



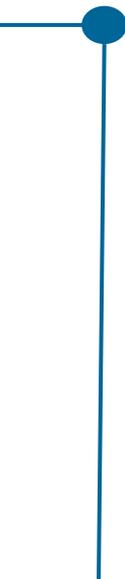
City of Bellevue

# Sustainable Bellevue

## 2026-2030 Plan Update

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# Information

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# AGENDA



Timeline & Background



Community Sustainability Priorities



April Study Session Recap



2030 & 2050 Goals Update



Draft Strategies Overview

# Sustainable Bellevue Plan Context

- Current Plan adopted by Council December 14, 2020
- Achieving Comp Plan policy vision
- Community and Municipal Operations Strategies and Actions



ENERGY &  
BUILDINGS



MOBILITY &  
LAND USE



MATERIALS  
& WASTE



CLIMATE  
CHANGE



NATURAL  
SYSTEMS

# Timeline



# Updated Plan Goals

## ENERGY & BUILDINGS

- Transition to 100% Renewable Energy
- Reduce Overall Energy Use

## MOBILITY & LAND USE

- Encourage Sustainable Commutes
- Reduce Vehicle Trips
- Locate Jobs and Housing Near Transit
- Transition to 100% Electric Vehicles

## NATURAL SYSTEMS

- Realize "City in a Park" Vision
- Promote Healthy Streams
- Conserve Water

## CLIMATE CHANGE

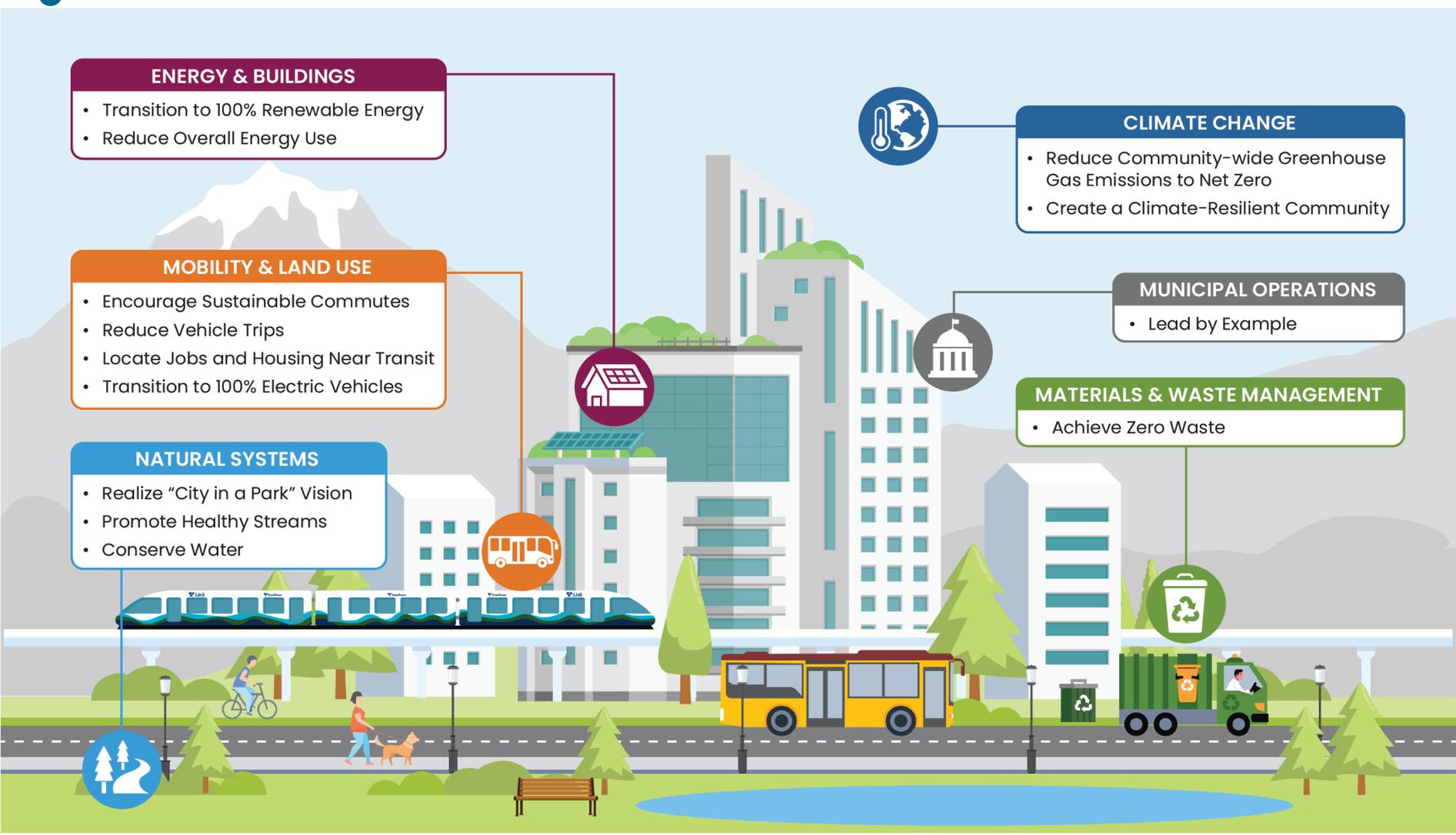
- Reduce Community-wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions to Net Zero
- Create a Climate-Resilient Community

## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

- Lead by Example

## MATERIALS & WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Achieve Zero Waste



# Community Engagement: Priorities



**BOLD  
CLIMATE  
ACTION**



**COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE**



**SUPPORT FOR  
RENTERS AND  
MULTIFAMILY  
BUILDINGS**



**WASTE  
REDUCTION**

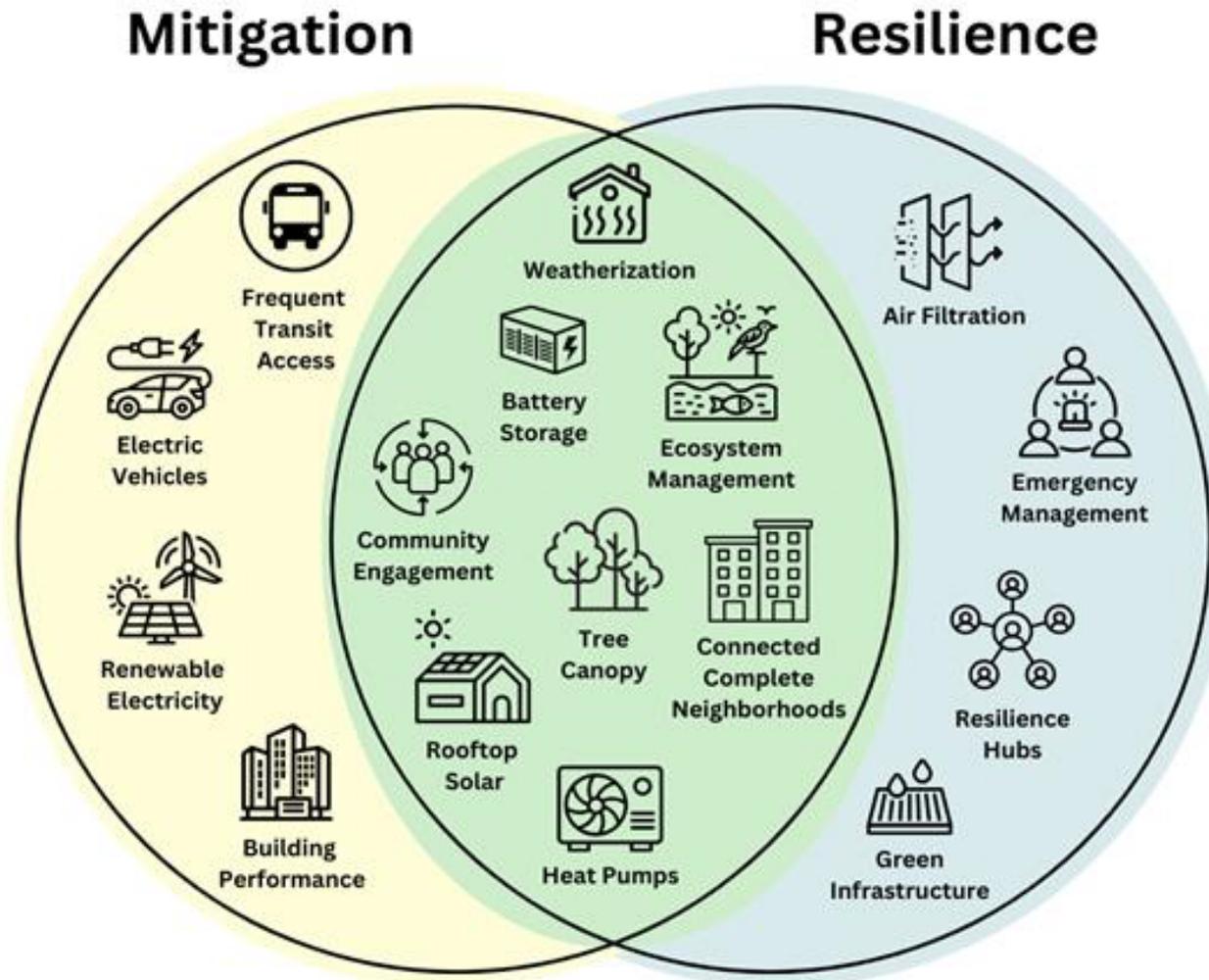


**TRANSIT ACCESS  
& WALKABILITY**



**ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY &  
GRID RESILIENCE**

# What is Climate Resilience?



# April Study Session

## Council Questions

- Are we on track for 2030 goals?
- What strategies will have the greatest impact?



