



Sustainable2050 is a voluntary certification program that helps local governments to achieve their sustainability goals as related to the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

Sustainable2050 members earn certification points in the program by implementing sustainable policies and practices that seek to meet the objectives and goals of the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA). Based on points earned, Sustainable2050 members may attain four levels of certification:

- bronze
- silver
- gold
- platinum

To be eligible to participate in Sustainable2050, your organization or community must be a dues-paying Member or Associate Member of MORPC, or a Green Pact member as of June 8, 2017.

Members and Associate Members must:

- Pass a resolution of participation
- Designate a local champion
- Assign a representative to participate in program meetings
- Share data with MORPC as related to the goals and objectives of the RSA.

About the Workbook:

- Each worksheet represents one Goal of MORPC's Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA).
- Each worksheet contains the objectives of each goal of the RSA.
- Each objective includes a list of eligible activities or strategies adopted in the RSA. "Other" activities that a member would like to have considered should be described in the corresponding objective and goal. Please note that "other" activities can be considered in place of one that is not completed within an objective for the equivalent point value.
- Strategies marked with an asterisk (*) are Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) oriented strategies.
- There are 37 DE&I strategies and members will be recognized as DE&I Champions when communities implement 10 of the total DEI strategies. This designation will be in addition to the attained tier status.
- To calculate the tier status of members, each strategy has been assigned a one-point mark while asterisk marked strategies are assigned a two-point mark. A culmination of points will determine the tier status (See chart in Community Profile worksheet).
- There are 145 possible points for all completed strategies. The tier status of Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze is determined by attaining 75%, 50%, 30% and 15% of total possible points.

Directions for the Workbook:

- Fill out the Staff/Champion contact information on the Community Profile worksheet.
- Answer the three Mandatory Action questions on the Community Profile worksheet.
- New to Community Profile worksheet: If your community/organization has established a relevant advisory committee or green team, then add 2 points in the appropriate row (above "total"). After you submit your workbook, the MORPC team will adjust the total points.
- The Tier Status will autopopulate. Move to the next worksheet.
- For each goal, the process will be the same:
- Select the appropriate "Status" of each eligible activity from the dropdown box in Column E.
- Column F provides a space to insert or upload supporting documentation for a strategy. To embed a document, go to the Insert tab and select the Object option in the Text group and choose the documentation from your computer to include.
- Indicate the Staff Lead of the Eligible Activity in Column J.
- Column K indicates the points possible for a particular strategy.
- At the bottom of the worksheet, the number of Eligible Strategies marked "Completed" or "Ongoing" will be tallied.
- Move to the next worksheet until Workbook has been completed.
- Once the Workbook has been completed, and all relevant documentation has been provided, please inform Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer, bwhetstone@morpc.org

Definitions of "Status" Options:

- If your community has implemented an eligible strategy that 1) improves municipal operations or 2) is available to the public and improves the community's overall sustainability efforts, select "**Completed**" or "**Ongoing**" from the dropdown box of the corresponding activity.
- If your community is currently implementing a project, but no components are currently available for use (or have a measurable impact on municipal operations or the community's sustainability efforts), select "In-Progress" from the dropdown box of the corresponding activity. If a project is multi-phased, and some components of the project have been implemented, select "In-Progress." (e.g., 2 of 5 electric charging stations have been installed and are available for use) Staff will review projects in progress to determine if the eligible activity will count toward tier status.
- If your community has plans to implement an eligible activity, but construction or implementation has not yet begun, select "**Planned**" from the dropdown box of the corresponding activity.
- If your community is not working on an eligible activity, select "**Not Planned**" from the dropdown box of the corresponding activity.

Jurisdiction: **City of Gahanna**

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Mandatory Actions:

Has your community passed a resolution of participation, indicating commitment to the program?	Yes
Has your community designated a local champion to ensure public awareness and active participation?	Yes
Has your community assigned a representative to attend program meetings?	Yes

(list staff representative as primary contact and local champion as secondary contact if different)

Tier Status

Completed Actions:

Mandatory: 3

Completed Activities 63

Advisory Committee/Green
Team (add 2 pts.)

Total: 93

Your Status:

Gold


Your DE&I Status: 30
(10 or more = Champion)

Certification Criteria:

	bronze	silver	gold	platinum
Mandatory:	3	3	3	3
Categories:	2 of 4	2 of 4	3 of 4	4 of 4
Strategies:	16 of 107	32 of 107	54 of 107	80 of 107
Possible Points: (Out of 145 points)	22	44	73	109

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Improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts to protect public health and the environment.

