



Annual Report – Year 1

CITY OF SALISBURY'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TASK FORCE

January 18, 2022

Task Force met August - December 2020 and presented over 50 recommendations which were adopted via Resolution No. 3088 in January 2021

5 Subcommittees:

- 1. Energy Use and Emissions**
- 2. Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water**
- 3. Management of Public Open Space**
- 4. Transportation, Sustainable Operation**
- 5. Education and Outreach**



Elements of Each Recommendation:

- 1. Synopsis**
- 2. Benefits and Barriers**
- 3. Actions Required**
- 4. Climate Change Implications**
- 5. Diversity and Justice**
- 6. Priority Level and Recommended Timeline**



Energy Use and Emissions Recommendations:

- 1. Embed Energy and Emissions Assessments into City Planning**
2. Environmentally Conscious Building Policy for City-Owned Construction Projects
3. Environmentally Conscious Building Policy for Non City-Owned Construction Projects
4. City Vehicles: Maintenance, Use, and Alternatives
5. Renewable Energy: Procurement, On-Site Solar and Community Solar



Recommendation: Embed Energy and Emissions Assessments into City Planning

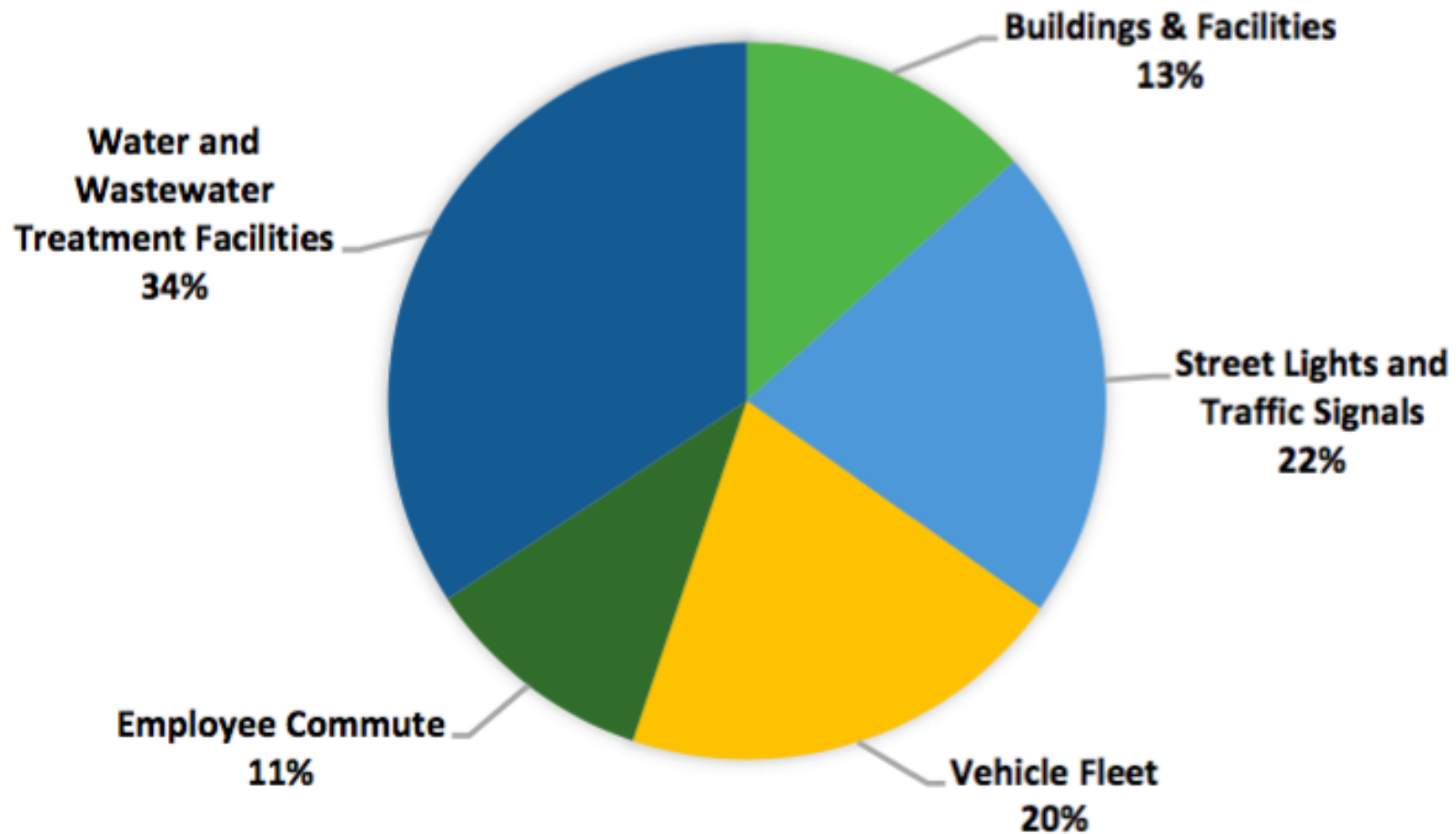
Worked with City's energy consultant CQI Energy to conduct a comprehensive Greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 2019

