



City of Denton

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215 E. McKinney St.
Denton, Texas 76201
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Meeting Agenda

Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

1:00 PM

City Council Work Session Room

After determining that a quorum is present, the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. [SFAC26-001](#) Consider approval of the February 25, 2026 minutes.

Attachments: [SFAC 02.25.26 Minutes](#)

- B. [SFAC26-004](#) Consider approval of the March 25, 2026 minutes.

Attachments: [SFAC 03.25.26 Minutes](#)

- C. [SFAC26-006](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the update of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to date Sustainability Framework Fund Incentive Programs' estimated greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1. Agenda Information Sheet](#)

[Exhibit 2. Presentation](#)

- D. [SFAC26-002](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding projects and programs, and prioritize funding for the development of a Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Sustainability Framework Fund Workplan for City Council consideration.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)

[Exhibit 2. Resolution 20-2575](#)

[Exhibit 3. Ordinance 21-1689](#)

[Exhibit 4. Presentation](#)

- E. [SFAC26-003](#) Staff Reports
1. Committee Appointments Memo
 2. Matrix Items Memo
 3. Matrix

Attachments: [Committee Appointments Memo](#)

[Matrix Items Memo](#)

[Matrix](#)

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the official website (<https://tx-denton.civicplus.com/242/Public-Meetings-Agendas>) and bulletin board at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, on April 15, 2026, in advance of the three (3) business day posting deadline, as applicable, and in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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**CITY OF DENTON SUSTAINABILITY
FRAMEWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 25, 2026**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Work Session Room at 215 E. McKinney St, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Edward Soph, Vice Chair Brand Richter, Member Dave Helms, and Member Camelia Maier.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Christopher Mullins

ABSENT: Adam Briggie

REGULAR MEETING

1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. SFAC25-043** Consider approval of the December 12, 2025, minutes.

Chair Soph requested consideration of the previous meeting minutes for December 12, 2025. Member Richter moved to approve the minutes. Member Maier seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

- B. SFAC25-044** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the adoption of the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee 2026 Meeting Schedule.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Chair Soph requested a motion to move forward for the adoption of the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee 2026 Meeting Schedule. Vice Chair Richter moved to adopt the schedule. Member Helms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

- C. SFAC26-046** Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Quarter 1 incentive programs activity and updates.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

- D. SFAC26-047** Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding a summary of Sustainability education, outreach, and social media metrics for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

- E. SFAC26-048** Staff Reports
1. WaterWise Staff Memo
 2. GreenSense Staff Memo
 3. Denton's Flood Risk Planning Memo
 4. Matrix

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

With no further business, Chair Soph requested a motion to adjourn. Member Helms moved to adjourn. Vice Chair Richter seconded. Motion carried. Chair Soph closed the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

AYES (4): Chair Soph, Member Helms, Member Briggie, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

Edward Soph
Chair
City of Denton, Texas

Meredith Owens
Administrative Assistant III
City of Denton, Texas

Minutes approved on: _____

**CITY OF DENTON SUSTAINABILITY
FRAMEWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 25, 2026**

The Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee of the City of Denton, Texas convened a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1:01 p.m. in the City Council Work Session Room at 215 E. McKinney St, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Edward Soph, Vice Chair Brand Richter, and Member Camelia Maier

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Christopher Mullins

ABSENT: Dave Helms and Adam Briggie

A quorum failed to materialize, no action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned.

Edward Soph
Chair
City of Denton, Texas

Meredith Owens
Administrative Assistant III
City of Denton, Texas

Minutes approved on: _____



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services & Sustainability

ACM: Frank R. Dixon, Assistant City Manager

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the update of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to date Sustainability Framework Fund Incentive Programs' estimated greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

BACKGROUND

The Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee was established by Resolution 20-2575 with the charge of advising the implementation of, and matters related to, the City's Sustainability Framework. The Sustainability Framework Fund (SFF) and the associated revenue and expenditures are adopted annually as part of the Annual Program of Services. The SFF funds programs, including residential incentives for electric vehicles (EVs), e-bikes, and electric lawn equipment, as part of the SSF Incentives to encourage residents to reduce emissions from transportation and gas-powered lawn equipment.