		Sustainable2050 Community Activities		Activity Documentation		
	Objective	Eligible Activity (* = bonus points for DEI strategies)	Status of Activity	Insert documentation of Activity here	Staff Lead	Points possible
1.1	Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled.	a. Create development practices and regulations that reduce the need for vehicle travel. Examples include encouraging mixed-use development, increased density, and shared or reduced parking among neighboring businesses.	Ongoing	Gahanna Land Use Plan shows mixed-use development regulations / zoning districts, pages 50 - 53, 56 - 60 https://www.gahanna.gov/DocumentCenter/View/333/Land-Use-Plan-PDF Zoning codes encourage mixed-use development. 1103.09, 1103.10, 1103.13, 1103.17		1
		b. Adopt a Complete Streets policy.	Ongoing	Complete Streets council resolution https://gahanna.legistar.com/View.aspx?m=F&ID=6967052&GUID=DAAA834D-1F79-4B47-8DF7-8EA00E1C6C12		1
		c. Prioritize proximity to transit stops, multi-use paths, and sidewalks in site-selection decisions. Examples include siting within a quarter-mile of a transit stop. *	Ongoing	Land Use Plan discusses recommendations of next steps to promote expansion of all initiatives listed, Page 71; Parks Master Plan showcases inventory of equity map for proximity to most initiatives listed (i.e. multi-use paths) Page 79 https://www.gahanna.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1360/2023-PR-Comprehensive-Master-Plan?bid=15		2
		d. Promote and participate in Gohio Commute or other programs to encourage mode-shift among commuters.	Planned			0
		e. Provide workplace incentives to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transportation including transit, biking, walking, and ridesharing.	Planned			0
		f. Create a telecommuting policy that supports a diverse workplace and employee needs. *	Ongoing	Telecommuting / alternative work policy from employee handbook file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%201%20documentation/1.1%20telework%20policy.pdf		2
		Other - Add your activity here.	Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
1.2	Increase alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure.	a. Achieve Green Fleet Certification through Clean Fuels Ohio.	Planned			0
		b. Create an alternative fuel vehicle fleet policy and/or replace gas-powered vehicles with alternative fuel and electric vehicles.	Planned			0
		c. Leverage collective buying power to accelerate conversion of fleets.	Planned			0
		d. Develop incentives to encourage the public to use alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure.	Ongoing	City Council resolution to set city owned charging prive rates lower than standard rate https://gahanna.legistar.com/View.aspx?m=F&ID=9110375&GUID=F14368C1-DE9E-4A76-A988-2230B242F222		1
		e. Install widespread public charging and alternative fuel stations to support electric vehicle and alternative fuel vehicle use in all neighborhoods. *	Ongoing	Public EV chargers installed by the city. City Council ordinance, site list, and installation photos respectively file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content/Outlook%20%20QNZOH%20-%20of%20Gahanna%20ReCES%20-%20Final.pdf , file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content/Outlook%20%20QNZOH%20-%20of%20Gahanna%20ReCES%20-%20Final.pdf , file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content/Outlook%20%20QNZOH%20-%20of%20Gahanna%20ReCES%20-%20Final.pdf		2
		f. Collaborate on a regional approach for electric vehicle infrastructure planning with priority for equitable distribution. *	Ongoing	Public EV chargers installed by the city. City Council ordinance, site list, and installation photos respectively (same links as 1.2e).		2
		Other - Add your activity here.	Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
1.3	1.3 Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors.	a. Complete energy audit(s) to identify energy saving opportunities.	Planned			0
		b. Implement energy efficient improvements in buildings, facilities, and fleets.	In-Progress			0
		c. Promote PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) and other tools to support energy efficiency and clean energy improvements.	Not Planned			0
		d. Conduct education and outreach to encourage energy efficient improvements and practices. *	Ongoing	City's letter of intent to participate in MORPC ReCES proposal and listing facilities that would fall under ReCES guidelines file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content/Outlook%20%20QNZOH%20-%20of%20Gahanna%20ReCES%20-%20Final.pdf ; City website with resources on energy saving initiatives and programs that help with energy savings https://www.gahanna.gov/56/Financial-Assistance-Programs		2
