



## Attachment C: 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan Draft Strategies

This document summarizes the updated goals, outcomes, and strategies for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan, for the community section of the plan. Strategies and actions are divided into five focus areas: **Climate Change**, **Energy & Buildings**, **Mobility & Land Use**, **Materials Management & Solid Waste**, **Natural Systems**, as well as a new overarching **Institutional Sustainability** category. Goals and strategies for **Municipal Operations** will be presented to Council at a subsequent study session.

### Three Tiers of Strategies

To manage Bellevue's contribution to climate change (mitigation) and build resilience to its impacts (adaptation), Bellevue will pursue the following types of high-impact strategies:

- **Priority Strategies**
  - These strategies and their associated actions have the potential to rapidly reduce GHG emissions during the 2026-2030 timeframe.
- **Catalyst Strategies**
  - These strategies and their associated actions have the potential to lay a long-term foundation to reduce GHG emissions to meet Bellevue's 2050 target and will require additional steps for the benefit to be fully realized.
- **Resilience Strategies**
  - These strategies and their associated actions have the potential to meaningfully enhance the resilience of community members, infrastructure, and natural systems to climate hazards.

### Goals & Outcomes

Each of the five focus areas includes an overarching goal and outcome metrics that the city is aiming to achieve in 2030 and 2050. The final version of the plan will include program and strategy-level metrics to more precisely track the impact of City actions.

## Climate Change



### Goal

We envision a carbon neutral Bellevue where all community members and our built and natural environment are resilient to the impacts of climate change.

### Outcome Metrics

Outcome	Metric	Progress to date	2030	2050
Carbon Neutral City: Reduce communitywide emissions 50% by 2030 <sup>1</sup>	Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions since 2011 (%)	8%	50%	95%
Climate Resilience: TBD	TBD	NEW	TBD	TBD

Strategies	Category
<b>Implement Initiatives to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions:</b> Strategies and Actions in Buildings and Energy, Mobility and Land Use, and Waste support the overarching goal of reducing emissions.	Priority Strategy
<b>Community Resilience:</b> Enhance the Bellevue community's resilience to climate impacts and extreme weather to protect community safety, health, and quality of life.	Resilience Strategy
<b>Resilient Community Facilities:</b> Support Bellevue's community facilities and gathering spaces in preparing for climate impacts to protect assets, services, and people.	Resilience Strategy
<b>Air Quality.</b> Mitigate air pollution, particularly in sensitive use areas adjacent to freeways, to foster healthy and sustainable growth.	Resilience Strategy

<sup>1</sup> The overarching goal for the Sustainable Bellevue Plan is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This metric is captured in the Climate Change Focus Area, but actions in Buildings & Energy; Mobility & Land Use, and Waste all contribute to this.

## Energy & Buildings



### Goal

We envision a Bellevue with 100% renewable energy powering efficient homes and buildings.

### Outcome Metrics

Outcome	Metric	Progress to date	2030	2050
Transition to 100% renewable energy by 2045	Renewables in energy mix (%)	53%	80%	100%
Reduce overall energy use	Energy Use reduction since 2011(%)	4%	15%	30%

Strategies	Category
<b>Residential Building Decarbonization.</b> Scale the Energy Smart Eastside program to drive reduction in residential natural gas use and energy consumption.	Priority Strategy
<b>Renewable Energy.</b> Support the transition to renewable energy to ensure Bellevue's electricity is clean and emissions-free by 2045, in line with WA State Clean Energy Transformation Act requirements and Bellevue's 2050 net-zero emissions goal.	Priority Strategy
<b>Large Building Decarbonization Incentives.</b> Support decarbonization of commercial and multi-family buildings through support in state policy compliance, incentives, and technical assistance to drive building efficiency and electrification upgrades, cost-savings, and GHG emissions reductions.	Priority Strategy
<b>Green Building.</b> Facilitate green building construction with incentives and technical assistance to drive efficient, electric buildings that promote health, climate resilience, and alignment with Bellevue's emissions targets.	Priority Strategy
<b>Grid Capacity.</b> Partner with local utility and public partners to ensure a clean, resilient grid with capacity to support rapid and long-term vehicle and building electrification in a growing Bellevue.	Priority Strategy
<b>Building Performance Policy Evaluation.</b> Evaluate additional policies to electrify and improve efficiency for existing buildings to put Bellevue on track to meet its emissions targets, promote resilience, and protect public health.	Catalyst Strategy

## Materials & Waste



### Goal

We envision a Bellevue with zero waste and responsible consumption and production.