Sustainability Framework Fund Incentives Progress

Rebate Type	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Q1-Q2)
Electric Vehicle	98	37
E-Bike	101	87
Electric Lawn Equipment (Launched summer 2025)	361	204

DISCUSSION

To help gauge the performance of the SSF Incentives, staff sent out surveys on March 20, 2026 to recipients of EVs, e-bike, and electric lawn equipment rebates. The surveys were designed to gather information to better estimate greenhouse gas emissions reductions of each rebate type. Respondents provided information like vehicle trips and miles traveled, use of e-bikes in place of gas-powered vehicles, and use of electric lawn equipment in place of gas-powered lawn equipment.

Rebate Type	Surveys distributed	Surveys completed (As of 4/7/2026)	Percent Response
Electric Vehicle	120	42	35%
E-Bike	146	57	39%
Electric Lawn Equipment	390	120	31%

Electric Vehicle Incentives

Between FY24-25 and FY25-26 Q2, there were 135 EV rebates awarded. The EPA reports that more than 99% of gasoline fuel is emitted as CO2 and that 8,887 grams of CO2 are released for every gallon of gasoline burned. The Federal Highway Administration reports that the average Texan drives approximately 15,523 miles a year and the average gasoline powered car gets approximately 24.4 miles to the gallon. We can assume from these findings that the EV rebates contributed to the avoidance of approximately 500,909 tons of CO2 emissions in one year.

E-Bike Incentives

Of the recipients who responded to the survey, 28% (16 participants) reported that their e-bike is their primary mode of transportation. Nearly half of respondents (49%) report using their e-bike to travel 1-5 miles round-trip; from these results, we can assume that the e-bike rebates have contributed to the avoidance of at least 33.46 tons of CO2 emissions.

Electric Lawn Equipment Incentives

The U.S. EPA reports that one hour of operating a new gas-powered lawn mower emits the same amount of volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxide as driving a new car 45 miles. Furthermore, the emissions from powering a two-stroke gas string trimmer for one hour is equivalent to driving a car for approximately 300 miles. From these findings and our survey results, we can conclude that the emissions avoided from electric lawn equipment rebates are at least 11,616.77 tons of CO2.

An additional \$50 is awarded to residents who purchase an electric lawn mower and subsequently dispose of their existing gas-powered lawn mower through curbside pick-up or drop-off at Home Chemical Collection. Between June 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026, 73 gas-powered lawn mowers have been properly disposed of and recycled through Home Chemical Collection. Of the recipients who responded to the survey, 60% reported that their new electric lawn mower replaced an existing gas-powered lawn mower further ensuring that those older gasoline lawn mowers are not in use.

Program Year	Mower rebates awarded	Turn-in of existing gas-powered lawn mower	Percentage of gas-powered lawn mower turn-in
FY 2024-2025	179	28	16%
FY 2025-2026 (Q1-Q2)	85	45	54%

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Submitted By:
Kaitlynn Mather
Conservation Program Coordinator



Sustainability Framework Fund Incentives Program Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Results & Reductions

Kaitlynn Mather
Conservation Program
Coordinator

Environmental Services &
Sustainability

Sustainability Framework Fund

- Established 2021
- Guided by an annual workplan
- Funding adopted annually as part of the Annual Program of Services
- Mix of ongoing and one-time projects
 - Electric Vehicle Rebate
 - E-Bike Rebate
 - Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate

Framework Fund Incentives

Rebate Type	FY24-25	FY25-26 (Q1-Q2)
Electric Vehicle	98	37
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Survey Feedback

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EV

- Between FY25 and FY26 Q2, there were 135 Electric Vehicle rebates awarded
 - Equivalent to **500,909** tons of CO2 in one year

