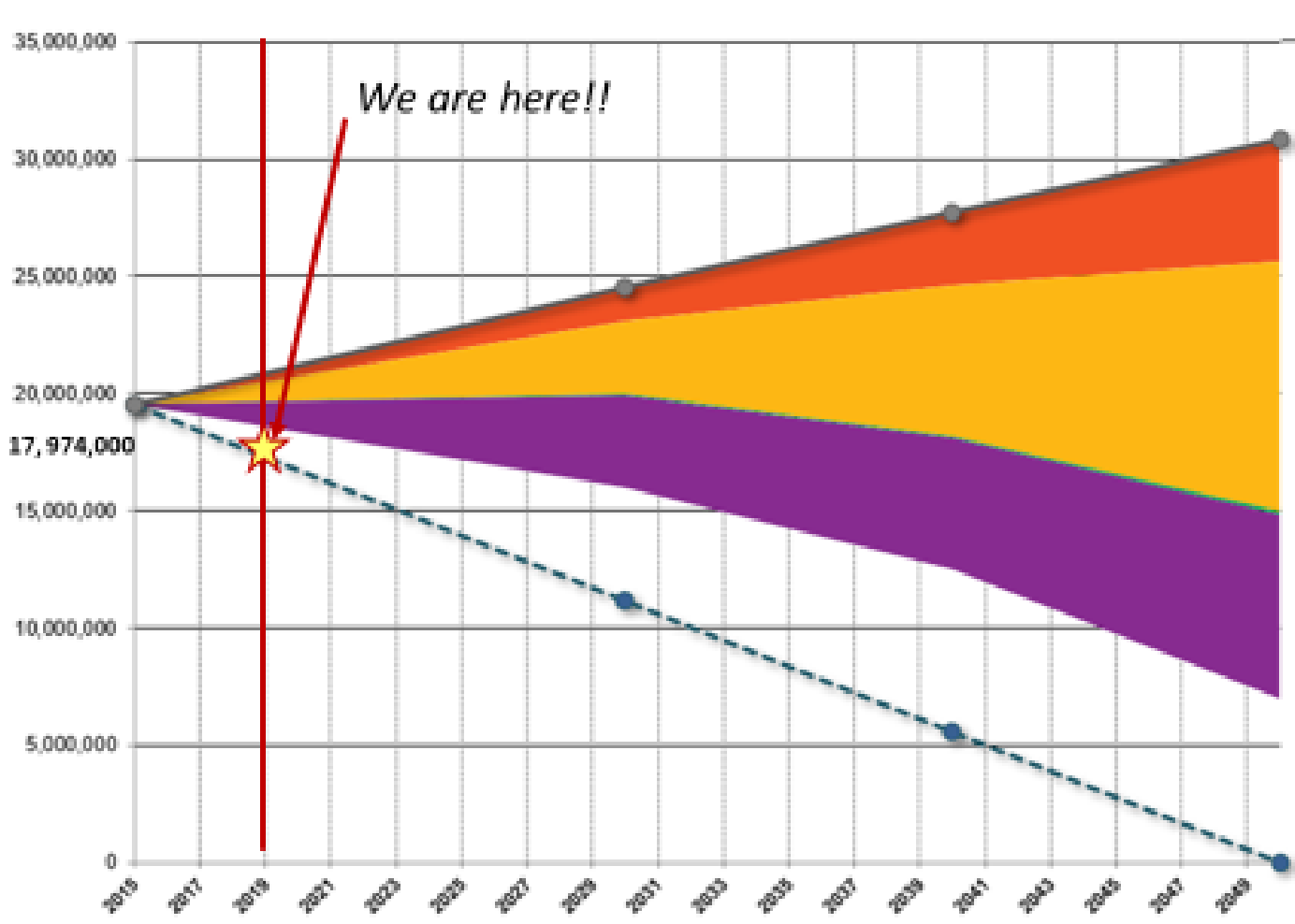
- **Whole Home /Weatherization Program:** New Whole Home Online HUB with resources to connect eligible low- and moderate-income residents to existing programs that support whole-home weatherization upgrades in a comprehensive, accessible and easy to understand online format. (Underway)
  - **Weatherization Campaign:** Close the information gap and bridge the digital divide on information about weatherization by creating multi-media, multi-lingual weatherization resources.
  - **Regional Whole Home Forums:** Host interactive, facilitated forums to gain from stakeholders in the North Texas region to further define actions to reduce energy burdens through partnerships.
  - **Green Warriors Pilot:** Implement a place-based project to weatherize between 6- 10 low-income homes through job-based work force development and a pathway to living wage employment.
  - **Virtual Training Assistance Program:** Provide support for green job-training by providing tuition assistance to allow participation in an online weatherization certification program.
- **Breathe Easy Dallas Project/ Community Air Quality Program:** Expand Breathe Easy Dallas Project by two different grants to deploy additional non-regulatory air quality monitors, particularly in areas with higher prevalence of childhood asthma, and/ or identified potential pollutant sources:
  - **EPA State Environmental Justice Community Program Grant (SEJCP):** 5 non-regulatory air quality monitors in West Dallas; follow-on work with Parkland Health, Children's Health, and Positive Breathing to implement appropriate education materials/ interventions. Staff conducted initial community meetings to attain preferences for monitor locations and have installed 2 of the initial locations.
  - **American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Grants:** Staff are using SEJCP methods with additional ARPA grant funding to implement non-regulatory air quality monitors in other areas with higher incidences of childhood asthma, and or proximity to potential pollutant sources. Communities under consideration include, but are not limited to: Fair Park area, Floral Farms, Lane Plating site, Joppa, Upper Elm Fork (near Walnut Hill) and other locations.