### Outcome Metrics

Outcome	Metric	Progress to date	2030	2050
Zero Waste	Recycling Rate (%)	47%	50%	90%
Reduce overall waste generation	Reduction of total waste generated since 2011 (%)	NEW	5%	10%

Strategies	Category
<b>Waste Reduction.</b> Continue efforts to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, and compost.	Priority Strategy
<b>Zero Waste Policy Evaluation.</b> Evaluate and implement policies that prioritize zero waste opportunities to reduce waste generation, including waste hauling contracting and a deconstruction policy.	Priority Strategy



## Mobility & Land Use

### Goal

We envision a Bellevue with convenient, accessible, and electrified transportation systems.

### Outcome Metrics

Outcome	Metric	Progress to date	2030	2050
Increase sustainable commutes	Residents commuting sustainably (%)	46%	55%	65%
	Workers commuting sustainably (%)	35%	45%	60%
Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled	Reduction of per capita vehicle miles traveled since 2011 (%)	25%	30%	50%
Registered EVs	EVs registered in Bellevue (%)	8%	35%	100%
Jobs and Housing Near Transit	Jobs ¼ Mile of Frequent Transit Stop	76%	85%	95%
	Housing ¼ Mile of Frequent Transit Stop	44%	55%	75%

Strategy	Category
<b>Mobility Options.</b> Support mobility options, first/last mile solutions, carshare programs, and active transportation modes to increase sustainable commutes and reduce vehicle miles travelled.	Priority Strategy
<b>Electric Vehicles.</b> Support a rapid transition to electric vehicles to reduce emissions when vehicle trips are taken.	Priority Strategy
<b>Accessibility and Connectivity Funding.</b> Identify additional funding to support transit access and reliability, and complete bicycle and pedestrian networks to increase community use of sustainable transportation modes.	Catalyst Strategy

***Sustainable Land Use.*** Support sustainable land use and development to increase transit-oriented development livability.

Catalyst Strategy

## Natural Systems



### Goal

We envision Bellevue as a "City in a Park," with robust tree canopy in every neighborhood, healthy streams and forests, and an abundant, clean water supply.

### Outcome Metrics

Outcome	Metric	Progress to Date	2030	2050
Maintain Citywide tree canopy	Citywide tree canopy (%)	40%	40%	40%
Promote healthy streams	Streams with increasing Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (%)	30%	40%	50%
Walkable Access to Parks	Residents within 1/3 mile of a park, trail, or open space (%)	73%	80%	100%
Conserve water	Per Capita Reduction of water use since 2011 (%)	New	5%	10%

Strategy	Category
<b>Sustainable Tree Canopy and Open Spaces.</b> Prioritize sustainability and climate resilience in managing tree canopy and natural areas to promote healthy urban forests and ecosystems.	Resilience Strategy
<b>Electric Yardcare Equipment.</b> Assess options for transitioning to electric yardcare equipment to reduce emissions and reduce air and noise pollution.	Priority Strategy
<b>Stormwater Management.</b> Enhance new and existing stormwater infrastructure with low-impact design to improve water quality and support stream health.	Resilience Strategy
<b>Reduce Water Use.</b> Reduce communitywide per capita water use to enhance resilience to drought.	Resilience Strategy

## Institutionalizing Sustainability

Goal: Embed climate and sustainability into city government.

Catalyst Strategy	<b><i>Institutionalize Climate and Sustainability.</i></b> Continue to incorporate climate and environmental sustainability into City processes, plans, and decision-making, and organizational structure to support the plan implementation.
Catalyst Strategy	<b><i>Equity.</i></b> Prioritize engagement and partnerships with underrepresented community members to embed equity in sustainability program design and implementation.
Catalyst Strategy	<b><i>Sustainability Funding.</i></b> Assess options and develop a recommendation for long-term funding for the implementation of the Sustainable Bellevue Plan.