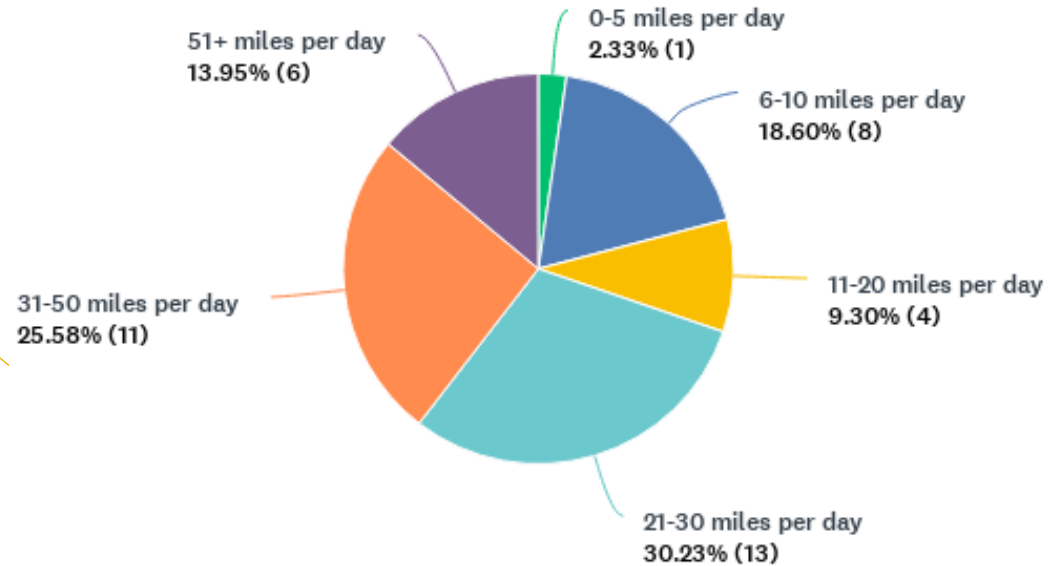


Figure 1. Number of miles driven with EV

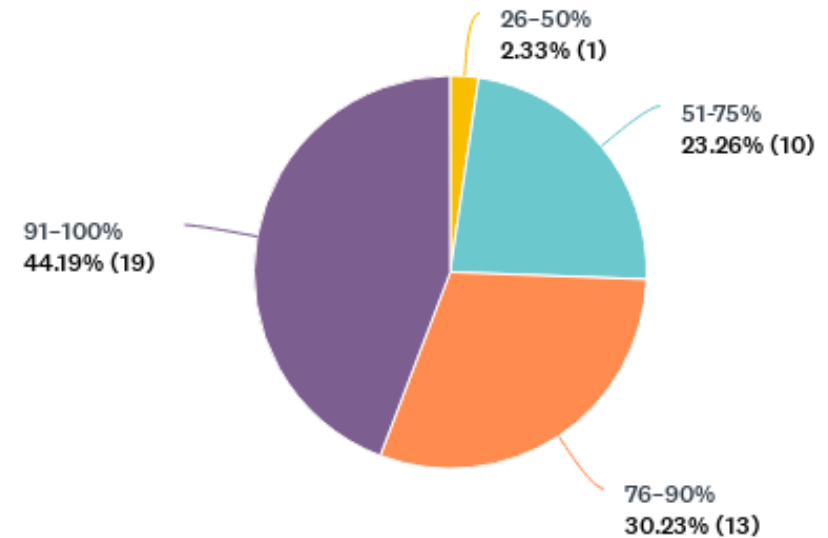


Figure 2. Percentage of trips made using an EV

E-Bike

- Between FY25 and FY26 Q2, there were 188 E-bike rebates awarded
- Nearly half of respondents (49%) report using their bike to travel 1-5 miles roundtrip
 - Equivalent to ≥ 33.46 tons of CO₂.

