

Sustainable Beacon Initiative



What is Sustainable Beacon?

- Sustainable Beacon is an initiative moving Beacon towards leadership in our area as the “greenest” community in the Hudson Valley.
- Establishes working groups and partnerships among our boards, city employees and community
- Ongoing series of specific goals/projects
- Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) as the Cities Climate Smart Communities Task Force, leads the initiative
- Additional Resources
 - City Council
 - Climate Smart Communities Coordinator
 - Green Beacon Coalition
 - Additional city boards

Initial Prioritization



HIGH LEVEL IDEAS



Overarching themes developed



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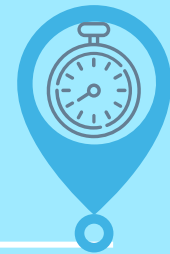
Validation of high level ideas



COMMUNITY SURVEY



~200 responses to rank high level ideas



FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT



Additional assessment of feasibility and timing to pull forward short term initiatives first

Initial Priorities



Recycling / Waste
Reduction



Composting



Renewable
Energy
Awareness

Next Up: Trees & Water Protection



Other Priorities Being Addressed

- **Open Space**

- An Open Space Index Survey will be completed, as a follow-up to the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)

- **Public Transit**

- Main St Committee may address initially
- Option to enhance findings after provided by Main St Committee

- **Sustainability/Climate Action Planning**

- City is participating in 2 cohorts (1 with Dutchess County and 1 national) through ICLEI to create a sustainability plan that incorporates climate action

Next Steps

Form working groups

- Reach out to interested volunteers to align with priorities
- Create framework for deliverables to council
- Assign group lead & CAC liaison

Build a Backlog

- Review free form survey responses for trends
- Determine additional working groups
- Determine plan for 'next up' priorities

Report out to Council

- Short & Medium term plans report to council May - mid June
- Submit grant funding requests (mid July)

