



# CITY OF West Linn

## Sustainability Goals and Staff Position Proposal submitted on February 2, 2021 by West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City of West Linn must fund a sustainability staff position to the fullest extent possible. This position would be devoted to the area of sustainability, most importantly those issues related to climate action items, council goals and the goals listed in the *Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan*. Once that position is filled, the following goals should be addressed:

**GOAL 1:** Bring three city buildings into the *Leaders in Sustainability* program (at no cost) from Clackamas County by **March 1, 2021**: City Hall, the police station, and the public works building. The remaining buildings (library, adult community center, old former fire stations etc.) will be brought into the program by **December 31, 2022**.

**GOAL 2:** Establish by **January 1, 2022**, an annual sustainability audit by for all city facilities and operations including information about energy and water use, waste, toxics, purchasing, etc.

Strategy 1 – Consolidate earlier energy audits that have been completed over the past decade into a single document.

Strategy 2 – Enlist assistance from third-party experts such as AMERESCO and Oregon qualified energy audit firms.

**GOAL 3:** Starting with the **2022-2023** budget cycle, all city vehicles that are retired will be replaced with hybrid, electric (EV), or alternative cars or trucks. Whenever possible, include electric bicycles in the city fleet.

Strategy 1 – The City can sign the West Coast Electric Fleets pledge

<http://www.westcoastelectricfleets.com/fleet-pledge/>, which is a commitment to replace vehicles with EVs when possible.

Strategy 2 – Join Columbia Clean Cities <https://www.cwcleancities.org/membership/members> by **MARCH 1, 2021** to provide assistance in fleet analysis, adoption of new technologies, training and education on clean fuels and vehicles.

**GOAL 4:** Continue and expand our Sustainability Education Series to begin on **March 1, 2021**. Possible topics include alternative transportation options, energy use reduction, energy alternatives, gardening with natives, and reduce/reuse/recycle.

**GOAL 5:** By **2022**, continue development of safe pedestrian, bike connections, and other transit infrastructure to provide convenient access to safe and low-cost transportation options for all West Linn households.

**GOAL 6:** Between **now and 2040**, reduce greenhouse gas emissions in existing City facilities and operations by 80%.

Strategy 1 – Work toward making all park facilities, cumulatively, net zero energy users.

Strategy 2 – **Starting in 2022** construct carbon neutral buildings, and by **2030** reduce carbon emissions in existing structures by 80%.

**GOAL 7:** **Starting in 2021**, begin the process of amending City of West Linn community development and building codes and regulations to foster energy-efficient development patterns, construction, and renovation

**GOAL 8:** Starting with the **2022-2023** budget cycle, encourage and support community solar power projects (<https://www.energytrust.org/community-solar/>) by working with appropriate organizations in concert with neighborhood associations.

**GOAL 9:** **Starting in 2021**, amend the approval process applied to new developments to prevent the loss of wetlands, streams, and riparian corridors. Work to restore all currently existing natural areas within City boundaries.