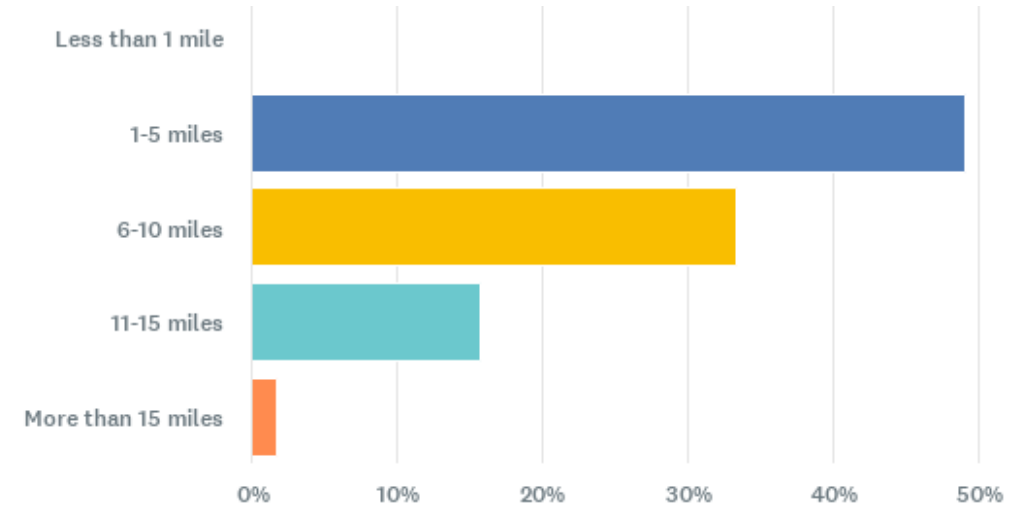


Figure 3. How far do you typically ride your e-bike roundtrip?

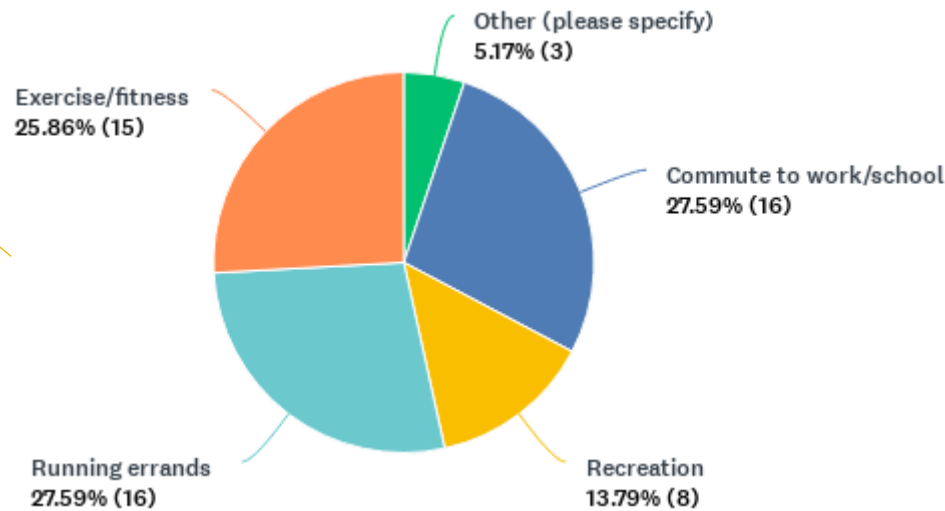


Figure 4. How do you primarily use your e-bike?