Greenhouse gas inventories help us measure and track both our contribution to climate change and progress as we make energy efficiency improvements.

Next Steps: working with City administration to determine energy reduction goals and determining best approach to tackle efficiency projects.



**CITY OF SALISBURY
2019 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
CO2 EQUIVALENT (METRIC TONS)**



CQI's GHG Emissions Recommendations:

1. Recommend setting a goal to reduce GHG emissions from 2019 levels by 2.5% per year or 25% by 2030.
2. Recommend setting a long-term goal of net-zero GHG emissions by 2045 in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of Maryland.
3. Evaluate the top five emission sources of each scope to determine GHG emissions reduction projects.
4. Perform a GHG emissions inventory every 2 years to track progress of reduction projects.



Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water Recommendations:

1. Increase Public Outreach and Data Accessibility
- 2. Lead Poisoning Prevention**
3. Stormwater Inlet Trash Inserts
4. Greywater Infrastructure Development



Recommendation: Lead Poisoning Prevention

COPPER AND LEAD WATER TESTING

To participate in the Lead and Copper testing program, fill out the online form below and the City will drop off a testing bottle to your residence. The program identifies the presence of lead and copper, and the city is not responsible for any replacement of non-city piping. You will receive a confirmation email shortly after submitting the online form. Once the test is completed, the City will pick the bottle back up. You will receive your results within 30 days.

There is no cost to participate in this program, but it is required that:

- Your home is serviced by City water
- Your home is a single-family home (no multi-unit dwellings)
- Your home was built PRIOR to 1988



Management of Public Open Space Recommendations:

1. Parks Staffing and Organization
- 2. Establish Policies and Procedures**
3. Prepare a City-Wide Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan
4. Increase Collaboration and Governmental, For-profit, and Nongovernmental Organizations



Recommendation: Establish Policies and Procedures

1. Established comprehensive City Parks donation policy- in process of ordering first 4 donations
2. Established internal executive order determining chain of command for parks planning, maintenance, and public outreach



Transportation, Sustainable Operation, and Design Recommendations:

1. Transportation Recommendations: including Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Transportation Infrastructure Plan, and Bicycle Parking Requirement in Zoning Code
2. Smart Growth Zoning Alternatives- Timely due to City's current code re-write process
3. **Bay Friendly and Sustainable Landscape Options**



Recommendation: Bay Friendly and Sustainable Landscape Options



Education and Outreach Recommendations:

- 1. Water Bottle Refill Stations**
2. Efficient and Effective Plumbing Conveyance Systems
3. Partnerships
4. Recycling and Solid Waste
5. Environmental Health
6. Nuisance Flooding (Sunny Day Flooding)



Recommendation: Water Bottle Refill Stations

Stations implemented:

1. City Park near the bandstand
2. Ben's Red Swings
3. Boundless Playground
4. Riverwalk near new pedestrian bridge

WaterWorks has committed to replace existing water fountains with the water bottle station/fountain model and will fund 1-2 new stations per fiscal year!



Upcoming: Community engagement with BEACON

Working with BEACON, Salisbury University Environmental Studies Senior Seminar class, and community organizations this Spring!

- Survey
- Feedback at Community Events
- 2 Focus Groups



Thank you City Council members for your support!

Questions?

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