

CAP: look forward to an Office of Sustainability

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Councilman Reynolds has talked several times of ultimately the need for a Sustainability Director and an Office of Sustainability. Gadfly would say look for discussion of these things fairly soon in the new year. Wonder what the budget ramifications are. Can it be done by reassignments of existing staff? Gadfly remembers that knowledge of sustainability was discussed in regard to the fairly recent hire of the Recycling head.

Consultant Jeff (2 mins.):



CAP sections

- Development
- Principles
- Climate impacts
- Plan integration
- GHG inventory
- Commitments
- **Goals**

CAP strategies
Implementation
Next Steps

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Proposed community-wide sector goals

- Reduce GHG emissions from buildings by 30% by 2030
- Achieve zero waste by 2040
- Achieve 100% renewable electricity consumption by 2030
- Create a "Bethlehem Climate Challenge" program to empower residents and businesses
- Reduce GHG emissions from transportation by a minimum of 30% by 2030
- Maximize Bethlehem's urban green space and tree canopy
- Optimize space used for buildings and maximize opportunities for short daily trips / travel mode

CAP



Reporting process and accountability

Robust monitoring and public reporting on implementation progress will allow the city to report progress toward GHG emissions reduction targets and mitigate climate risk to its residents, business, and institutions

Proposed Office of Sustainability would take responsibility for monitoring and public reporting on the CAP's implementation:

- *Update community-wide GHG inventory biennially*
- *As needed, amend or augment strategies and goals to ensure targets are on track*
- *Draft metrics to track progress on each of the CAP's actions*
- *Report progress toward each strategy on City website*

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to be continued . . .

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