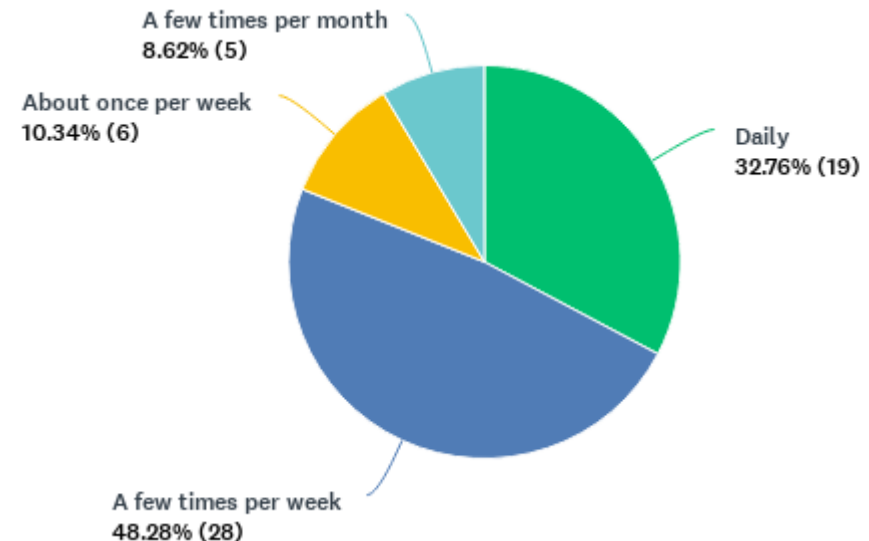


Figure 5. How often do you use your e-bike?

Electric Lawn Equipment

- U.S. EPA reports one hour of operating a new gas-powered lawn mower emits the same amount of VOC and NO as driving a new car 45 miles
- Emissions from powering a two-stroke gas string trimmer for one hour is equivalent to driving a car for approximately 300 miles
- Equivalent to \geq **11,617** tons of CO2

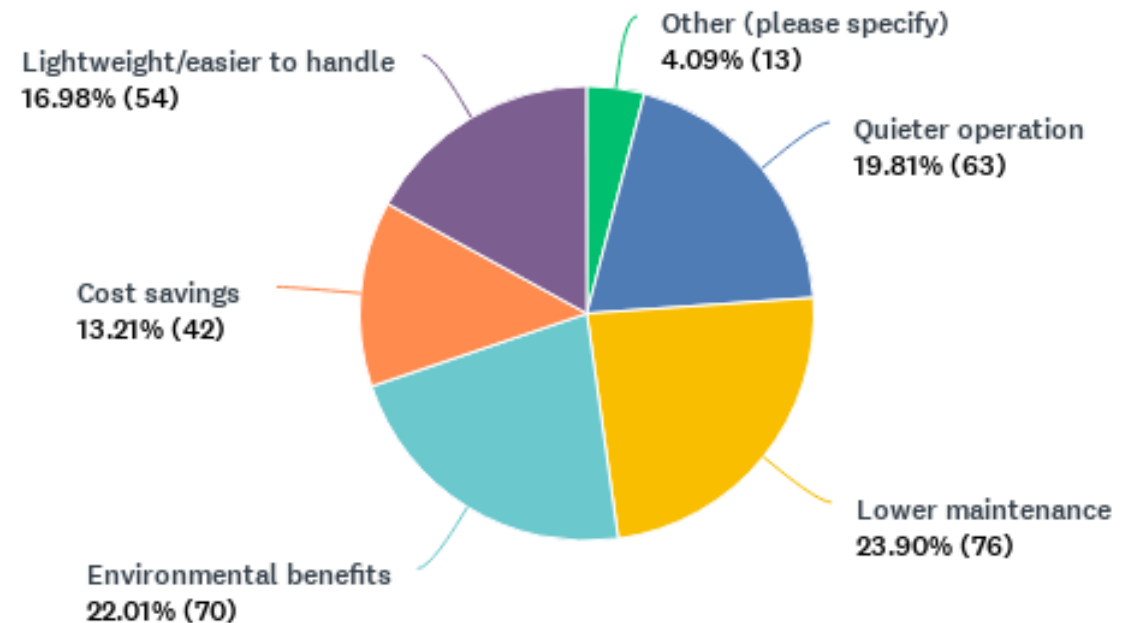


Figure 9. What was the main reason for choosing electric over gas-powered equipment? Choose all that apply.