		e. Create and/or participate in behavior-change programs that reduce energy consumption.	Ongoing	City Council resolution to become member of PCFO https://gahanna.legistar.com/View.aspx?m=F&ID=12772796&GUID=91AA26B-63ED-49DA-B71E-5E079EBF1F8		1
		f. Engage minority, disadvantaged, small, and women-owned businesses to address energy needs.	Planned			0
		g. Benchmark energy use in buildings to manage and track energy performance and to inform energy plans/investments.	Planned			0
		h. Prioritize energy performance and sustainability in the design and construction of existing and new builds.	Planned			0
		Other - Add your activity here.	Planned			0
			Planned			0
1.4	Increase local renewable energy generating capacity.	a. Update local codes, zoning, and permitting processes to encourage local renewable energy generation.	Planned			0
		b. Install solar systems on properties and facilities.	Ongoing	City's intent for city owned facilities to have solar installed through ReCES program file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content/Outlook%20%20QNZOH%20-%20of%20Gahanna%20ReCES%20-%20Final.pdf		1
		c. Establish a clean energy procurement program for your organization or community.	Ongoing	City agreement to join SOPEC https://gahanna.legistar.com/View.aspx?m=F&ID=13132155&GUID=63B9A5D9-3D3D-4451-9240-7D99DD9B8A26		1
		d. Support community solar and other programs to provide renewable energy opportunities and associated jobs in low- to moderate-income communities. *	Ongoing	City supporting job creation through participation in ReCES program, creates jobs in solar panel fabrication and installation file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content/Outlook%20%20QNZOH%20-%20of%20Gahanna%20ReCES%20-%20Final.pdf		2
		e. Achieve SoSmart designation to encourage solar development.	Planned			0
		Other - Add your activity here.	Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
			Planned			0
1.5	Reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.	a. Conduct a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory in order to establish a baseline and track emissions.	In-Progress			0
		b. Create and/or implement a plan that includes GHG emission goals and strategies for meeting the goals.	In-Progress			0
		c. Implement inclusive outreach and engagement strategies that encourage input from marginalized communities to shape beneficial solutions. *	Ongoing	Parks Master Plan stakeholder and community engagement pages 33-44; 2025 Active Transportation Plan public survey C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive - CITY OF GAHANNA/2020/Public Engagement ATP/GahannaATP Public Survey FinalSummary 2024 0405 V2.pdf		2
		d. Implement programs that target greenhouse gas emissions from municipal/organizational sources as well as community sources (using any of the above strategies that reduce emissions from transportation and building energy).	In-Progress			0
		Other - Add your activity here.	Planned			0
			In-Progress			0
			In-Progress			0
			Planned			0
			Ongoing	City wide idle-free policy file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%201%20documentation/1.6%20idle-free%20policy.pdf		1
			In-Progress			0
1.6	1.6 Increase the number of days with good air quality.	a. Establish an Air Quality Alert day action plan to minimize emissions when high-pollution days are forecasted. Strategies include refueling vehicles in the morning or after dark, refraining from using gas-powered lawn equipment, no vehicle idling, and maintaining proper tire pressure in vehicles.	Planned			0
		b. Implement gas-powered lawn equipment with battery and electric-powered equipment.	In-Progress			0
		c. Adopt an idle-free vehicle policy.	Ongoing			1
		d. Establish an Air Quality Alert day action plan to minimize emissions when high-pollution days are forecasted. Strategies include refueling vehicles in the morning or after dark, refraining from using gas-powered lawn equipment, no vehicle idling, and maintaining proper tire pressure in vehicles.	Planned			0
		e. Establish a communication or outreach process to inform staff and partners about air quality forecasts and alerts, and encourage strategies to reduce pollution.	Ongoing	Screenshot is communication sent out to city employees from Risk Management and Safety Officer Melissa Jackson about air quality warnings and procedures to take to reduce risks 	Melissa Jackson	1
		Other - Add your activity here.	In-Progress			0
		Total Points				22