# Achieving City Operations Climate Goals

- ***Exceeded*** our 2030 Municipal Operations GHG reduction goal
- Highly effective at meeting targets where we have full control



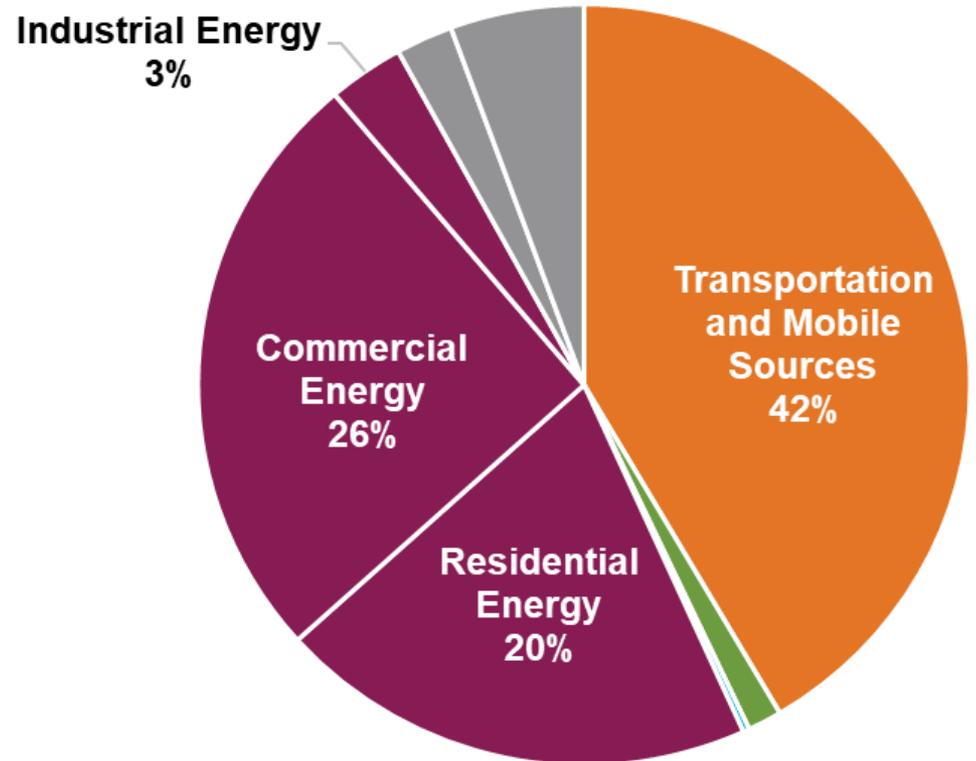
# Achieving Community Climate Goals

## High-Impact Strategies:

- Decarbonizing existing buildings
- Reducing Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)