Electric Lawn Equipment

Program Year	Mower Rebates	Turn-in of existing gas-powered lawn mower	Percent of turn-in
FY24-25	179	28	16%
FY25-26 (Q1-Q2)	83	45	54%

Next Steps

- Continue to track effectiveness of program allocations and continue to update the program as needed
- Continue to identify opportunities for municipal operations to incorporate electric lawn equipment into our inventory



Questions

Kaitlynn Mather
Conservation Program Coordinator
Environmental Services & Sustainability





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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services & Sustainability

ACM: Frank R. Dixon, Assistant City Manager

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT

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BACKGROUND

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The Sustainability Framework Fund projects include Climate Action Planning, Air Quality Monitors and ongoing data collection, incremental cost for an electric hybrid fire engine and charging infrastructure, management of EV charging throughout City facilities, EV and E-Bike Rebates, Electric Lawn Equipment Rebates, electric mowers for Parks, electric bikes for Denton Police Department, and privet removal and restoration.

Staff is seeking input and direction from the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee about the FY2026-2027 Workplan development. While revenue estimates have not yet been identified, staff suggest planning for up to one million dollars with a combination of ongoing and one-time expenditures. Programs that may be carried over include EV and E-Bike Rebates, Electric Lawn Equipment Rebates, minor home repair energy efficiency projects, air quality monitors, electric mowers for Parks, low water use median pilot, privet removal and restoration, and support for City fleet acquisition and charging of electric vehicles.

To review previously adopted workplans, visit [Simply Sustainable Framework | Denton, TX](#)

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Resolution 20-2575
3. Ordinance 21-1689
4. Presentation

Submitted By:
Katherine Barnett
Sustainability Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2575

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS CREATING A SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution adopting a comprehensive sustainability framework for the City called “Simply Sustainable – A Framework for Denton’s Future” (“Sustainability Framework”); and

WHEREAS, at the October 13, 2020, the City Council asked that a Council-appointed advisory committee be created to advise it on the implementation of, and matters related to, the City’s Sustainability Framework; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee would be comprised of seven (7) members who are residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to create the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee for advising the City Council on the implementation of, and matters related to, the City’s Sustainability Framework; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the City Council as though set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. The Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee is created and shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City of Denton appointed by City Council. Not less than four (4) of the members of the committee shall have academic, professional, occupational, or volunteer knowledge and/or experience in one or more of the following areas set forth in the Sustainability Framework: air quality; water; energy; transportation; resiliency; education; solid waste; and, land use. All terms shall be for two (2) years; however, the members of the inaugural committee shall draw straws to determine which three (3) members shall be for one (1) year. Further, the Committee shall perform its functions in accordance with this resolution and any matter not addressed in this resolution shall be governed by the “City of Denton Handbook for Boards, Commissions and Council Committees.”

SECTION 3. The charge for the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee shall be to advise the City Council on the implementation of, and matters related to, the City’s Sustainability Framework.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by Deb Armintor and seconded by Jesse Davis, and the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [7 - 0]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birdia Johnson, District 1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connie Baker, District 2:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesse Davis, District 3:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Ryan, District 4:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deb Armintor, At Large Place 5:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Meltzer, At Large Place 6:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 5th day of January, 2021.


GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: 

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
AARON LEAL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: 



ORDINANCE NO. 21-1689

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK FUND; COMMITTING REVENUES OF THE CITY TO THE SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK FUND; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton elects to establish a Special Revenue Fund to be called the Sustainability Framework Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") has adopted Statement 54, which states that Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton elects to commit revenue annually to the Sustainability Framework Fund for sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton elects to determine and approve the annual revenue to be accounted for and committed in the Sustainability Framework Fund each year through adoption of the Annual Program of Services; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby creates the Sustainability Framework Fund, an official fund of the City of Denton, Texas. The City Council commits revenues annually to the Sustainability Framework Fund in conjunction with its financial statement beginning with fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Expenditures from the Sustainability Framework Fund are guided by an annual work plan recommended by the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee and approved by City Council.