Protect and preserve natural resources to support a healthy and resilient region

Sustainable2050 Community Activities								
	Objective	Eligible Activity (* = bonus points for DEI strategies)	Status of Activity	Insert documentation of Activity here	Staff Lead	Points possible		
2.1	Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill.	a. Implement community-wide curbside recycling.	Complete	City website for waste collection including curbside recycling https://www.gahanna.gov/refuse-recycling-and-yard-waste/		1		
		b. Promote food waste prevention, and implement food waste rescue and composting programs.	Ongoing	City website for composting program steps and acceptable items https://www.gahanna.gov/441/Food-Waste-Composting ; Creekside Blues and Jazz festival compost exchange of leftover food https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/zachary_guthrie_gahanna_gov/EV/pnLU5tEiqrVhQ4B-CvBK1ExAvNfLwQk7_x2H762A7e=CqUAXg	For CBJF Zac Guthrie	1		
		c. Implement public outreach and education to support waste prevention and diversion activities. Examples include Recycle Right and Save More than Food.	Ongoing	Gahanna and SWACO team up with The Recycling Partnership to improve curbside recycling program https://recyclingpartnership.org/gahanna-and-swaco-team-up-with-the-recycling-partnership-to-improve-curbside-recycling-for-residents/ ; Gahanna household hazardous waste collection event to prevent hazardous waste from entering ecosystem https://www.gahanna.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2032/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Collection-Day?bidId=		1		
		d. Create a zero waste policy for events and provide supporting resources.	Complete	Creekside Blues and Jazz festival compost https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/zachary_guthrie_gahanna_gov/EV/pnLU5tEiqrVhQ4B-CvBK1ExAvNfLwQk7_x2H762A7e=CqUAXg	Zac Guthrie	1		
		e. Support re-use or donation of items such as computers, with priority for donations going to organizations serving low-income residents. *	Not Planned			0		
		f. Develop policies that require new commercial construction projects to allocate space for recycling collection containers. *	Planned			0		
		g. Develop a community materials management plan to set waste reduction and diversion goals.	Planned			0		
		h. Establish a procurement policy or guidance to encourage products made from recycled, biodegradable, and compostable materials.	Planned			0		
		i. Implement waste reduction and diversion practices in all facilities.	In-Progress			0		
		Other - Add your activity	Planned			0		
		2.2	Reduce per capita water consumption.	a. Update water fixtures, toilets, and appliances with water-efficient models (WaterSense label).	In-Progress			0
				b. Monitor for and repair water leaks in buildings and more broadly in water infrastructure.	In-Progress			0
				c. Implement education and outreach programs across diverse audiences to encourage behavior changes that reduce water consumption and save money. *	Ongoing	City website link about saving water and different measures to do so https://www.gahanna.gov/213/Backyard-Conservation		2
				d. Target incentives and resources toward low-income households to aid in reducing water consumption and bills (such as free low-flow showerheads, etc.). *	Ongoing	City website mentions that Gahanna residents eligible for reimbursement on rain garden components https://www.gahanna.gov/213/Backyard-Conservation		2
e. Install rain barrels or other best practices to recycle rainwater and promote available programs to encourage community participation.	Planned					0		
Other - Add your activity	Planned					0		
2.3	Improve water quality in Central Ohio watersheds	a. Utilize green infrastructure best practices to reduce flooding and stormwater pollution. Examples include rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavement, and vegetated buffers.	Ongoing	Report about 2 parks in Gahanna that utilize green infrastructure file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.a-%20-%20Ponds%20Phase%20-%20Final%20Report.pdf	Zac Guthrie	1		
		b. Preserve stream corridors, flood plains, wetlands, and native buffers along waterways.	Ongoing	Report discusses solutions and designs to incorporate current natural features into new design file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.a,b-%20-%20Ponds%20Phase%20-%20Final%20Report.pdf ; plans lay out preservation methods for current natural landscape in multiple city parks file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.b-%20Park%20Projects/Stream%20Restoration%20Plans%202013.pdf .		0		
		c. Utilize organic alternatives for pest and weed control.	Ongoing	Goats on the Go quote for targeted grazing file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.c-Gahanna%20Event%20GOTG%20estimate.pdf ; STEP grant from ODNR to boost fire capacity for weed control file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.c-Executed-%20RxC%20STEP%202023-12%20City%20of%20Gahanna.pdf	Zac Guthrie	1		
		d. Plant native trees, shrubs, and perennials.	Ongoing	Council designation of the city as a Bee City USA affiliate file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.d-Bee%20City%20Resolution%202017.pdf ; invoice from Ohio Prairie nursery for native plants file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.e-Invoice%20Ohio_Prairie_Nursery_9740.pdf ; Planting list from Parks and Rec for 2024 https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/EY6EvmFYlpBllkz2ByK5YBXN010W1u1uF08U3_yeTA7e=QyWmS4	Zac Guthrie	1		
		e. Host/participate in activities such as river clean-ups, invasive plant removal, storm drain labeling, or other community activities that improve local waterways.	Ongoing	Annual volunteer events with Columbus Academy https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/EYQnmOkIuqFCv9yHONBfGMBxLdWwBbEVHkC_EjKbCKA7e=QyS4	Zac Guthrie	1		
		f. Prioritize implementation of water quality improvements to benefit all neighborhoods, especially in underserved areas. Activities may include siltin green infrastructure, plantings, river clean-up locations, educational outreach, and areas with consistent home septic treatment system failures. *	Ongoing	Facilities in park and overall park plans attached all showcase different designs for parks that prioritize water quality improvements ; Foxwood Rice Avenue park plan file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.g-Foxwood-Rice%20Ave%20Park.pdf , gahanna Woods detention basin design file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.h-%20Park%20Projects/Gahanna%20Woods%20-%20-%20Detention%20Basin%202012.pdf , Sycamore Run stream restoration file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.i-%20Park%20Projects/Stream%20Restoration%20Plans%202013.pdf , McKenna Creek stormwater basin design file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.j-%20Park%20Projects/McKenna%20Creek%20Stormwater%20Basin%20S1971.pdf , Hannah Farms park design file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.k-%20Park%20Projects/Hannah%20Park%20Plans%202007_PDF , Big Walnut Trail section 4 application file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,3%20Files/2,3.l-%20Park%20Projects/BWT%20section%204%20Grant%20app.pdf	Zac Guthrie	2		
		g. Implement pollution prevention strategies and train staff to prevent polluted runoff from maintenance and storage facilities, parking lots, fleet and building management, and storage of waste.	In-Progress			0		
		h. Collaborate with communities and stakeholders across the region to support comprehensive water quality monitoring and increased data resources to better target solutions.	Ongoing	Publishes Consumer Confidence Report every year on municipal water quality and metrics. Able to send out information through this to other stakeholders (residents) and able to be viewed by other communities file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report.pdf		1		
		i. Participate in programs and partnerships to support best management practices that reduce pollution from agricultural runoff. Examples may include partnerships with OSU county extension agents, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or American Farmland Trust.	Planned			0		
		Other - Add your activity	Planned			0		
				a. Utilize and/or promote federal, state, and local programs that fund preservation.	Ongoing	Utilizing ODNR grant to fund preservation efforts file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2,4%20Files/2,4.a-Executed-%20RxC%20STEP%202023-12%20City%20of%20Gahanna.pdf	Zac Guthrie	1
				b. Establish a tree canopy policy or plan for protecting, maintaining, and expanding the local tree canopy on public and private property.	Complete	Parks and Rec annual arbor work plan https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/ER7a1u6FdDjQWUyPMB3w9okGUWnSFAaw_BIAAQw7e=BoZBjh ; volunteer events for arbor work to expand canopy https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/EYQnmOkIuqFCv9yHONBfGMBxLdWwBbEVHkC_EjKbCKA7e=QyS4 ; inventory of trees planted in 2023 https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/ETRxHaORLUDhD0tXUgagQ2BmHkqTtEcvkB9pV017eQ29e=Satv	Zac Guthrie	1



