

## Workplan for 2021 "Accelerating Iowa City's Climate Actions" (12-30-20)

Note: Actions below are identified as Phase 2 of the Accelerating Climate Actions report and can begin between 2021 and 2023. The following is a proposed workplan for these actions, prioritized by initiatives already in motion and based upon availability of City staff and coordination with outside agencies.

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<b>Buildings - 2021 - 2023</b>							
BI-6	Consider a Building Permit Fee Rebate Program for Enhanced Energy Standards	New	1.3	Feb-21	Discussion with NDS, identify requirements, potential costs, and offset. Present to local stakeholders and Commission for feedback.	Understanding that locally, incremental home "price creep" tends to price homebuyers out for every \$1,000 more, we need to keep inflation of housing costs to a minimum and ensure that the program does not add costs. Geographic review could also ensure that program is applied somewhat evenly through all areas of new	Not Started
BI-7	Initiate a Net-Zero House Design Competition	New	1.3	Aug-21	Have determined that competition should include student and professional categories but needs further shaping. Potential for resulting designs to be functionally built. Modification of this program includes a category for retrofit/remodel at lower energy savings.	Potential for outcome of contest to be constructed by the City with income-requirements for homeownership. Modified competition categories could define different pricing models and occupant populations. Working group can provide suggestions and feedback.	In Development
BI-8	Complete a Net-Zero Demonstration Rehabilitation Project	New	1.1 & 1.4	Mar-21	In discussion with NDS about upcoming project opportunities. Budgeted FY22 funds for preliminary or complete rehabilitation/construction.	Equity will be required in review of the project placement, occupants, and local impacts.	Not Started
BI-9	Launch an Electrification Incentive Program	New	1.1-1.2 & 1.4	May-21	Starting with a few rental induction stovetop appliances to begin to introduce residents to non-natural gas technology. Development of a rebate program in early part of the year will require research and stakeholder feedback.	Explore opportunities for multi-family properties. Working group and stakeholder feedback helpful.	In Development
BR-3	Incorporate Strict Energy Standards into Height and Density Bonuses	New	1.3 – 1.4	2022	At this time, NDS is working on an update to the Riverfront Crossings District Code, in which the height and density bonuses apply more frequently than other zoning districts. Application of the height bonus provision is discretionary and staff has been instructed to require energy efficiency measures as a category for height bonuses. These provisions closely mirror the existing TIF standards. Recent projects that have come before Council and upcoming projects are incorporating these provisions and the City will continue this until the Code is amended.		Not Started
BR-4	Initiate Energy Benchmarking Requirements	Next	1.6	2022	Initial research. Consideration of current laws, existing programs in and out of Iowa needed before application of this type of regulation.		Not Started
BR-5	Develop Climate Action Requirements for all Existing and Future Rental Permits	New	1.1 & 1.7	Jun-21	Discussions with NDs and stakeholders, including property owners, landlords, realtors, renters, and development community.	Renters should be impacted as little as possible while receiving benefits of any improvements made to comply with a proposed program.	Not Started
BPP-2	Net-Zero Public Housing	Next	1.1 & 1.7	2022	Must determine where this project would take place or be retrofitted. Discussions likely underway in 2021, no final actions until 2022.		Not Started
<b>Additional Notes</b>				<b>Commission</b>	<b>Working Group</b>		
This row shares more information for Commission members, including probable action steps and questions from staff. For reference, follow up items are started with the Action code (far left of charts) (i.e. "BI3" (Building Incentives, project 3))				As work progresses on BR3, BR4 & BR5 will require Commission feedback and recommendations.	Feedback and recommendations welcome for BI6, BI7, BI8, BI9.		