SECTION 2. That if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such validity.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this Ordinance was made by Deb Armitage and seconded by Brian Beck. This Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [7 - 0]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Brian Beck, District 2:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Jesse L. Davis, District 3:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alison Maguire, District 4:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deb Armintor, At Large Place 5:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Paul Meltzer, At Large Place 6:	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of August, 2021.




 GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
 ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: 

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
 CATHERINE CLIFTON, CITY ATTORNEY

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Sustainability Framework Fund Workplan Discussion Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Katherine Barnett
Sustainability Manager
Environmental Services and
Sustainability

Sustainability Framework Fund

- Established 2021
- Guided by an annual workplan
- Funding adopted annually as part of the Annual Program of Services

Sustainability Framework Fund

- Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Fund Workplan Discussion
 - Estimate \$1,000,000
- Mix of ongoing and one-time projects
- Carry over existing programs?

FY2026-2027 Workplan Discussion

- Ongoing projects and programs
 - EV Rebate
 - E-Bike Rebate
 - Electric Lawn Equipment Rebate
 - Minor Home Repair Energy Efficiency Projects
 - Air Quality Monitors
 - Data management
 - Maintenance repair/replace

FY2026-2027 Workplan Discussion

- Ongoing projects and programs continued
 - City Fleet Support
 - Parks Electric Mowers
 - Low Water Use Median Pilot
 - Invasive Removal and Restoration

FY2026-2027 Workplan Discussion

- New project/program discussion

Next Steps

- Use discussion and direction to develop draft Workplan
- Present draft Workplan to SFAC for review and consideration.



Questions

Katherine Barnett
Sustainability Manager
Environmental Services & Sustainability





MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2026
TO: Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee
FROM: Katherine Barnett, Sustainability Manager
SUBJECT: Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee Appointment Process

At the February 25, 2026, Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting, the Committee Chair requested information about vacancies and the appointment process for the SFAC. Appointments for vacant SFAC positions follow the appointment process for all boards and commissions as outlined on page 7 of the City of Denton Boards and Commissions Handbook. <https://www.cityofdenton.com/DocumentCenter/View/867/Boards-and-Commissions-Handbook-PDF>

Briefly, each City Council member is responsible for making nominations for board and commission places assigned to him or her. Individual City Council members make nominations to the full City Council for approval or disapproval. In a January 16th, 2026, Informal Staff Report, ISR 2026-016, regarding standardizing boards and commissions and streamlining related processes, it was noted that the City currently operates a year-round application process, and the City Secretary's Office (CSO) shares submitted applications with Council Members to assist in the nomination process. It was also reported that currently, the CSO sends applications to each Council Member at least quarterly, with a report of vacancies needing their nomination from the pool of applications submitted.

A new recruiting process was recommended in the ISR and has not yet been acted upon by the City Council.

Staff will provide additional information as it becomes available.

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Inclusion • Collaboration • Quality Service • Strategic Focus • Fiscal Responsibility



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2026
TO: Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee
FROM: Katherine Barnett, Sustainability Manager
SUBJECT: Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee Matrix Items

Climate Education (25-04)

Sustainability outreach in Denton is driven and primarily funded by City of Denton utility departments. The goal of outreach is to increase awareness and encourage action to achieve efficient energy, water, and waste use. Energy and water conservation efforts can improve housing affordability by improving efficiency and lowering the cost of ownership for new and existing construction. While partner departments and Sustainability do not directly focus on climate change education, most programs directly influence the goals of the Climate Action Plan. For example, Air Quality improvement outreach is a city-wide effort that employs engagement through incentives to encourage transportation and electric lawn equipment shifts.