Protect and preserve natural resources to support a healthy and resilient region

2.4	Increase the amount of land devoted to natural areas and ecosystem services			West Side Park native habitat install grant award letter file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2.4%20Files/2.4.c-2019%20Mini-Grant.pdf ; West Side Park native habitat install budget file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2.4%20Files/2.4.c-Proposed%20Budget%20for%20FSWCD%20Mini%20Grant.pdf ; mini grant final write up for West Side Park https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/EYyWqnlU5dJdCde1Y-svMBGUh36nRfRaaj_vbZ03A?e=PQTGf		Zac Guthrie	2
		c. Prioritize protection and/or restoration of natural areas in underserved communities and areas lacking green space in order to create equitable environmental benefits. *	Ongoing				
		d. Include natural resources and ecosystem preservation in local community plans, policies, and practices.	Ongoing	City code on tree preservation, planting, and replacement https://gahanna-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/matt_goodhart_gahanna_gov/EZnYCqtpd4BkVTSaa5lr48bUAg9z-ndCYLGR24Awv7e=1ETGwX		1	
		e. Create/maintain pollinator and wildlife habitats where feasible in public spaces and/or on managed properties.	Ongoing	Bee City USA Council resolution file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2.3%20Files/2.3.d-Bee%20City%20Resolution%202017.pdf	Zac Guthrie	1	
		Other - Add your activity	In-Progress			0	
2.5	Reduce the conversion rate of farmland.			Community garden plot application and regulations file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2.5%20Files/2.5.a-Garden%20Plot%20Application%202024.pdf ; Friendship Park community garden map file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable2050%20documentation/Goal%202%20documentation/2.5%20Files/2.5.a-2023%20Friendship%20Park%20Community%20Garden%20Map.pdf ; Hannah Park community garden map		Zac Guthrie	2
		a. Include strategies to support agriculture and food production in community and comprehensive plans. *	Ongoing				
		b. Utilize a balanced and strategic approach for development, with priority areas identified for conservation, development and agriculture in community plans.	Ongoing	Land Use Plan lays out parameters for conservation development to ensure 50-70% of greenfield preservation page 54, pages 93 - 95 showcase landuse map and dives deeper into conservation development		1	
		c. Support local food through institutional purchasing, farmer's markets, etc.	Not Planned			0	
		d. Utilize conservation easements, agricultural protection zones, and other tools to protect valuable agricultural assets.	Planned			0	
		e. Target financial tools to incentivize farmland preservation.	Planned			0	
		Other - Add your activity	Planned			0	
		Total Points				25	

Improve quality of life for all residents by creating sustainable and equitable communities

