



April 9, 2020

To: Beacon City Council
From: Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee Chair

Re: Sustainable Beacon Initiative Update

Dear City Council:

Earlier this year, City Council tasked the CAC to work on launching the Sustainable Beacon Initiative. I am writing to update you on the progress of our work and short-term goals.

The CAC held three meetings with members of Green Beacon Coalition and interested residents to plan the launch of this Initiative. We identified three issues to focus on after surveying over 200 residents and deliberating at our monthly meetings. These issues are: Recycling and Waste Reduction, City-Wide Composting, and Green Energy Awareness.

We've created subcommittees for each of these three issues. Each subcommittee is composed of a chairperson, a member from the CAC, a member from GBC, and interested members from the community. The subcommittees are tasked with creating a Report that will include a mission statement, the short, medium, and long-term goals, the resources needed to meet these goals, and the methods of measuring success.

We anticipate each subcommittee will submit its Report to City Council by June 15, 2020. The Report will be used to determine which resources the city can provide or obtain in order to achieve the goals of each subcommittee. We also expect City Council to provide feedback and guidance on appropriate next steps. Following approval of the Report, the subcommittees can begin their work.

On behalf of the CAC, the subcommittee members, and interested Beacon residents, we thank you for this opportunity and look forward to Beacon becoming the greenest community in our region.

Respectfully,

Brian M. DiFeo
Chair, Conservation Advisory Committee