



CITY OF CLEVELAND  
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City of Cleveland

# Mayor's Office of Sustainability

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*Budget Hearings  
February, 2026*



# Agenda

- I. Departmental Overview
- II. Core Initiatives and 2025 Progress
- III. Staffing Levels



# Departmental Overview: Mayor's Office of Sustainability...

...improves the economic, environmental and social well-being of citizens, visitors and employees in the context of rapidly changing natural resources.

## Lead:

- Residential compost program: \$340k grant 250 households + decreased waste by 27,000 lbs
- Electricity Community Choice Aggregation: SOPEC – saved \$20.8M for residents & small businesses
- Low to Moderate Income Home Solar Project: proven model saves 60% savings on energy costs

## Support:

- Urban Forestry: \$3.4M grant tree maintenance, planning and planting
- Energy Performance Contracting: 5 Police Districts energy efficiency upgrades, \$21M in projects
- Solar on Landfills: finalization of \$15M subaward to city for climate pollution reduction

## Outreach:

- Residents – “What can I do?” -- Engaged 1,000+ Clevelanders, community action toolkits
- Cross departmental – Building abilities and expertise in city, Climate Action Working Group



# Core Initiatives and 2025 Progress:

## Climate Change Action

**Municipal Climate Action Plan** – Climate Action Working Group – City-wide implementation

**Cleveland Climate Action Plan - Earth Month** (April 22) – 1,000+ Clevelanders engaged

**Regional Climate Action Plan** – NOACA Approved and submitted to EPA \$600k grant

**Policy** – Public Comment to EPA on rollbacks, energy price rate hikes

## Energy Use, Renewables

**Energy Efficiency in City Buildings** – Police District Buildings RFP & Project Support

**Energy Aggregation for Residents & Small Businesses:**  
\$20.8M electricity (23-25)  
\$3.5M natural gas (2025)

**On-site Solar – city facilities** – Resiliency for Rockefeller Greenhouse (2025) + 5 Police District Buildings (2026)

**Solar on Landfills** – securing funding for 2 projects in city

## Buildings, Parks Transportation

**Employee Commuter Survey**

**Resiliency Specialist**

**Building Performance Standard** – Cleveland area engagement & recommendation

**EV Charging Stations** – 4 sites activated in 2025 + 3 approved for 2026

**Built Environment Collaborative** – support from Sustainability for “good green / climate jobs” coordination

## Natural Systems Trees, Stormwater

**Urban Forestry**  
Support UF Commission

Transferred \$3.9M grant to Parks and Recreation (Tree Inventory, Maintenance, Planting)

**Nature Exploration Areas** – support Cleveland Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights

**Policy** – Public Comment on Army Corps of Engineers Cleveland Harbor plan

## Waste Circular Economy

**Residential Compost Drop Off program** – 17 ambassadors + 250 income eligible families

**Fix-It Cleveland** – 7 bike repair workshops – CPL

**ITS Collaboration** – hardware recycling tracking & RFP

**Sustainable Purchasing Policy and Sustainable Business Certifications** for city operations



# Metrics:

Output Metric	Historic Data		
	2023	2024	2025
1 Number of external stakeholder engagements	68	91	50
1a Number of participants	967+	1,077+	2,618
2 Number of internal stakeholder engagements	5	9	8
2a Number of internal city participants	68	118	198
3 Number of active solar installations through programs that are directly influenced by or managed by the City of Cleveland - RESIDENTIAL / CITY	3 resident. 6 city (designed)	n/a 1 city (in capital budget)	n/a resident. 5 city (in progress)
4 Number of EV charging station installs - PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE	3	2 (in progress)	6 (approved)
5a Total Number of Grants Awarded and under contract	2	1	4
5b Total amount of grants accounted for and accepted, not expended	\$940,000	\$3,400,000	\$14,882,000***
6 Total Annual Electricity Savings for Residential and Small Businesses through Community Choice Aggregation Program for FirstEnergy Customers	\$5.2M	\$12.3M	3.3M**

\*As of 12/31/2025, unless otherwise indicated

\*\*As of 11/30/2025

\*\*\*\$3.9M EV charging - terminated (fed) \$9M Residential Solar for All - terminated (fed/GrowthOp) \$340k Energy Conservation - on hold (fed)



# Staffing

2025 Budgeted Headcount	FTEs as of 12/31/2025	Current Vacancies
12 FT 2 PT	11	1 FT



# Reporting + Resources – Climate Dashboard

## Cleveland - Climate Action Plan for 2050

The dashboard displays the 'Emission pathway for Cleveland' with a total of 11.66 MMT in 2018. Key metrics include a 0% projected change by 2050 if no action is taken, and a -100% projected change if goals are met. The 'Emissions from Cleveland' chart shows a decline from 12.81 MMT in 2010 to 0.00 MMT in 2050. Major categories include Stationary energy (8.77 MMT) and Transportation (2.02 MMT). The 'Interventions' section highlights 'Create Organic Waste Composting Systems' as a key action to reach net zero.

Category	Value
Stationary energy	8.77 MMT
Transportation	2.02 MMT
Other	0.87 MMT
<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>11.66 MMT</b>

Year	Reported Emissions (MMT)	Required Emissions (MMT)
2010	12.81	12.81
2018	11.66	11.66
2020	11.25	11.25
2050	0.00	0.00

**Interventions**  
CAP Actions to Reach Net Zero  
Interventions are the policies, projects, initiatives and programs that will be implemented to reach the goals of the Climate Action Plan. Interventions correspond to the transitions that are needed to reach net zero.

**Create Organic Waste Composting Systems**  
Intervention summary | About | Affected transitions

Establish necessary facilities and systems to enable diversion of 25% of organic waste from institutions, businesses, and residents to composting by 2035. Secure purchasing commitments from the City of Cleveland and other park owners for locally generated compost and biochar.

