

2025 Goals and Council Direction

What goals and recommendations to Council would your group like to work toward advising Council on in 2025? What specific direction on these goals and projects does your group need from Council?

- Take advantage of Parametrix's consultancy to review already existing Sustainability and Climate Action Plans. Work with Parametric to develop a multi-year course of action that could be pursued by the SAB and existing/future City staff. Parametrix has prepared a preliminary presentation on their recommendations. These should be reviewed and considered carefully in the coming year.
- Phasing out gas-powered leaf blowers will require a balanced, stepwise approach, with the ultimate goal of banning their use within the city. Some early steps would not likely require Council's direct involvement but should be informed by Council's vision for how the phase-out would proceed.
- The WLSAB would like to engage in increased public outreach through op-eds in the West Linn Tidings, as well as the City's official communications channels – social media, the Owl, the City's weekly e-newsletter, and so on.
- Continue examining means to encourage and incentivize community members in the replacement of gas-burning landscaping equipment with electric equipment (e.g. leaf blowers, trimmers, mowers, etc.).
- Promote and support sustainability upgrades in existing City facilities. This could include LED lighting, energy-efficient HVAC technologies, and the placement of solar panels.
- Draw on sustainability principles and climate change concerns in providing feedback about any future efforts on community visioning (e.g. waterfront development, highway 43 visioning).
- Participate with emergency management planning process within City in cooperation with City staff to enhance neighborhood resilience (e.g. Be Two Weeks Ready program)
- Work with Transportation Advisory Board and stay current with their activities to enhance the ease with which community members can walk and bike about West Linn.
- Continue examining the possibility of food waste pickup within the city. Schedule meeting to make determination about feasibility of food waste collection.
- Inventory businesses capable of repairing appliances and other household items.