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<b>Transportation - 2021 - 2023</b>						
TE-2	Launch an Eco-Driving Campaign Alongside Employers	New	2.5	Jul-21	Grants planned for employer installation of EV charging ports. Paired with an informational campaign and car-free week. Education campaigns must be coordinated with employers. Post-pandemic expand to shared driving or transit campaign.	Not Started
TI-1	Incentivize Public Transit Options	New	2.2	Sep-21	Coincide any education with Transportation Services rollout and preparation for system changes. Can accompany passes for riders, celebrations/thank you's to dedicated riders, and supplement transit facility or stop improvements.	Not Started
TR-1	Review Parking Regulations and Consider Innovative Ways to Encourage Alternative Modes of Travel	New	2.6	Fall 2021	Start with NDS review. Some issues may be identified during the development of the updated affordable housing action plan, starting 2021.	Not Started
TPP-2	Complete Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Plan and Implement Recommendations	Next	2.2	Jul-21	Project is on track. Stakeholder meeting will be held in January and final report should be delivered in summer 2021.	Underway
TPP-3	Achieve Gold Friendly Bicycle Friendly Community Status and Begin Work Toward Platinum Status	Next	2.3	Aug-21	Bicycle infrastructure continues to be a focus of the City and the network has grown considerably in the last few years. Unfortunately, the pandemic year prevented some of the planned bicycle education and engagement components that are standard for Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Communities and therefore the application was delayed by one year. The City plans to apply for a Gold designation again in August.	Underway
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				Commission should weigh in on staff proposals for TR1 when drafts of policy, ordinance or plans ready. Recommendations or priority issues for TR1 welcome between January and August.	Recommendations welcome for TE2 and TI1.	
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<b>Waste - 2021 - 2023</b>						
WR-1	Develop a Policy/Ordinance Requiring Specific Demolition or Deconstruction Recycling Standards/Procedures	New	3.4	Feb-21	Although some initial discussions and research have started at a staff level, this initiative will begin in 2021. Policy examples and research are needed, as well as exploration of programs that can assist with meeting requirements of recycling and	Not Started
WR-2	Mandating Signage to Assist Waste Collection	New	3.1	Jan-21	Staff continues to field calls from multi-family areas that do not feel they either have access to recycling or are witnessing improper use of waste containers. Many times, this is traced back to a lack of simple signage. Plan is to work directly with haulers to get voluntary labeling on waste and recycling containers. After this effort is made, staff will assess whether any legal requirements will be necessary.	In Development
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				Priority issues for WR1 welcomed, in order to draft more comprehensive policy, ultimately recommended to Council by CAC.	Suggestions or program model examples welcomed for WR1. Feedback helpful for WR2.	

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<b>Adaptation - 2021 - 2023</b>							
AE-3	Establish "Resilience Hubs"	New	4.2	Apr-21	Begin with consultation between public health and community stakeholders. Plan to hold events at these identified resilience hubs to connect them as places for help, security, and comfort for nearby residents.	Ideally, the community stakeholders will identify their own preferred resilience hub and this project will include their ideas and feedback, as well as the buy-in from the property itself. Language accessibility, cultural competence, and geographic proximity all play roles in this effort.	Not Started
AE-4	Concentrated Education Campaign for Private Properties about Native Plantings, Permeable Pavement, Rain Gardens, Soil Health, Rain Barrels and Cisterns	Next	4.5	Apr-21	Staff led campaign, will align with developing communications strategy. Budgeted promotional materials and activities. Green Iowa AmeriCorps have interest in rain barrel program, in addition to their standard educational programs and activities and Parks and Recreation native prairie planting education opportunities. Additionally, City and University staff have discussed crossover native planting education and volunteer opportunities for students and community	Equity involved in rain barrel initiatives, as well as educational opportunities. Geographic analysis required prior to planned activities.	In Development
AE-5	Coordinated Efforts with Local Emergency Agencies and Utility Agencies Providing Critical Infrastructure	Next	4.3-4.4	Mar-21	Discussion must be scheduled for further development of actions.		Not Started
AR-2	Increase Tree Planting Requirements in Landscaping Standards, Parking Lot Standards and Upon Renewal of Rental Permits	New	4.6	Fall 2021	Initial research and planning required by NDS.		Not Started
ACP-1	Develop Review Standards for New City Facility Construction and Major Rehabilitation that Accounts for Climate Adaptation Principles	New	5.7	2022	Initial research and planning required by NDS and PW. Supplemented by analysis by Climate Action Analyst. Possible that a City facility construction or improvements could be made earlier than 2022, with sustainable design review and engineering.		Not Started
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				CAC should provide any priority issues for City to consider in landscaping standards (AR1) and developing review standards for City buildings (ACP1).	Suggestions about anything related to resilience hubs (AE3) welcome. Working group feedback on natural areas and stormwater management programs welcome (AE4), identify any priority issues to be brought up with emergency management - specifically equity concerns (AE5).		
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<b>Sustainable Lifestyle - 2021-2023</b>							
SLE-3	Local Procurement Campaign - Buy-in from Local Commercial Groups	New	5.3	Jun-21	City staff in discussion with community partners about local consumption/reduced consumption campaign. Small budget of funding to promote and support local economy and resident access to goods and	May be able to identify equity issues through research on existing similar programs. Working group feedback and recommendations welcome.	In Development
SLCP-1	Develop a Green Procurement Policy	Next	5.3	2022	City Purchasing division went through recent re-organization and needs a little time before they're able to support the development of such a policy. In the meantime, there may be opportunities internally to start gathering existing procedures and modifying, with local and sustainable acquisition principles in mind.		Not Started

SLCP-2	Develop a City Sustainability Operations Guide and Make Available to Organizations Throughout Iowa City	Next	5.7	Aug-21	The City's staff Climate Action Committee can begin to collect best practices to create an outline for the guide. Research may result in an existing guide from another location that could be modified to meet the needs of our community.		Not Started
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					Welcome examples and feedback on SLE3 and SLCP2.		