



Sustainability Commission Working Groups

Overview of working groups for the upcoming year

Level setting



- The Sustainability Commission’s work shall be guided by an annual work plan provided by the City Office of Sustainability and Innovations in coordination with the Public Services Area
- Working groups should have clearly defined tasks and have a specific timeframe in which to perform their delegated tasks
- Working groups and committees shall be limited to performing the tasks delegated to them

Working Groups



- Residential Neighborhood Decarbonization
- Community & Agriculture Resilience Audit
- Storytelling Campaign
- Offsets and Future Planning

Neighborhood Decarbonization



- OSI has several successful residential decarbonization programs
- Programs generally are used by individual residents for individual homes
- OSI looks to scale these programs into a Neighborhood Decarbonization strategy
- The Sustainability Commission would help identify priorities, messaging opportunities, and how a Neighborhood Decarbonization program would successfully scale and have impact
- The commission would also provide feedback on new programs developed as part of this strategy

Community & Agriculture Resilience Audit



- A more coordinated strategy to guide OSI's sustainable food work is needed
- OSI has begun collecting information about how food moves into and through our community, and the programs, policies, and projects that shape our food system
- This Sustainability Commission working group will help with the discovery phase of food systems strategic planning by collecting data about Ann Arbor's local food system using a process known as the Community Agriculture Resilience Audit (CARAT)

Storytelling Campaign



- A core theme for this year at OSI is storytelling
- OSI needs help sharing the stories of everyday residents who are the true champions of this work
- Working group will create a plan and engage in storytelling opportunities to show what everyday Ann Arborites are doing in support of our community's climate goals

Offsets and Future Planning



- Offsets are a significant portion of A²ZERO
- As OSI gears up to begin purchasing them, we'd like to engage with our community to understand their desires, needs, and aversions to offsets
- This Sustainability Commission working group will help provide insights into the engagement plan around this work stream, including providing their thoughts to help shape the process and outcomes

Working Groups Discussion



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