# CECAP Results (GHG Reductions On-Track)



tonnes CO2e/year



tonnes CO2e/year		Emissions Metric
<b>2015 Base Year Emissions Level</b>		
19,529,660		Base Year
<b>2030 Emissions Levels</b>		
24,504,888		Baseline Forecast
42.9%		Target (% below 2015 base year level)
11,151,436		Allowable Emissions
16,019,934		Achieved w/ Actions
4,868,498		Achievement Gap
<b>2040 Emissions Levels</b>		
27,738,576		Baseline Forecast
71.4%		Target (% below 2015 base year level)
5,585,480		Allowable Emissions
12,499,844		Achieved w/ Actions
6,914,362		Achievement Gap
<b>2050 Emissions Levels</b>		
30,870,022		Baseline Forecast
100.0%		Target (% below 2015 base year level)
0		Allowable Emissions
6,972,026		Achieved w/ Actions
6,972,026		Achievement Gap

**Legend:**

- National/Regional Actions (All Sectors)
- Solid Waste
- Private Building Energy
- Wastewater
- Municipal Building & Public Lighting
- Transportation
- Electricity Generation
- Baseline Forecast
- Target Trajectory

# Exploring New, Equitable Neighborhood Policies



*Exploring new, equitable policies to address environmental concerns in neighborhoods, including restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers and a notification process regarding plans to build concrete batch plants.*

- **Environmental Justice Initiatives:**

- **Racial Equity Plan** – Staff identified appropriate new environmental justice goals and related metrics to be added to the Equity Initiatives and the Racial Equity Plan; Racial Equity **Adopted August 23, 2022;**
- **Dallas EJ Screen** – Staff have worked with the Office of Data Analytics to develop a GIS-based decision tool to allow assessment of Environmental Justice concerns, and to assess improvement indices over time.

- **Batch Plants:**

- City Council adopted Phase One of the development code update that now requires permanent and temporary asphalt/concrete batching plants to obtain a Specific Use Permit (with public notice and hearing). Adopted May 11, 2022;
- Phase Two is currently under review with the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee and includes additional design and locational standards for batch plant operations. It is estimated to be forwarded to the City Plan Commission in early Spring and then to City Council for final action.





# More New, Equitable Neighborhood Policies



## Brownfields Program:

- Implemented FY2020 EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant
  - 11 “Project/Site” Nominations were received comprised of 82 properties spanning 58 acres
  - Prioritized and completed assessment activities (Phase I ESA, Phase II ESA, Inventory/Environmental screening and Regulated Building Material (RBM) Survey on 8 EPA approved sites
  - Performed RBM for former school in Joppa to support redevelopment as multi-purpose/community center
  - Formed a Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC) and Coalition Partner’s group facilitating 4 BAC Meetings
- Applied for FY2023 EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant and Revolving Loan Fund Grant



*Fair Park First Community Park Site (2022)*





## Gas-Powered Landscape Equipment:

- Gas-powered landscape equipment policies briefed to the ENVS Committee on December 1, 2021, and to Park Board on May 19, 2022.
- On June 8, 2022, the Environmental Health Committee of the Environmental Commission recommended *“supporting a phased transition from gas-powered landscaping equipment to battery-operated or electric-hybrid equipment to reduce particulate matter and other pollutants that affect health and contribute to poor air quality.”*
- Staff provided follow-up briefings to the ENVS Committee on August 1, 2022, and December 6, 2022; 5-year Landscape Equipment Transition Plan Spring 2023.
  - Residential and commercial survey
  - Outreach and engagement
  - Inventory of City- and public equipment to allow estimates of funding required to support this transition.

# Hensley Field



*Ensuring that progress continues on the remediation of Hensley Field:*

- Hensley Field Redevelopment Plan was approved by City Council on December 14, 2023
- Navy completed the Remedial Investigation report in June 2022
- The City met with the Navy on January 30, 2023 to discuss next steps for this project.



# Dredge White Rock Lake



*Develop a plan to dredge White Rock Lake:*



Photo Credit: Justin Terveen

- The White Rock Lake Dredge Feasibility Study was completed September 2021;
- City Council awarded the preliminary design contract and opinion of probable cost December 22, 2022;
- Anticipated inclusion in the 2024 Capital Bond Program.



# Other Related Efforts



- **Bachman Lake Dredge**
- **Micro-mobility Plan**
- **Updated Bike Plan**
- **Emerald Ash Borer-Plan**
- **Five-Day Trash Service**





# Questions or Comments?



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# **Litter Abatement Strategies**

**Environmental and Sustainability  
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# Presentation Overview



- Background/History
- Program Operations
- Operational Impact
- Enforcement/Abatement Strategies



# Background/History Keep Dallas Beautiful Affiliation



- In 2019 The Department of Code Compliance begin working with Keep Dallas Beautiful (KDB) on several community initiatives.
- In 2020 KDB leadership decided it was time to transition the organization operations to the City of Dallas and Code Compliance would be the proper place.
- Throughout 2020 Code Compliance met with Keep America Beautiful (KAB) the National program office and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) the statewide program affiliate office to discuss the transition.
- December of 2020 the Department of Code Compliance received the official acceptance letter from KAB to facilitate Keep Dallas Beautiful as apart of Code Compliance



# Background/History cont.



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T: 203.659.3000 F: 203.659.3001  
[info@kab.org](mailto:info@kab.org) / [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org)

December 16, 2020

Carl:

Keep America Beautiful is pleased to accept the City of Dallas Department of Code Compliance's application to revive Keep Dallas Beautiful in the City of Dallas. Keep Dallas Beautiful will soon rejoin Keep America Beautiful's family of over 600 national affiliates.

We recognize that the collective effort of Keep America Beautiful affiliates to End Littering, Improve Recycling, and Beautify America's Communities may be challenging and will require time, resources and hard work. The results our affiliates have achieved over the years — lasting, positive economic, environmental, and social impact — have demonstrated that amazing outcomes will take place by putting to work the Keep America Beautiful behavior change system and strategies, in addition to the best practices that will be shared during your affiliation process.

Keep America Beautiful national staff and trainers are available to work with you in your journey to become a certified Keep America Beautiful affiliate. Your primary point of contact at Keep America Beautiful is Jason Smith the Affiliate Operations Regional Director – West, his contact information is below:

**Jason Smith**  
Keep America Beautiful  
Director, Western Region  
1010 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT 06901  
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We look forward to working with you to help keep Dallas beautiful and welcoming you as an official affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful Network. Thank you for helping Keep America Beautiful fulfill our vision of creating a country where every community is a clean, green and beautiful place to live. We look forward to our partnership together and great things to come for your community and our beautiful country!

Sincerely,

Helen Lowman  
President & CEO  
Keep America Beautiful

## Affiliation Acceptance Letter

# KEEP DALLAS



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE



# Program Operations



- Community Clean Trash – Off Program
- Volunteer Community Clean – Ups
- Litter Index Survey
- Community Tools on The Go
- Community Hand Tool Program
- Beautification Projects / Vacant Lots



# Program Operational Impact cont.



## FY 2021 – 24 Community Clean Trash – Off Events

Educational Letters Disseminated	Resident Participation	Bulk Trash Collected	Tires Collected	Hazardous Disposed / Batteries
68,450	2,318	433,500 lbs.	3,324	87,500 lbs.

## FY 2022 - 13 Community Clean Trash – Off Events

Educational Letters Disseminated	Resident Participation	Bulk Trash Collected	Tires Collected	Hazardous Disposed / Batteries
54,259	2,443	250,500 lbs.	1,766	66,270 lbs.

## FY 2023 – (YTD) 8 Community Clean Trash – Off Events

Educational Letters Disseminated	Resident Participation	Bulk Trash Collected	Tires Collected	Hazardous Disposed / Batteries
23,693	1,099	97,340 lbs.	803	19,280 lbs.



# Program Operations Impact cont.



## FY 2022 – Community Volunteer Cleanup Events

Number of Community Clean UP Events	Total Number of Volunteers	Total Number of Volunteers Hours	Value of Service
46	1,444	5,800	\$168,985

## FY 2023 - Community Volunteer Cleanup Events

Number of Community Clean UP Events	Total Number of Volunteers	Total Number of Volunteers Hours	Value of Service
11	897	3,996	\$119,680

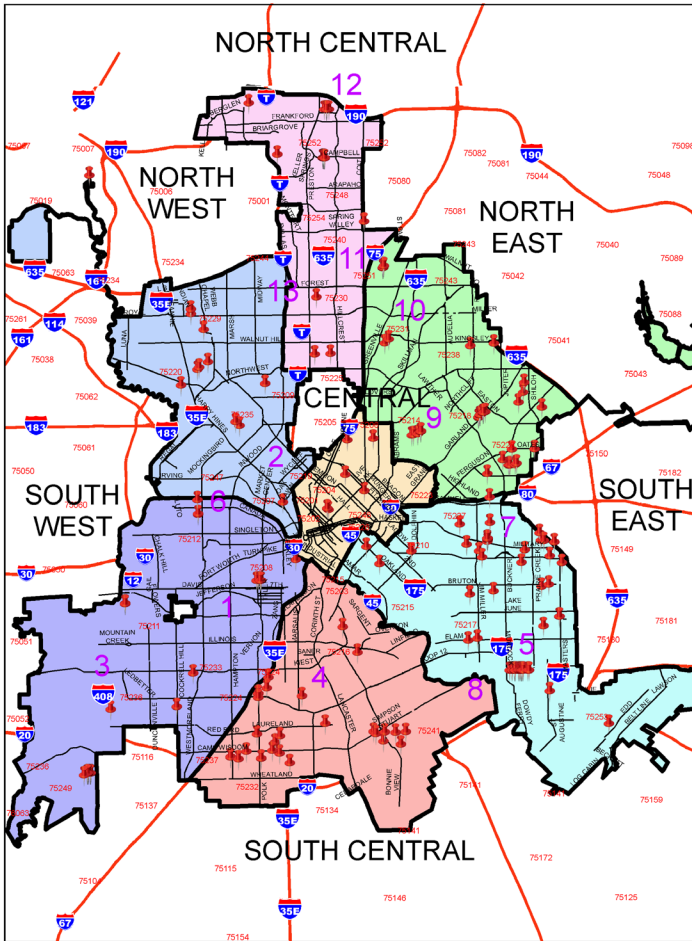


# Program Operations Impact cont.



Code Compliance  
Litter Index Survey Results  
Respondents by Council / Code Districts

Central Code District - 7  
Northwest Code District - 12  
North Central Code District - 57  
South Central Code District - 33  
Southwest Code District - 72  
North Central Code District - 12  
North Central Code District - 57  
South Central Code District - 64



## FY 2022 – Litter Index Survey

Number of Survey Respondents

328

## FY 2023 – Litter Index Survey

English Version

Spanish Version



# Program Operations Impact cont.



## Community Clean Up On The Go





# Program Operations Impact cont.



## Community Hand Tool Program



# Program Operations Impact cont.



## Beautification / Vacant Lot Projects



# Enforcement/Abatement Strategies



## FY 2022 Enforcement

Litter Violations Found	Notices of Violation Issued	Litter Citations Issued
32,652	22,975	1,933



CITY OF DALLAS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
CIVIL CITATION

H171060420001

DATE OF VIOLATION (MM/DD/YY) 07/27/22 TIME OF OFFENSE (AM/PM) 4:30 CITATION NUMBER H17-106042-01 SR NUMBER [REDACTED]

LOCATION OF OFFENSE - CENSUS TRACT NUMBER 06301

BUSINESS NAME [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
CITY DALLAS STATE TX ZIP 75224

(CHECK ONE)  
 OWNER  
 PERSON IN CONTROL OF PROPERTY

LAST NAME [REDACTED] FIRST NAME [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] CITY, STATE, ZIP [REDACTED]

REGISTERED AGENT  
LAST NAME [REDACTED] FIRST NAME [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] CITY, STATE, ZIP [REDACTED]

VIOLATION	CITY CODE SEC.	PENALTY	CITY / AWP / FED.	TOTAL MAIL-IN PENALTY
Litter	7A-18	\$250	\$36	\$286

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DATE: 07.27.22

Enforcement authority of litter under Dallas City Code Ch. 7A is granted to the Director (Code Compliance) for private properties and Dallas Police Department when violations occur in a public place. DCC 7A-20(e)



# Enforcement/Abatement Strategies



## FY 2022 Abatement

Litter Removals	Heavy Cleans	PRO Team Illegal Dumping Abatement
7,120	3,282	1,174



# Enforcement/Abatement Strategies



## FY 2022 Engagement

Trucks Wrapped	Vibrant Not Vacant Signs Installed	Illegal Dumping Door Hangers Issued
9	227	277



### CODE COMPLIANCE SERVICES ILLEGAL DUMPING COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

#### WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Illegal Dumping is the improper disposal of waste or debris at any location other than a permitted landfill or facility.

We're a team! Let's keep Dallas clean!

#### On (DATE/TIME/LOCATION)

Code Compliance Services noticed an illegal dumping violation in your neighborhood.

Placing bulky items, trash, tree limbs, tires and other debris on vacant lots is illegal dumping and will not be collected by City of Dallas' Sanitation Department. **Illegal dumping is a crime and punishable by jail time or fines.**

**CALL 311 TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. CALL 911 IF YOU SEE ILLEGAL DUMPING CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.**

#### CONNECT WITH CODE!

Illegal Dumping Hotline: 214.671.2633  
[bit.ly/DallasCityCode](https://bit.ly/DallasCityCode) @DallasCityCode  
 "Safeguarding and supporting a strong, healthy commUNITY"

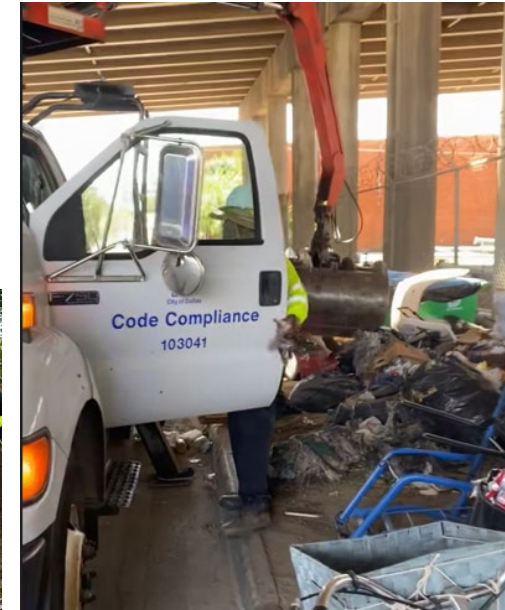


# Enforcement/Abatement Strategies (Cont.)



## FY 2023 – Enhancements

- **Additional 2 Illegal Dumping PRO Teams –**  
1,174 FY22; 517 FY23
  - To be expanded as additional equipment comes online
- **New Homeless Action Response Team (HART) –**  
24 Encampment Abatements
- **Litter Removal Teams (LRT) –** 149 Site Abatements
  - 4 Month Pilot Program, to be expanded from 3 to 7 teams with the use of temp and contract labor





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# **Litter Abatement Strategies**

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February 6, 2023**

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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 6, 2023  
TO Honorable Chair Blackmon and Members of the Environment & Sustainability Committee  
SUBJECT **88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature – Legislation relating to Environment and Sustainability**

On October 26, 2022, the Dallas City Council authorized adoption of the State Legislative Program for the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature (Resolution 22-1637). The goals include supporting legislation that focuses on resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.

On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session convened. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Environment and Sustainability Committee with a high-level overview of proposed state legislation that may have an impact on the City. This list includes bills filed through Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Prior bill summaries that have been briefed to you via memorandum can be found [here](#).

## **Environment-related bills include, but are not limited to the following:**

**H.J.R. 27 (Craddick) – Grow Texas Fund:** This legislation would amend the Texas Constitution to, among other things: (1) create the Grow Texas Fund (Fund) within the state treasury; (2) authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the Fund for use in areas of the state from which oil and gas are produced and then only to address infrastructure needs in areas of the state determined by the legislature to be significantly affected by oil and gas production; and (3) authorize the grant of money from the Fund to state agencies and other political subdivisions for an authorized purpose.

**S.B. 254 (Eckhardt) – Gas Tax:** This legislation would increase the rate of the state gasoline tax and diesel fuel tax from 20 to 40 cents per gallon.

**H.B. 1158 (Darby) – Clean Energy Projects:** This legislation would: (1) remove the requirement that an application for a permit for an advanced clean energy project under the Clean Air Act had to be received by the commission before January 1, 2020; (2) add to the list of programs that may be considered for a new technology implementation grant: (a) the installation of a system to reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions; and (b) projects that utilize technology to capture, use, reuse, store, or sequester carbon dioxide emissions for the principal purpose of preventing carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere and are constructed integral or adjacent to a petrochemical plant or an electric generation facility, including a facility powered by coal, natural gas, hydrogen, or ammonia; and (3) exempt from the sales tax components of tangible personal property used in connection with the capture, use, reuse, storage, or sequestration of carbon dioxide emissions for the principal purpose of preventing carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.



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**88th Texas Legislature – Legislation relating to Environment and Sustainability**

### **Concrete Plant & Related Environmental Permitting Bills**

**H.B. 124 (Jarvis Johnson) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would limit the state law under which the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may issue an air quality permit for a concrete plant located in an area of a city not subject to zoning regulations and require that such a plant comply with certain notice and hearing requirements.

**H.B. 94 (Jarvis Johnson) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would provide that, in determining whether to approve an application for a standard permit for a concrete batch plant, the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality must base the decision, in part, on a consideration of the potential harm to local property values and the location of the facility relative to homes, schools, churches, parks, and other community assets.

**H.B. 372 (Jarvis Johnson) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would extend the distance within which a concrete plant or crushing facility must be from a single- or multi-family residence, school, or place of worship from 440 yards to 880 yards.

**H.B. 406 (Collier) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, or medical facility or a person residing within 880 yards of a proposed concrete plant may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the construction of a concrete plant.

**H.B. 407 (Collier) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, or medical facility or a person residing within 880 yards of a proposed concrete plant may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the construction of a concrete plant.

**H.B. 758 (Walle) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would provide that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) must allow the filing of a request for a contested case hearing on an authorization to use a standard permit for a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing at any time during the public comment period on the authorization, including during any extension of the public comment period for public meetings.

**H.B. 759 (Walle) – Concrete Plants:** This legislation would provide that a person may file with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a motion to overturn as described by TCEQ rule to challenge an executive director’s final decision on an authorization to use a standard permit for certain concrete plants.

**H.B. 926 (Dutton) – Concrete Plant Permitting:** This legislation would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or a person residing within 440 yards of a proposed wet batching, dry batching,

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or central mixing concrete plant may request a public hearing prior to the construction or permitting of the concrete plant.

**H.B. 1387 (Walle) – Concrete Plant Permitting:** This legislation would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or a person residing within 440 yards of a proposed wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing concrete plant may request a public hearing prior to the construction or permitting of the concrete plant.

**S.B. 131 (Campbell) – Concrete Plant Permitting:** This legislation would provide that a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or a person residing in a permanent residence within 440 yards of a proposed wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing concrete plant may request a public hearing prior to the construction or permitting of the concrete plant.

### **Climate Bills**

**H.B. 57 (Zwiener) – Climate Change Reporting:** This legislation would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to prepare a report on the potential impact of climate change in the state every four years, which would include, among other things, information regarding the impact of climate change on the economy, infrastructure, surface water and groundwater, and state and local finances.

### **Urban Agriculture Bill + Solar / Wind (Local Control) Bills:**

**H.B. 92 (Landgraf) – Residential Food Production:** This legislation would, among other things, (1) prohibit a municipality and a property owners' association from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or restrictive covenant that prohibits any of the following activities on a residence homestead property: (a) the growing of fruits and vegetables; (b) the raising or keeping of: (i) six or fewer domestic fowl; or (ii) six or fewer adult rabbits; or (c) installing for on-site use: (i) a solar or wind- powered energy device; (ii) an underground shelter; (iii) rain barrels or a rainwater harvesting system; or (iv) a standby electric generator; (2) allow a municipality and a property owners' association to impose: (a) reasonable regulations on the growing of fruits and vegetables on a residence homestead that do not have the effect of prohibiting growing those plants, including a requirement that the growing area be maintained in good condition if visible from the street or adjoining property and for the trimming or removal of a tree for the maintenance of a utility easement; and (b) reasonable regulations on the raising and keeping of rabbits and fowl on a residence homestead to control odor, noise, safety, or sanitary conditions that do not have the effect of prohibiting the raising or keeping of these animals, including: (i) limitations on the number of animals that is more than the minimum number allowed by this law or a total combined number of eight fowl and rabbits; (ii) a prohibition on raising or keeping of a rooster; (iii) defining the minimum distance between an animal shelter and a residential structure; (iv) requiring fencing or shelter sufficient to contain the animals; (v) defining the minimum requirements for combined housing and outdoor space as provided by this law; (vi) adopting requirements to address sanitary conditions to prevent

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offensive odors or pests; or (vii) requiring that the animals be kept in the side or rear yard; and (3) provide that an adopted ordinance or restrictive covenant that violates this law is void.

**H.B. 1443 (Slawson) – Wind Power Near Airport:** This legislation would: (1) define “joint-use airport” as an airport: (a) that is owned or operated by a federal defense agency; (b) at which both military and civilian aircraft make shared use of the airfield; and (c) that provides air traffic control for all military and civilian aircraft operating within 60 nautical miles of the airport’s boundaries; (2) provide that a power generation company or other person required by a Public Utility Commission (PUC) rule to register with the PUC before generating electricity may not operate a wind-powered generation facility in the ERCOT power region at a location that is within 65 nautical miles of the boundaries of a joint-use airport located in Texas; and (3) prohibit an electric cooperative or municipally owned utility from operating a wind-powered generation facility in the ERCOT power region at a location that is within 65 nautical miles of the boundaries of a joint-use airport located in Texas.

### **Wildland-Urban Interface Bills**

**H.B. 260 (Murr) – Appraisal of Open Space Land:** This legislation would require the chief appraiser to take into consideration the effect that the presence of a disease or pest, or the designation of an area as a wildlife or livestock disease or pest area, has on the net income from the land when calculating net to land of open-space land located in or adjacent to an area designated as a wildlife or livestock disease or pest area.

### **Disaster-Related Bills**

**H.B. 588 (Raymond) – Statewide Disaster Alarm System:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that the Texas Division of Emergency Management with the cooperation of the office of the governor and appropriate state agencies shall develop and implement a statewide alert system to active in the event of a disaster affecting any location in Texas.

**S.B. 310 (Hall) – Public Health Directives:** This legislation would provide that: (1) during a state of disaster declared by the governor, if the governor issues a public health directive as the governor determines necessary to address the disaster, the directive must not be more stringent than any public health directive for undocumented immigrants issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and (2) if the Department of State Health Services or a health authority issues a public health directive as the department or health authority determines necessary to address an outbreak of a communicable disease or public health disaster, the directive may not be more stringent than any public health directive for undocumented immigrants issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**H.B. 107 (Schaefer) – Violations of Emergency Management Plan:** This legislation would repeal provisions of the Texas Disaster Act, which provide that a state, local, or

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interjurisdictional emergency management plan may: (1) provide that failure to comply with the plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan is an offense; and (2) prescribe a punishment for the offense but may not prescribe a fine that exceeds \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that exceeds 180 days.

**H.B. 119 (Schaefer) – Judicial Review of Disaster Orders:** This legislation would provide: (1) a person has standing to file suit in a Texas court to challenge a provision of an order issued by: (a) the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision, including a city, that relates to a declared state of disaster if the provision in the order is alleged to cause injury to the person or burden a right of the person that is protected by the federal constitution or by a state or federal law; and (b) by the governor, the Health and Human Services Commissioner, the Department of State Health Services, or a health authority that relates to a declared public health disaster or is imposed as a control measure to prevent the spread of a communicable disease if the provision in the order is alleged to cause injury to the person or burden a right of the person that is protected by the state or federal constitution or by a state or federal law; and (2) the issuer of the order described in (1), above, has the burden of proving that the challenged provision in the order: (a) mitigates a threat to the public caused by the disaster or communicable disease, as applicable; and (b) is the least restrictive means of mitigating the threat.

**H.B. 448 (Schofield) – Disaster Order Compensation Damages:** This legislation would provide, among other things, that: (1) a business owner is entitled to compensation from a governmental entity, including a city, for losses caused to the owner’s business by an order, ordinance, or other regulation by a governmental entity, including an executive or local order issued during a declared state of disaster that: (a) closes a business permanently or temporarily; or (b) effectively closes a business by: (i) limiting the business’s operations to the extent that the business owner cannot effectively maintain the business; or (ii) ordering customers not to patronize the business; (2) a business owner is not entitled to compensation under (1), above, if the governmental entity can demonstrate that the primary reason for the governmental action was: (a) a judicial finding that the business: (i) was a nuisance under the law; or (ii) violated other law; or (b) a finding that the business or owner failed to: (i) acquire or maintain a license required by the governmental entity for the business; (ii) file or maintain records required by the secretary of state; or (iii) pay taxes; and (3) sovereign and governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived and abolished to the extent of liability under (1), above.

**H.B. 558 (Raymond) – Executive Orders:** This legislation would provide that an executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the governor during a declared state of disaster that restricts the operation of or the hours of operation for a business that sells alcoholic beverages may not include a federal tax-exempt organization that benefits veterans of the United States armed forces.

**H.B. 860 (Gates) – Emergency Repairs to Residential Buildings:** This legislation provides, among other things that: (1) a city shall allow an owner of a damaged residential building to immediately begin to repair to the building if: (a) the owner applies for an

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emergency permit; and (b) the repairs are necessary to protect public safety, prevent further damage to the building, or protect the overall structural integrity of the building; (2) an owner of a residential building may apply for an emergency permit to conduct repairs by filing an application not later than the third business day after the later of the date the repairs commence or the date the city is able to accept the application; (3) the governor may not exempt a city from (1), above, by an executive order related to a declared disaster; (4) an owner of a residential building who is prohibited from conducting repairs by a city in violation of (1), above, may bring an action against the city for damages, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and (5) governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived.

**H.B. 911 (Harrison) – Disaster Orders:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that: (1) a state or local official may issue recommendations and nonbinding guidelines to assist with a state of disaster and may coordinate public and private resources to prevent or respond to the disaster; (2) notwithstanding any other law, an order issued by the governor or a state or local official that regulates or infringes on the rights of any private person must be: (a) narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose; and (b) limited in duration, applicability, and scope to reduce any infringement on individual liberty; (3) district and appellate courts have jurisdiction to hear cases challenging a state or local disaster order and shall expedite hearings for the cases; (4) a court may invalidate or enjoin a disaster order or the application of a disaster order that is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose because of the order's inequality in application to or impact on groups, situations, or circumstances; (5) only the governor may issue an order that infringes on a protected constitutional right in a non-trivial manner, including but not limited to: (a) the rights to travel, work, assemble, and speak; (b) the freedom of religious exercise; (c) the right to contract without state interference; (d) property rights; (e) the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and (f) the freedom to purchase lawfully acquired firearms and ammunition; (6) an order in (5), above, expires on the 30th day after the date the governor issues the order unless the governor or legislature terminates the order on an earlier date or the legislature extends the order on or before the expiration date; and (7) the governor may only suspend state agency orders and rules (not statutory requirements) during a state of disaster.

**H.B. 1023 (Harrison) – Disaster Declarations:** This legislation would provide that during a federally declared public health emergency, a clinical laboratory is considered a state agency for purposes of regulation by the United States Food and Drug Administration when the laboratory is performing a laboratory developed test on a pathogen or agent that is the basis for the emergency declaration.

**H.B. 1078 (Martinez) – Disaster Identification System:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that: (1) the Texas Division of Emergency Management may include in its state emergency plan provisions for the use of a disaster identification system; (2) in an area subject to a state of disaster declaration, a person may elect to participate in a disaster identification system activated for that area; (3) the disaster identification system shall authorize the use of a device that is capable of displaying a flashing light and

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continuous light in either the color white or the colors blue, green, red, and yellow to communicate with disaster relief personnel; and (4) an executive order or proclamation declaring a state of disaster activates for the area subject to the declaration the disaster identification system described above.

**S.B. 97 (Johnson) – Emergency Executive Orders:** This legislation would provide that: (1) the governor shall limit an executive order, proclamation, or regulation that is issued, amended, or rescinded to address only the specific conditions or requirements of the disaster that is the subject of the executive order, proclamation, or regulation under a state of disaster; and (2) not later than Monday of each week during a declared disaster, the governor and the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) shall publish on the governor’s website and TDEM’s disaster web portal a list of all executive orders, proclamations, and regulations issued by the governor during the previous seven-day period in chronological order.

**S.B. 98 (Johnson) – Disaster Declaration:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that if the Texas legislature is convened in a regular or special session during a state of disaster, only the legislature by law may renew the state of disaster, and not the governor.

**S.B. 99 (Johnson) – Disaster Declaration:** This legislation would, among other things: (1) require the legislature to appoint a joint disaster oversight committee; and (2) provide that if the governor determines a state of disaster requires renewal for more than 90 days from the date of the initial disaster declaration, the governor may renew the state of disaster only if: (a) the joint disaster oversight committee conducts a public hearing on renewal of the state of disaster; (b) the legislature convened in a regular or special session approves the renewal by a law that states the maximum number of days the state of disaster may continue following renewal; and (c) the governor’s renewal of the state of disaster expires not later than the date set by the legislature under (b), above.

**S.B. 100 (Johnson) – Disaster Declaration:** This legislation would eliminate the governor’s responsibility as commander in chief of state agencies, boards, and commissions having emergency responsibilities during the recovery period following a state of disaster.

**S.B. 306 (Hall) – Quarantine Measures:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that: (1) before ordering an individual or a group of individuals to implement control measures that involve isolation or quarantine, a health authority must: (a) provide notice of the control measures to the individual or group of individuals; and (b) provide to the individual or group of individuals an opportunity to demonstrate that implementing the control measures is unnecessary; (2) a health authority may not order an individual or a group of individuals to implement control measures described by (1), above, for a period that exceeds five days unless the health authority obtains from a district court of the county in which the individual or group of individuals resides, is located, or is receiving court-ordered health services a court order authorizing the health authority to order the individual or group of individuals to implement the control measures; and (3) in ordering

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an individual or group of individuals to implement control measures described by (1), above, a health authority to the greatest extent possible must: (a) use the least restrictive means available; (b) allow an individual to isolate or quarantine with other individuals subject to the same court order under (2), above; (c) if the individual subject to the control measure is a minor, allow the individual to isolate or quarantine with the individual's parent, legal guardian, or managing conservator; and (d) allow an individual to isolate or quarantine in the individual's home or with another family member or a friend.

**S.B. 307 (Hall) – Federally Declared Public Health Emergencies:** This legislation would provide that (1) a city or its employees may not enforce or provide assistance to a federal agency or official with respect to enforcing a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation that: (a) is enacted or issued in response to a federally declared public health emergency; and (b) imposes a prohibition, restriction, or other regulation that does not exist under state law; (2) a city is ineligible to receive state money from the general revenue fund or a grant program if it through consistent actions or a contract adopts a rule, order, ordinance, or policy under which the city enforces or assists with the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule or regulation described in (1), above; (3) an individual residing in the city may file a complaint with the attorney general if the individual offers evidence to support an allegation in (1), above; (4) if the attorney general determines that a complaint filed under (3), above, is valid, the attorney general may file a petition for a writ of mandamus or apply for other equitable relief (including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs) in a district court in Travis County or in a county in which the city is located; (5) an appeal of an action brought under (4), above, shall be accelerated and an appellate court shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible delay; and (6) the attorney general shall defend a city in an action by the federal government for an act or omission consistent with this law.

### **Gas-Powered Appliance Bills**

**H.B. 743 (Dean) – Gas Powered Appliance Regulation:** This legislation would provide that, among other things, a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prohibits or restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

**H.B. 744 (Dean) – Gasoline Powered Tool Regulation:** This legislation would provide that a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prohibits or restricts the use or sale of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment.

**H.B. 764 (Cain) – Gasoline Powered Tool Regulation:** This legislation would provide that a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prohibits or restricts the use or sale of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment.

### **Power/Electrical Grid Bills**

**H.B. 1146 (Reynolds) – ERCOT Grid:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that, so long as the interconnection does not pose a significant and imminent risk to public health and safety, a transmission and distribution utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative that transmits or distributes power purchased at wholesale in the ERCOT power region, may construct, own, and operate facilities as necessary to: (1) access transmission service from outside of the ERCOT power region; and (2) purchase power at wholesale from outside of the ERCOT power region.

**H.B. 1412 (Schaefer) – Electric Grid Resilience:** This legislation would, among other things: (1) prohibit a city from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or other measure that bans, limits, or otherwise regulates inside the boundaries of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city a micro-grid that is certified by the Texas Grid Security Commission; and (2) require the Texas Grid Security Commission to establish resilience standards for cities. (Companion bill is S.B. 330 by Hall.)

**S.B. 31 (Zaffirini) – Electricity:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that: (1) a transmission and distribution utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative that transmits or distributes power purchased at wholesale in the ERCOT power region may construct, own, and operate facilities as necessary to: (a) access transmission service from outside the ERCOT power region; and (b) purchase power at wholesale from outside the ERCOT power region; and (2) unless otherwise provided by federal law, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) shall require ERCOT to approve the interconnection of a facility in (1), above, unless the PUC or ERCOT determines that the interconnection poses a significant and imminent risk to public health and safety.

**H.B. 973 (Zwiener) – Critical Infrastructure:** This legislation would, among other things: (1) create a critical infrastructure resiliency fund that may be used by the Texas Division of Emergency Management to make a grant to an eligible entity; (2) establish the electric grid improvement account as an account within the critical infrastructure resiliency fund that may be used to make grants to municipally owned electric utilities, among others, for projects related to hardening and weatherizing the electric grid; (3) establish the hospital infrastructure resiliency account within the critical infrastructure resiliency fund that may be used to make grants to a city-owned hospital, among others, for projects relating to the purchase of reserve power supply that is reliable during an extreme weather event; and (4) authorize the use of funding under the water loan assistance fund for projects to harden and weatherize water and wastewater systems in the state.

**S.B. 114 (Menendez) – Electricity:** This legislation would, among other things: (1) provide that a retail electric customer is entitled to: (a) participate in demand response programs through retail electric providers and demand response providers; and (b) receive notice from the retail electric provider that serves the customer: (i) when the independent organization for the ERCOT power region issues an emergency energy alert about low operating reserves to providers of generation in the power region; or (ii) of planned outages and the length of time the outages are expected to last; and (2) require



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the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules that require each retail electric provider in the ERCOT power region to create a residential demand response program to reduce the average total residential load by at least: (a) one percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2024; (b) two percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2025; (c) three percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2026; and (d) five percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2027.

**S.B. 330 (Hall) – Electric Grid Resilience**: This legislation would, among other things: (1) prohibit a city from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or other measure that bans, limits, or otherwise regulates inside the boundaries of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city a micro-grid that is certified by the Texas Grid Security Commission; and (2) require the Texas Grid Security Commission to establish resilience standards for cities.

### **Transportation & Electric Vehicle-Related Bills**

**H.B. 108 (Cortez) – Classroom Teachers Park Free**: This legislation would: (1) require the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specialty license plates to: (a) classroom teachers with at least 15 years of service teaching public school students; and (b) retired classroom teachers with at least 20 years of service teaching public school students; and (2) prohibit a governmental authority from collecting a parking fee through a parking meter for a vehicle displaying these licensees.

**H.B. 167 (Cortez) – Red Light Cameras**: This legislation would provide that photographic traffic signal enforcement contracts, including those executed before May 17, 2019, are void.

**H.B. 177 (Cortez) – Red Light Cameras**: This legislation would provide that photographic traffic signal enforcement contracts, including those executed before May 17, 2019, are void.

**H.B. 366 (Bell) – High Speed Rail Bond**: This legislation would provide that before a private entity begins operation of new high-speed rail service the entity must file a bond in an amount sufficient to restore real property used for the service to its original condition if the service ceases operation.

**H.B. 805 (Toth) – High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes**: This legislation would provide that regardless of the number of occupants in a motor vehicle, an operator of a motor vehicle is entitled to use any high occupancy vehicle lane for the purpose of passing another vehicle that is being operated at a speed that is less than the posted speed limit for the roadway if the operator enters and exits the high occupancy vehicle lane at designated entry and exit points.

**H.B. 820 (Ken King) – Additional Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fee**: This legislation provides that applicants for registration or renewal of registration for a hybrid or electric vehicle shall pay an additional fee of \$200 if the vehicle is an electric vehicle and \$100 if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle with 90% of the fees to be deposited into the state highway

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fund and 10% to be deposited into a new electric vehicle battery disposal account administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**H.B. 960 (Jetton) – Electric Vehicle Registration Fee:** This legislation would provide that at the time of application for registration or renewal of registration of an electric vehicle, the applicant shall pay an additional \$100 road maintenance fee, which must be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

**H.B. 1156 (Rogers) – Surplus Traffic Safety Equipment:** This legislation would provide, among other things, that the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Public Safety may directly donate or sell at a discounted rate surplus traffic and roadwork safety equipment to Texas cities.

**H.B. 1379 (Ortega) – Transportation Projects:** This legislation would expand the definition of “transportation project” for purposes of a regional mobility authority to include an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement located above, adjacent to, or connected to an interstate highway, which may include: (1) recreational, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities; (2) an intermodal hub; (3) parking areas; and (4) components that will benefit users of transit, pedestrian, and other transportation modes, and promote economic development in adjacent areas.

**S.B. 41 (Zaffirini) – Cell Phone Ban:** This legislation would provide: (1) that a vehicle operator commits an offense if the operator uses a portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, unless the vehicle is stopped outside a lane of travel; and (2) for an affirmative defense (except for a person under 18 years of age or by a person operating a school bus with a minor passenger on the bus) for the use of a portable wireless communications device: (a) in conjunction with a hands-free device; (b) to contact emergency services; or (c) that was mounted in or on the vehicle solely to continuously record or broadcast video inside or outside of the vehicle.

**S.B. 254 (Eckhardt) – Gas Tax:** This legislation would increase the rate of the state gasoline tax and diesel fuel tax from 20 to 40 cents per gallon.

**S.B. 505 (Nichols) – Additional Electric Vehicle Registration Fee:** This legislation would provide that applicants for registration or renewal of registration for an electric vehicle shall pay an additional fee of \$400 for an initial two-year registration and an additional fee of \$200 for one-year registration or renewals with these fees to be deposited into the state highway fund.

### **Water Related Bills**

**H.J.R. 25 (Zwiener) – Property Tax Exemption:** This legislation would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt from property taxation the portion of the appraised value of a person’s property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system. (See **H.B. 40**, above.)

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**H.B. 640 (Julie Johnson) – Street Maintenance Sales Tax:** This legislation would, among other things, provide that: (1) for a city in which a majority of the voters voting in each of the last two consecutive elections concerning the adoption or reauthorization of the street maintenance sales tax favored adoption or reauthorization and in which the tax has not expired since the first of those two consecutive elections, the city may call an election to reauthorize the tax for a period of eight or ten years, instead of four years; and (2) revenue from the street maintenance sales tax may be used to maintain and repair: (a) a city street or sidewalk; and (b) a city water, wastewater, or stormwater system located in the width of a way of a city street.

**H.B. 583 (Raymond) – Drinking Water Report:** This legislation would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to produce an annual report on public drinking water supply systems in Texas and deliver the report to the legislature not later than September 1 of each year.

**H.B. 585 (Raymond) – Water Treatment Facilities Reporting:** This legislation would: (1) require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to create a plan to protect water treatment facilities from: (a) electrical outages; (b) catastrophic weather events; (c) terrorist attacks; (d) the projected effects of climate change; and (e) other potential disruptions to providing water service; and (2) require TCEQ to submit the plan to the governor and the legislature by September 1, 2024.

**H.B. 874 (Bowers) – Water Rights:** This legislation would provide that a water right is not cancelled for nonuse if the nonuse resulted from an executed temporary or permanent forbearance agreement that: (1) promotes restoration, preservation, or enhancement of instream flows; (2) was entered into by the holder of the permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication; and (3) was filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality not later than the 180th day after the date the agreement was executed.

**S.B. 40 (Zaffirini) – Water Utilities:** This legislation would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to develop and implement an alert system that must include the ability to provide notifications through electronic instant messaging to be activated in the event of a boil water notice and any related information, including any rescission or expiration of the boil water notice.

**S.B. 53 (Zaffirini) – Texas Water Development Board Financing:** This legislation would provide that: (1) a political subdivision may use financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to pay for the installation, maintenance, operation, and fueling of a backup power generator for a facility of a public water supply and sanitary sewer system; (2) assistance under the bill shall only be provided to political subdivisions that demonstrate an inability to pay for the installation, maintenance, operation, and fueling of a backup power generator described by (1), above, in accordance with TWDB rules; (3) if the TWDB determines that a political subdivision to which assistance has been provided under (1), above, is ineligible to receive the assistance, the TWDB may seek

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reimbursement from the political subdivision; and (4) the TWDB shall adopt rules to implement the bill.

**S.B. 223 (Campbell) – Wastewater Permitting:** This legislation would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to hold at least one public meeting on an application for an initial permit for a wastewater treatment facility in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located.

**S.B. 382 (Zaffirini) – Drinking Water Report:** This legislation would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to produce an annual report on public drinking water supply systems in Texas and deliver the report to the legislature not later than September 1 of each year. (Companion bill is **H.B. 582** by **Raymond**.)

**S.B. 469 (Springer) – Water Infrastructure:** This legislation would: (1) for purposes of the Texas Water Assistance Program and other funding initiatives by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), define “rural political subdivision” as: (a) a nonprofit water supply or sewer service corporation, district, or municipality that has a service area with a population of 10,000 or less no part of which is located in an urban area as defined by the United States Bureau of the Census or otherwise qualifies for funding from a federal agency; or (b) a county in which no urban area has a population of more than 50,000; and (2) provide that the TWDB may direct the comptroller to transfer amounts from the financial assistance account to the rural water assistance fund to provide financial assistance to rural political subdivisions for the purpose of providing low-interest loans for water or water-related projects.

**S.B. 551 (Johnson) – Plastic Bottles at City Golf Courses:** This legislation would allow cities to prohibit the sale of single-use water bottles at city-owned or operated golf courses, including attached clubhouses and shops. (Companion bill is H.B. 1174 by Howard.)

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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

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TO Honorable Chair Blackmon and Members of the City Council Environment & Sustainability Committee

SUBJECT **Landscape Equipment Transition (LET) Implementation**

The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) briefed the Environmental Commission (EVC) on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the Environment & Sustainability Committee (ENVS) on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, respectively, providing status updates on the plan for landscape equipment transition (LET) implementation. OEQS will provide monthly status updates on program implementation. The following provides a summary of steps taken over the previous month towards advancing this City Council goal:

## **Technical Support Contract**

OEQS contracted with Modern Geosciences for technical support services including but not limited to; assistance in researching other community implementation, including related codes and ordinances; creating a community survey instrument; and developing the detailed internal and external transition plan. Staff are meeting with the technical consultant on a bi-weekly basis to coordinate efforts towards this project. Residential and Commercial Surveys have been created and are ready for distribution.

## **Stakeholder Engagement Efforts**

Staff are continuing internal and external stakeholder meetings.

- Internal: OEQS has begun bi-monthly meetings with City departments that use landscape equipment to attain feedback on meeting City transition goals and identify equipment inventory being maintained by each department. The next meeting is scheduled for February 07, 2023. OEQS has scheduled a vendor demonstration during which City Staff can work with equipment.
- External: OEQS has engaged several members of the public, including homeowners, landscape companies, landscape associations, and the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). Staff held a meeting with external stakeholder group on January 19, 2023. Working with DISD staff for vendor demonstrations.
- The technical consultant has developed a community survey to be deployed within the next couple of weeks to attain community feedback on the program. This survey will be provided to the public in several different ways, including through the OEQS media campaign, other departments (e.g., DWU Bill inserts), the EVC, and other entities.

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### **Physical Equipment Inventory**

Staff have developed and distributed a template for use by departments when identifying equipment inventory. These inventories were due back to OEQS by mid-January to be compiled into a comprehensive inventory of the City's current inventory. OEQS is continuing to inquire for inventories from teams not reached. After compilation, each department will then work towards the 2023 incremental goal for transition.

### **Program Media Campaign**

OEQS is developing an LET media campaign as a part of a larger comprehensive multi-issue, multi-platform, and multi-lingual outreach and engagement plan to reach affected business and residents. With a desire to implement this campaign as soon as practicable, staff plans to brief the CMO by February to attain necessary program approvals, prior to related media contracting.

### **Regulatory Engagement**

Given the regions' current severe non-attainment status related to ozone, City staff have held related conversations with staff from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments to discuss including the LET Plan as a part of the TCEQ's Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability at 469-617-1925 or [carlos.evans@dallas.gov](mailto:carlos.evans@dallas.gov).



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