



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager
DATE: Tuesday, July 1, 2014
RE: Staff Report

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Goal 1: Action 1

There are currently 52 buildings registered for the U-C ENERGY STAR Challenge. There are currently 26 buildings that have submitted a 2013 Benchmark.

Goal 1: Actions 1 & 2

Staff has partnered with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission to submit a letter of interest for funding through the National Association of Regional Commissions in partnership with the US Department of Energy's Sunshot Initiative *Solar Market Pathways*. Our application has resulted in a request for additional information regarding a group solar purchasing project.

Goal 1: Actions 2 & 3

A small working group of Staff, an SAC member, and community members has submitted an application to participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. The competition asks participants to reduce residential energy use per capita over the course of 3 years.

Goal 3: Action 2

Staff is finalizing plans with the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to host an industrial facilities energy efficiency roundtable. While the Climate Action Plan and staff have been the impetus for this event, EDC staff have seen value in the effort for their business constituents and are taking a leading role organizing the meeting.

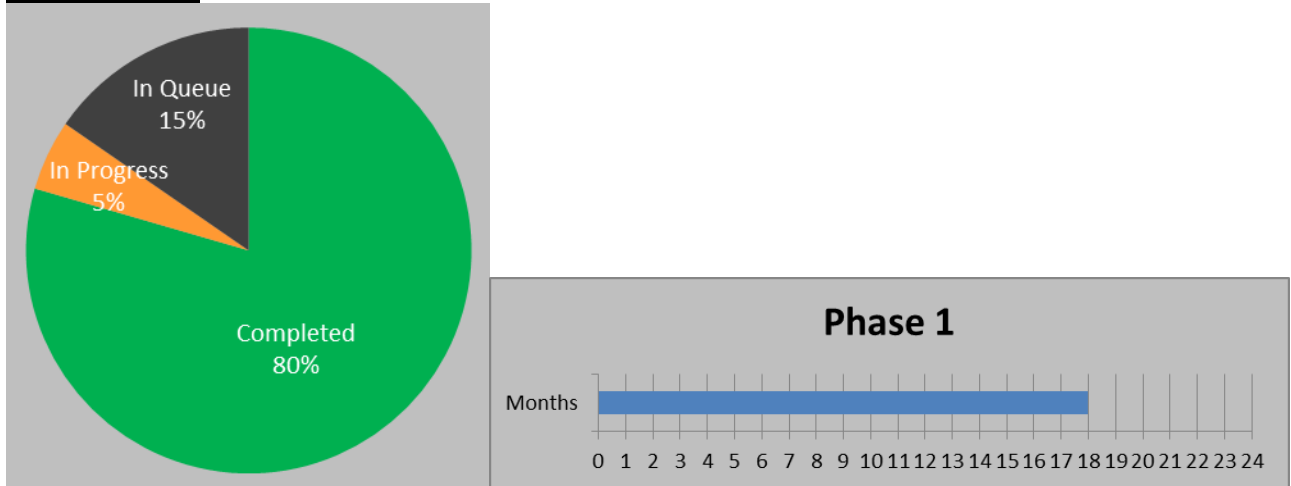
Goal 5: Action 2

Staff hosted an Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation presentation regarding grant funding opportunities for local organizations interested in conducting outreach on Ameren Illinois' forthcoming Smart Grid meter rollout.

Goal 5: Action 5

Staff has finalized as complete a greenhouse gas inventory as is possible with the data available within the timeframe necessary for climate action planning. See draft Climate Action Plan Phase 2.

CAP Progress

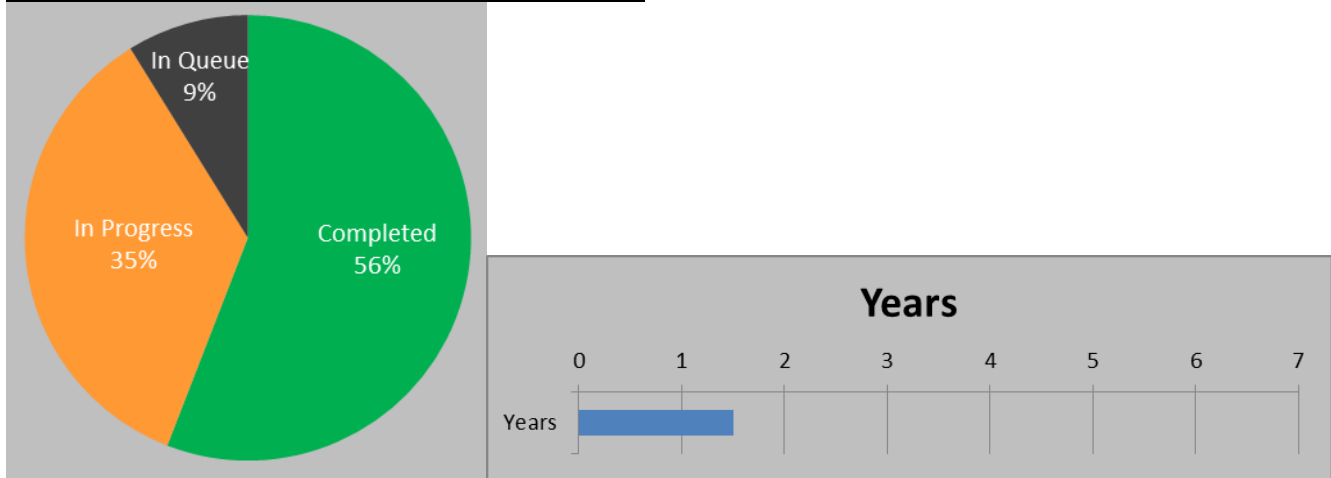


Sustainable Water Management Plan

Aspect 1: Goal 1-Action 2 and Aspect 3: Goal 1-Action 2

Staff is working with the University of Illinois Extension Service to design UPTV content that will promote sustainable landscaping practices. The likely product is a commercial or short featurette.

Sustainable Water Management Plan Progress



U-Cycle

U-Cycle will be testing Clear Stream collection containers for recycling and corncob collection at the Sweetcorn Festival this year. The containers consist of a stand and lid which has a clear bag attached below. The lid and the transparent bag aim to better communicate what materials are to be placed in each container. U-Cycle will compare this year's performance to previous years.

Next SAC Meeting

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.