



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission  
**FROM:** Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager  
**DATE:** Tuesday, November 4, 2014  
**RE:** Staff Report

### Climate Action Plan (CAP)

#### Goal 1: Action 1

There are currently 68 buildings registered for the U-C ENERGY STAR Challenge. There are currently 41 buildings that have submitted a 2013 Benchmark.

#### Goal 1: Action 2

Urbana was working with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and the National Association of Regional Councils in a grant application to fund a Solarize program. Our application did not receive funding. Application reviewers provided the following comments:

- The primary strengths of the proposal was the team's demonstrated experience and the connections the regions and the national team had with the various communities that would be involved.
- Reviewers appreciated the breadth of project types, however they identified a number of weaknesses that outweighed the strengths of the proposed project.
- The portfolio approach was appealing and the breadth of the proposal was welcome and was received positively by the review committee. However, the project team did not adequately discuss how outcomes would be assessed for each of the councils, what the councils would learn from the experience, and targets for replication and enduring growth following the completion of the proposed project.

Staff is working with two pilot eco-teams testing the capacity to combine a youth-led dramatic performance with the *Low Carbon Diet* guidebook to advance energy efficiency in the residential sector. The two neighborhood based teams will undertake a series of 4 meetings where they follow the guidebook to select energy efficiency measures to implement in their own homes and lives.

#### Goal 3: Action 2

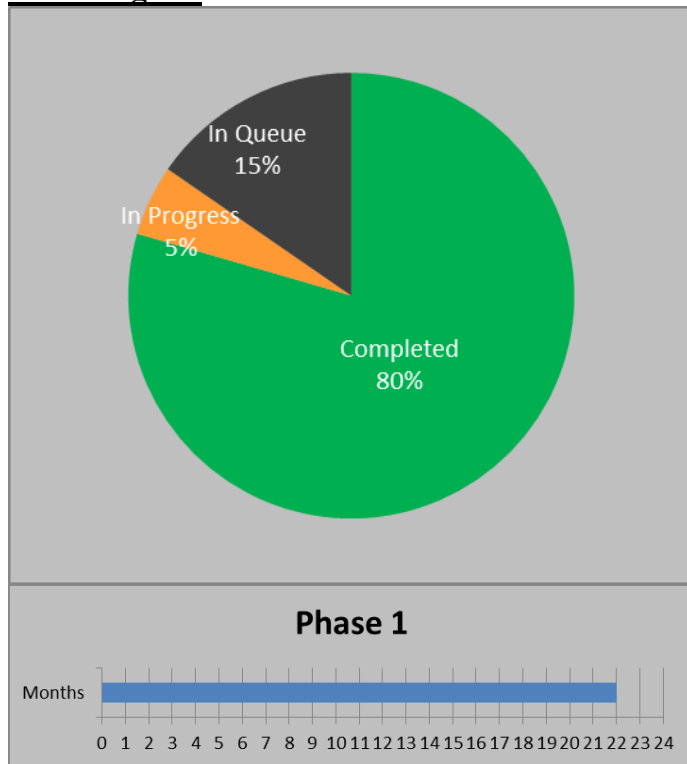
The Champaign County Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) survey which followed the industrial properties energy efficiency meeting has garnered only one response so far. Staff will work with the EDC to cultivate more responses.

#### Goal 5

A number of energy and climate organizations including ICLEI, which we are a member of, has signed a Compact of Mayors to promote and facilitate reporting of city energy and climate data on an existing registry called Carbons. Staff will work with ICLEI to evaluate the costs and benefits of reporting on Carbons.

Urbana has previously been recognized for completing three out of five of ICLEI’s Five Milestones for Climate Mitigation. Staff is moving forward with ICLEI to get recognized for completing the fourth and potentially the fifth milestone.

**CAP Progress**



**Urbana Climate Action Plan Phase 2 draft**

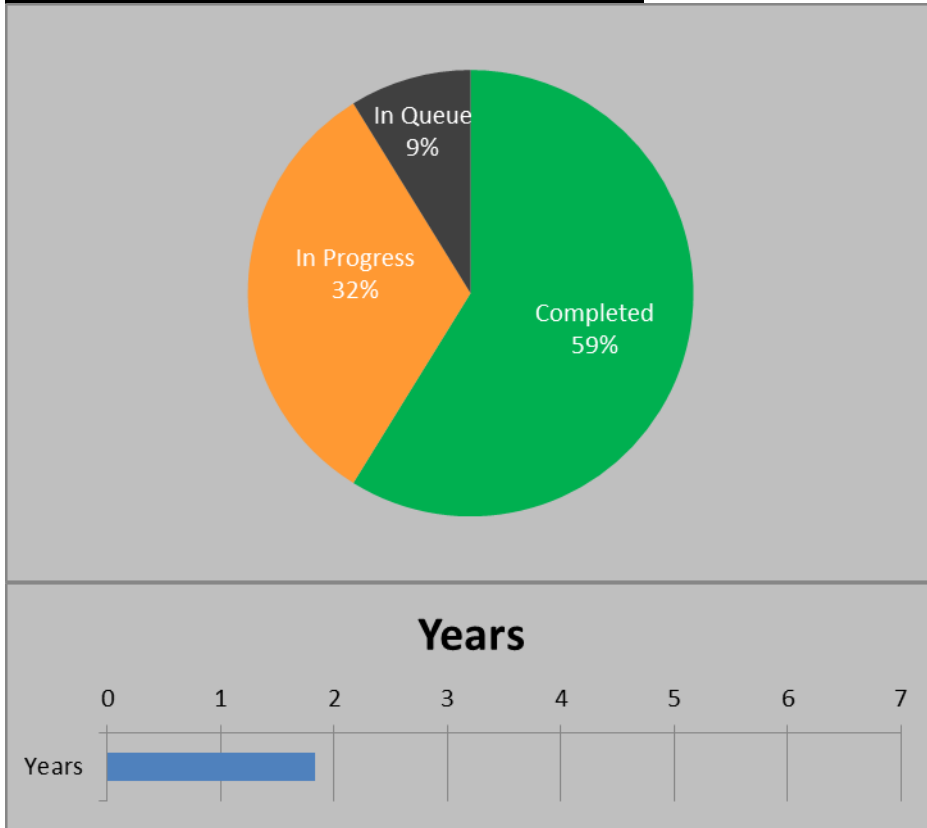
Public comment closes on Friday, October 31. Comments will be summarized Monday, November 3 and distributed to SAC members as well as posted on the City website.

**Sustainable Water Management Plan**

**Aspect 1: Goal 2: Action 3**

The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) water conservation grant is proceeding, but behind schedule. Delays identifying appropriate equipment and upgrading electrical facilities on S. Philo Rd. have caused a shift in the data collection schedule. Nevertheless, 12 months of data will be collected and reported to ISTC.

**Sustainable Water Management Plan Progress**



**Urbana Climate Action Plan Phase 2 Drafting Tentative Schedule**

Oct. 31	Public comment closed
Nov. 4	Public/Commissions comment reviewed at SAC
Nov. 10	Final draft at COTW
Dec. 2	COTW comments at SAC
Dec. 8	Final draft at COTW
Dec. 15	Final draft at Council

**Next SAC Meeting**

December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers