

The following City, Comprehensive Plan, and regional policies provide direction for the implementation of the Environmental Stewardship Plan.

City Policies

2021-2025 Environmental Stewardship Plan, (Res. 9859, 2020)

- The Environmental Stewardship Plan was adopted on December 14, 2020 and includes updated environmental goals and targets and 77 actions for implementation over a five-year period, 2021-2025.

Bellevue City Council Vision and Priorities (2021-2023)

- Priority #8: Implement the Environmental Stewardship Plan, which identifies actions in five focus areas:
 - Climate change
 - Energy
 - Materials management and waste
 - Mobility and land use
 - Natural systems

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policies

Environment Element:

- Promote and invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy resources as an alternative to non-renewable resources. (EN-4)
- Establish an achievable Citywide target and take corrective actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as reducing energy consumption and vehicle emissions and enhancing land use patterns to reduce vehicle dependency. (EN-6)
- Develop and implement climate change adaptation strategies that create a more resilient community by addressing the impacts of climate change to public health and safety, the economy, public and private infrastructure, water resources, and habitat. (EN-7)
- Provide regional leadership on environmental issues that extend beyond Bellevue's boundaries and require regional cooperation. (EN-8)
- Work toward a Citywide tree canopy target of at least 40 percent canopy coverage that reflects our "City in a Park" character and maintain an action plan for meeting the target across multiple land use types including right-of way, public lands, and residential and commercial uses. (EN-12)
- Implement the city-wide use of low impact development techniques and green building practices. (EN-45)
- Provide land use incentives to minimize the amount of impervious surface area below that allowed through prescriptive standards, in new development, redevelopment, and existing development citywide. (EN-44)
- Support the use of emerging best practices in the area of green building and site design through the use of pilot programs and model ordinances. (EN-48)
- Provide education and incentives to support the implementation of low impact development practices, integrated site planning, and green building, with a focus on early consideration of these in the site development process. (EN-49)
- Promote the use of alternative fuels such as electricity and compressed natural gas and evaluate the use of such fuels for the city's vehicles. (EN-54)

Land Use Element:

- Provide for a mix of housing, office, service and retail uses in a compact walkable development pattern that optimizes the benefits of transit investment in Bellevue's transit-oriented development areas. (LU-28.1)

Transportation Element:

- Establish targets to increase the proportion of commute trips by modes other than driving alone. Periodically evaluate progress toward these targets and adjust programs and activities as needed to achieve the goal. (TR-8)
- Ensure that the transportation system infrastructure in Bellevue provides mobility options for all modes, and accommodates the mobility needs of everyone, including underserved populations. (TR-21)
- Develop the transportation system in Bellevue to minimize environmental and neighborhood impacts, while addressing the city's long-term transportation and land use objectives (TR-139)
- Support means to reduce transportation-source greenhouse gas emissions. (TR-140).
- Provide curbside space for electric vehicle charging stations where on-street parking is allowed. (TR-143)

Regional Policies

In addition to Bellevue policy, the Environmental Stewardship Plan will support the following regional policies:

King County Cities Climate Collaboration (Res. 8789, 2014)

- Council joined the King County Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) on August 4, 2014, by signing an Interlocal Agreement (Resolution 8798). K4C is a partnership among cities across King County working to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions consistent with Countywide Planning Policies.

K4C Joint Commitments (February 17, 2015 and September 14, 2020)

- Council voted to sign the original K4C Joint Commitments on February 17, 2015; and to sign the updated K4C Joint Commitments on September 14, 2020, to reaffirm Bellevue's participation in the K4C and support for the regional countywide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP), Environmental Element, Adopted December 21, 2021

- Adopt and implement policies and programs to achieve a target of reducing countywide sources of greenhouse gas emissions, compared to a 2007 baseline, by 50% by 2030, 75% by 2040, and 95%, including net-zero emissions through carbon sequestration and other strategies, by 2050. Evaluate and update these targets over time in consideration of the latest international climate science and statewide targets aiming to limit the most severe impacts of climate change and keep global warming under 1.5 degrees Celsius (CPP EN-27).