



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Sustainability

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Mario Canizares

DATE: November 6, 2017

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, regarding City of Denton STAR Communities 3- Star Certification.

BACKGROUND

STAR Communities is the nation's leading comprehensive framework and certification program for evaluating local sustainability. STAR was designed to help communities identify, validate, and support implementation of best practices to improve sustainable community conditions. The City of Denton began pursuing STAR Certification in 2016, it is a very comprehensive process that evaluates many area of the community beyond what might traditionally be thought of as Sustainability.

STAR evaluates communities based on outcomes and or actions in the following areas:

Built Environment	Equity& Empowerment
Climate & Energy	Health & Safety
Economy & Jobs	Natural Systems
Education, Arts, & Community	Innovation & Process

Currently there are fewer than 70 certified communities across the country, including our neighbors in Plano, Austin, San Antonio, and Houston.

To view the STAR report for Denton click on this link

<https://reporting.starcommunities.org/communities/78-texas-denton>

STAR relates to so many of the City Key Focus Areas and Goals, this will be one of the largest collaborative efforts we have undertaken as we work together over the next four years to improve our ranking.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends incorporating STAR finding into Sustainability Plan as action items for improvements.

FISCAL INFORMATION

STAR Certification Fee is \$3000.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence;

Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Sustainable & Environmental Stewardship

Related Goal: 4.4 Provide and support outstanding leisure, cultural, and educational opportunities

EXHIBITS

1. AIS

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