Research from the Climate Action Plan shows residents are most concerned about extreme weather events such as heat waves, extreme cold or drought, and storms. Introductory classes providing a brief overview of air quality, transportation, and recycling continue to draw low attendance, leading staff to explore new incentives, formats, and locations to improve engagement. Staff have added climate-related resources to the Air Quality page to support residents seeking more information on factors affecting the local community (www.cityofdenton.com/airquality).

Climate Risk Assessment (25-15)

The Committee has a pending request to consider a Climate Risk Assessment of the City's infrastructure. The City does not have a contracted firm that could complete an assessment, and funding would need to be budgeted prior to beginning any procurement process. The resources below identify climate risks facing the state of Texas.

www.southernclimate.org

[SCIPP Simple Planning Tool for Climate Hazards in Texas
2024 Climate Report-compressed.pdf](#)

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Annual and Semiannual Analysis of City Air Quality Data (25-19)

Staff have been in contact with two University of North Texas programs that expressed interest in providing analysis of City air quality data. Staff are currently pursuing both opportunities and will update the SFAC as additional information is available.

Renewable Gas Landfill Plant Presentation (25-23)

The Committee requested the Renewable Gas Landfill Plant presentation, which was presented at the September 9, 2025 City Council meeting. File ID 25-1498 was considered and approved by the City of Denton City Council to award a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Facility contract to Mayhill Renewables, LLC. Staff have included the City Council Meeting Agenda item, the Exhibit 4 Presentation, and the meeting recording, which can be referenced using the following links. This item can be found at the 2:32:29 timestamp in the video. Staff will collaborate with the Solid Waste and Recycling Department and schedule a presentation for a project update at a future meeting.

[Meeting Agenda](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Presentation \(1\).pdf](#)

[Sep 09, 2025 City Council on 2025-09-09 2:00 PM \(SPECIAL CALLED\) - Denton, TX](#)

Request for New Value of Solar Study (25-25)

Denton's first Value of Solar Study was completed in May of 2024. Studies such as this are typically aligned with utility rate studies and completed approximately every 5 years. Future studies are planned to follow that approximate timeline.

Future Items Matrix: Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee

No.	REQUESTOR	DATE REQUESTED	ITEM	PRIORITY	DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED
24-02	Soph	8/23/2024	Update on adopted climate action plan, presentation on priorities and timeline for adoption of those priorities, timeline for ordinances that might be adopted	Long Term - 3	ESS
24-05	Soph	12/13/2024	Update on carbon reduction estimates for Framework Fund items	Medium Term -2	ESS
25-01	Soph	1/24/2025	Consider an Environmental Impact Study for Hunter/Cole Ranch developments, similar to Fiscal Impact Study and City's goal for Net Zero.	Long Term - 3	ESS
25-04	Soph	2/13/2025	Consider the creation of a community awareness campaign to help the city reach its CAP/Net Zero goal.	Medium Term -2	ESS, MarCom
25-15	Soph	7/25/2025	Consider Climate Risk Assessment of City's Infrastructure	Long Term - 3	Risk
25-19	Richter	8/22/2025	Requested annual and semi-annual analysis of the air quality data that the City captures, specifically the data that is captured but not seen on the dashboard for public viewing.	Medium Term -2	ESS
25-23	Soph	9/26/2025	Renewable Gas Landfill Plant presentation, which was presented at the City Council meeting, be presented at an SFAC meeting.	Short Term - 1	ESS
25-25	Soph	10/24/2025	Requested to initiate future discussions on having a new value of solar study done regarding the Simply Sustainable Framework Plan.	Short Term - 1	ESS/DME
25-26	Helms	12/12/2025	Requested a presentation about small-scale nuclear power.	Medium Term -2	ESS/DME
26-01	Richter	2/25/2026	Update on lessons learned from WaterWise after program relaunch.	Long Term - 3	DWU
26-02	Soph	2/25/2026	Request City Secretary Office explain the procedure for applying to be on City committees.	Short Term - 1	ESS

*Short Term = 6 months

*Medium Term = 1 year

*Long Term = 1+ years