		Sustainable2050 Community Activities		Activity Documentation		
		Objective	Eligible Activity (* = bonus points for DEI strategies)	Status of Activity	Insert documentation of Activity here	Staff Lead
						Points possible
3.1	Improve transportation and mobility safety for all residents		a. Implement infrastructure projects that improve safety along the high-injury network and/or at high-crash locations.	Ongoing	Thoroughfare plan outlines infrastructure projects that focus on improving safety along high-crash locations on pages 11, 18, 30 - 41 file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2019%20Thoroughfare%20Plan.pdf ; email screenshot from Paige Wright discusses future projects and areas of focus around the city for improving safety for all road users 	
			b. Commit to Vision Zero strategies with a "safe system" approach to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.	Planned		1
			c. Prioritize safety improvements in underserved neighborhoods where higher rates of fatalities and injuries occur.*	Ongoing	Thoroughfare plan pages 18 and 19 outline future projects for the city that improve safety for all road users, projects in underserved neighborhoods ; Pages 8-12 outline current conditions of safety on roadways, pages 40 and 41 discuss future projects to improve safety around the city file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2019%20Thoroughfare%20Plan.pdf	0
			d. Conduct education and outreach across diverse audiences about distracted driving.*	Complete	City Council ordinance about distracted driving and crackdown on distracted driving around the city https://gahanna.legistar.com/View,ashx?M=F&ID=12651901&GUID=FD3E881-5F57-4A98-8E8E-CD98CCBFDEE8 ; https://gahanna.legistar.com/View,ashx?M=F&ID=12651902&GUID=D8662BD7-7EED-46F1-8DAE-1D97DA390BBA	2
			Other - Add your activity	Not Planned		0
	Prioritize infrastructure development that supports multi-modal transportation options for all users.		a. Establish processes or policies that prioritize filling gaps in sidewalk coverage and crosswalks.	Ongoing	City-wide street sidewalk program aims to close gaps in sidewalks and to prolong the life of current infrastructure through maintenance and upkeep https://www.gahanna.gov/222/Street-Sidewalk-Program ; Capital Improvement Plan outlines specifics of program on page 41 file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023-2027%20Gahanna%20Capital%20Improvement%20Plan.pdf	1
			b. Establish processes or policies that prioritize transit and bikeway infrastructure access.	In-Progress		0
			c. Establish connections among pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure.	Ongoing	2025 Active Transportation Plan recommended network and projects aim to expand connections between all infrastructure listed, network file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%203%20documentation/3.2c%20d%20e%202025%20ATP%20Recommended%20Network.pdf , projects file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%203%20documentation/3.2c%20d%20e%202025%20ATP%20Recommended%20Projects.pdf	1
			d. Expand and create a low-stress network for non-motorists to improve the user level of comfort.*	Ongoing	2025 Active Transportation Plan recommended network and projects aim to decrease stress for road non-motorists through creation of new crossings, paths, and sidewalks , network file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%203%20documentation/3.2c%20d%20e%202025%20ATP%20Recommended%20Network.pdf , projects file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%203%20documentation/3.2c%20d%20e%202025%20ATP%20Recommended%20Projects.pdf	2
			e. Prioritize investments in areas where there are disparities in sidewalk coverage and areas underserved in multi-modal transportation options.*	Ongoing	2025 Active Transportation Plan recommended network and projects implementing projects on west side of Gahanna which is an underserved part of the city for non-car transportation options, network file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%203%20documentation/3.2c%20d%20e%202025%20ATP%20Recommended%20Network.pdf , projects file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%203%20documentation/3.2c%20d%20e%202025%20ATP%20Recommended%20Projects.pdf	2
			f. Implement/support initiatives that enhance mobility options for seniors and people with disabilities.*	Ongoing	City's ADA Transition Plan outlines current conditions of accessible infrastructure and creates schedule for improvements of that infrastructure https://www.gahanna.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1756/Attachment-D---ADA-Transition-Plan?bidId= ; screenshot of email attached explains future projects for city that involve bringing current infrastructure up to ADA code ; city sidewalk program improves ADA infrastructure on sidewalks when redone https://www.gahanna.gov/222/Street-Sidewalk-Program 	2
			Other - Add your activity	Planned		0
	Increase access to parks and regional trails		a. Adopt a multi-use trail plan and ensure implementation of and access to the Regional Trail Vision.	Ongoing	Both Capital Improvement Plan and Parks Master Plan discuss future projects for both park construction and trail construction, specifically to complete the Big Walnut Trail within the next 2 years, as well as the creation of the Link to Literacy trail to provide more access to the new branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Parks Master Plan file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023%20Parks%20&%20Recreation%20Comprehensive%20Master%20Plan.pdf , Capital Improvement Plan file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023-2027%20Gahanna%20Capital%20Improvement%20Plan.pdf	1
			b. Prioritize infrastructure investments to construct trail network segments, and close gaps in the trail network to increase trail miles, connectivity, and accessibility.*	Ongoing	Council ordinances for design, engineering, and construction services with multiple entities to complete the Big Walnut Trail Section 8 that travels through Gahanna and over 270 ORD-0038-2024 https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6662565&GUID=A421D893-68C5-446E-6D25-D1EB16F2037D&Options=ID Text Search=big+walnut , ORD-0003-2024 https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6463649&GUID=9EB9F455-E7AC-4D9F-8AA1-A2C9632688CD&Options=ID Text Search=trail	2
			c. Increase safety and accessibility of routes to parks and trails.*	Ongoing	City appropriated funds for study of multi-use path along busy corridor Clark State Road https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6718609&GUID=9A9FF922-5CCA-42B1-A826-22BE8E9DEADD&Options=ID Text Search=trail , multiple projects in Capital Improvement Plan revolve around trailhead and general trail access improvements including PK-23-02, PK-23-03, and PK-23-06 which are all outline on page 104 of the Capital Improvement Plan file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023-2027%20Gahanna%20Capital%20Improvement%20Plan.pdf	2
			d. Prioritize trail and trail access investments in accordance with the Regional Trail Prioritization.	Ongoing	Reference above mentioned trailhead projects in 3.3c ; Council ordinance approving appropriations for trailhead construction and improvements at Academy Park https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6640951&GUID=B5333FF3-EDFA-465C-B57A-AC56BD9B4ED7&Options=ID Text Search=trail	1