## Foundational Strategies:

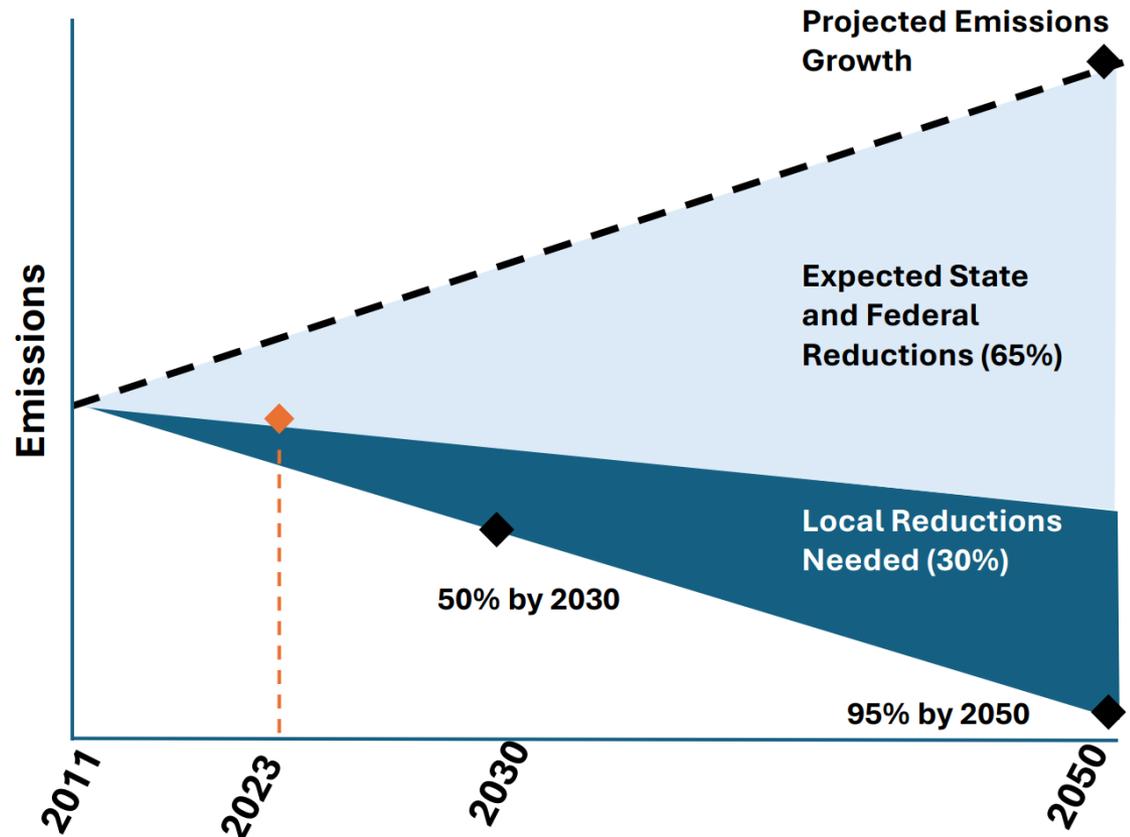
- Building community resilience
- Sustainability funding



*Bellevue's Community-wide GHG Emissions  
by Sector (2023)*

# High-Impact Context

- We cannot reach out goals alone
- 30% of GHG reductions must come from local action



# Draft Strategies: Energy & Buildings

- **Residential Building Decarbonization.** Scale the Energy Smart Eastside program.

- **Building Performance Policy Evaluation.** Evaluate additional policies to electrify and improve efficiency for existing buildings.

- **Renewable Energy.** Support the transition to renewable energy.

- **Large Building Decarbonization Incentives.** Support decarbonization of commercial and multi-family buildings.

- **Green Building.** Facilitate green building construction.

- **Grid Capacity.** Partner with local utility and public partners to ensure a clean, resilient grid.



# Draft Strategies: Mobility & Land Use

- **Mobility Options.** Support mobility options, first/last mile solutions, carshare programs, and active transportation modes.
- **Electric Vehicles.** Support a rapid transition to electric vehicles to reduce emissions when vehicle trips are taken.
- **Accessibility and Connectivity Funding.** Identify additional funding to support transit access and reliability, and complete bicycle and pedestrian networks.
- **Sustainable Land Use.** Support sustainable land use and development.



# Draft Strategies: Climate Change

- **Community Resilience:** Enhance the Bellevue community's resilience to climate impacts.
- **Resilient Community Facilities:** Support community facilities and gathering spaces in preparing for climate impacts.
- **Air Quality.** Mitigate air pollution, particularly in sensitive use areas adjacent to freeways.



# Draft Strategies: Institutionalizing Sustainability

- **Sustainability Funding.** Assess options and develop a recommendation for long-term funding for the implementation of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan.
- **Institutionalize Climate and Sustainability.** Continue to incorporate climate and environmental sustainability into City processes, plans, and decision-making, and organizational structure.
- **Equity.** Prioritize engagement and partnerships with underrepresented community members.



# Draft Strategies: Waste & Materials

- **Waste Reduction.** Continue efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost.
- **Zero Waste Policy Evaluation.** Evaluate and implement policies that prioritize zero waste opportunities.



# Draft Strategies: Natural Systems

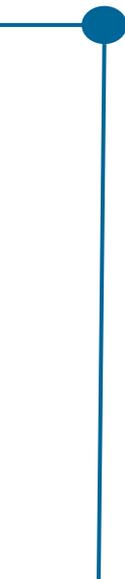
- **Sustainable Tree Canopy and Open Spaces.** Prioritize sustainability and climate resilience in managing tree canopy and natural areas.
- **Electric Yardcare Equipment.** Assess options for transitioning to electric yardcare equipment.
- **Stormwater Management.** Enhance new and existing stormwater infrastructure with low-impact design.
- **Reduce Water Use.** Reduce communitywide per capita water use to enhance resilience to drought.



# Next Steps

- **August:** Draft Plan Open Public comment
- **October:** Draft Plan for Council review
- **November:** Plan Adoption





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