		e. Include park/land acquisition in community plans and budgets, and prioritize areas where there are gaps in parks/trails access. *	Ongoing	Capital Improvement Plan project for acquisition of land for the completion of the Big Walnut Trail which connects three different cities on page 106 file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%20-%202027%20Gahanna%20Capital%20Improvement%20Plan.pdf	2
		f. Implement inclusive public engagement and outreach to reflect the needs of the residents in park design. *	Ongoing	Public engagement summary portion of new Active Transportation Plan, all information collected informs future park, trail, and infrastructure design file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/2050/Public%20Engagement%20ATP/Gahanna ATP_Public_Survey_FinalSummary_2024_0405_V2.pdf ; Parks Master Plan public engagement sections from pages 29-42, and 119-159 , all information collected influences final park design and program decisions	2
		Other - Add your activity	Planned		0
3.4	Reduce household energy cost burden	a. Promote and increase participation in utility energy efficiency programs, including free programs for income-qualified households such as the Columbia Gas of Ohio WarmChoice program. *	Ongoing	Financial assistance programs listed on city website for residents who need help with utility bills and or rent payments https://www.gahanna.gov/595/Financial-Assistance-Programs	2
		b. Target resources, tools, and outreach programs to address energy consumption in areas with unaffordable household energy burden. *	Ongoing	List of resources for residents struggling with utility bills and for other assistance programs https://www.gahanna.gov/595/Financial-Assistance-Programs	2
		c. Collaborate on solar development and other initiatives to attract clean energy investments and jobs in underserved neighborhoods. *	In-Progress		0
		Other - Add your activity	Planned		0
3.5	Reduce the rate of elevated blood lead levels among children.	a. Encourage lead testing and educational programs to reduce lead exposure in underserved communities. *	Ongoing	Consumer Confidence Report published with lead warnings and steps to take when lead is suspected in water supply file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%20-%202023%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report.pdf	2
		b. Implement lead service line replacement.	In-Progress		0
		c. Implement or promote existing lead abatement and safety programs for housing. *	In-Progress		0
		d. Conduct soil testing to identify potential causes of elevated lead levels.	In-Progress		0
		Other - Add your activity	Planned		0
		Total Points			

Sustainable2050 Community Activities							
Objective		Eligible Activity (* = bonus points for DEI strategies)	Status of Activity	Activity Documentation		Staff Lead	Points possible
				Insert documentation of Activity here			
Promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development	4.1	Increase the number of businesses with established sustainability policies and practices.	a. Promote and/or participate in GreenSpot, Smart Columbus Acceleration Program, or other sustainability-focused workplace programs.	Ongoing	City website mentions Greensport Backyard Conservation Program on conservation efforts that residents can participate in https://www.gahanna.gov/213/Backyard-Conservation ; Consumer Confidence Report includes similar section about Greenspotprogram file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report.pdf		1
			b. Support and promote businesses with sustainable practices, products, and services.	Planned			0
			c. Create sustainability programming and resources to support the needs of diverse businesses. *	Planned			0
			d. Target tools and resources to advance sustainable practices or direct businesses to available tools and resources.	Planned			0
			Other- Add your activity	Planned			0
	4.2	Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure.	a. Include infill and redevelopment in zoning code and/or community plans.	Ongoing	Zoning codes 1103.07 , 1103.08 , 1103.09 , 1103.10 all point to importance of infill and redevelopment in city zoning code, district descriptions incentivize infill https://library.municode.com/oh/gahanna/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTELEVENZOCCO_CH1103ZODI ; city codes 148.03 , 148.04 , 148.05 outline urban redevelopment requirements and guidelines https://library.municode.com/oh/gahanna/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTONEADCO_TITFIVEAD_CH148DEPLDE_148.03COURREURREPLREPL ; Land Use Plan pages 70 and 71 promotes infill in city-wide recommendations		1
			b. Use a fix-it-first strategy to maintain and repair existing infrastructure.	Ongoing	City renovating and redesigning existing office building and converting the old building to the new municipal complex that will include city hall, the police department, and the senior center council ordinance ORD-0009-2023 https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6020545&GUID=3F9F580E-04F7-4D32-AA7-079F73D65DCA&Options=ID Text&Search=825 , ORD-0063-2022 https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5865915&GUID=6FBE9484-9046-4FC9-A64D-9B39B4D5FEFB&Options=ID Text&Search=825 , ORD-0047-2022 purchase agreement https://gahanna.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5748315&GUID=2428227-051F-41CA-8CCA-4633479FA643&Options=ID Text&Search=825		1
			c. Retrofit and preserve existing buildings, housing, and structures wherever possible. *	Ongoing	EECBG grant narrative for retrofitting lighting system in new municipal building https://gahanna.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/Sustainability/ESb_b_g3dQC9Oj2vcTkVtUJsBta0CoieS_mKAEcrlOn62w?e=FwGKr ; EECBG grant application for same project https://gahanna.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/Sustainability/EcvQgcJJEO5Ln_XzB9EK9mcBF7XBh2AU7KXEPModbg6bw?e=eChkhU ; screenshots are materials saved from demolition of new city hall for reuse  4.2: 825 interior materials saved email.png  4.2: 825 exterior materials saved email.png		2
			d. Update land-use policies and zoning codes to encourage mixed-use development and density.	Ongoing	Zoning codes 1103.09 , 1103.10 , 1103.13 , 1103.17 all mixed-use development codes which encourage density and mixed-use development ; Land Use Plan pages 70 and 71 promote infill in recommendations for future development projects file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2019%20Land%20Use%20Plan.pdf		1
			e. Prioritize infrastructure investments in underserved communities with the greatest need. *	Ongoing	City west side sewer project focuses on improving the sewer systems on the west side of the city, which is a historically disadvantaged community Capital Improvement Plan lists projects for west side sewer program on page 60 file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/2023-2027%20Gahanna%20Capital%20Improvement%20Plan.pdf ; West Side sewer program replacement program file:///C:/Users/matt.goodhart/OneDrive%20-%20CITY%20OF%20GAHANNA/Sustainable%2050%20documentation/Goal%204%20documentation/4.2e%20West%20side%20sewer%20replacement%20program%20phas%202%20equal%20description.pdf		2
			Other- Add your activity	Planned			0
	4.3	Increase availability of affordable housing options near transit or job centers.	a. Develop a Local Housing Action Agenda based on the Regional Housing Strategy. *	Complete	The Fair Housing Board oversees alleged housing discrimination complaints in accordance with city codified ordinances 790, 791, and 792. https://www.gahanna.gov/551/Fair-Housing-Board		2
			b. Preserve existing affordable and naturally occurring affordable housing. *	Ongoing	Residential tax incentive for remodeling existing dwellings and preserving the current housing stock https://www.gahanna.gov/194/Incentives ; the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council handles the tax abatement report https://www.gahanna.gov/552/Community-Reinvestment-Area-Housing-Coun		2
			c. Target financial tools and incentives toward development of housing to serve low- to moderate-income households. *	Ongoing	City code 133.06 outlines a tax increment fund that incentivizes development https://library.municode.com/oh/gahanna/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTONEADCO_TITFIVEAD_CH133DE		2
			Other- Add your activity	Planned			0
	4.4	Increase employment in green jobs.	a. Promote and collaborate with workforce development programs that create job opportunities focused in underserved communities. *	Ongoing	The city partners with the Gahanna Employability Adult Readiness (GEAR) program to support students 18-21 to enter the workforce https://sites.google.com/gips.org/yoderr/employability , Council resolution giving special recognition to GEAR program https://gahanna.legistar.com/view.aehx?M=F&ID=130679908&GUID=731AEC41-483D-48DA-B3AA-610A4345C00F ; resources for small businesses on city website https://www.gahanna.gov/200/Small-Business-Resources		2

	Increase engagement in green jobs	b. Target tools and resources to support innovation and new green businesses.	Ongoing	Incentive program for office and industrial businesses that includes a term for the incentive of incorporating sustainable development practices, green building codes, and or recycled materials into project under Rate and Term of Incentive, line 7. https://www.gahanna.gov/DocumentCenter/View/356/Office-and-Industrial-Incentive-Guidelines-PDF		1
		c. Create policies or guidelines to support environmentally-friendly purchasing and contracting.	Planned			0
		Other- Add your activity	Planned			0
		Total Points				17