



DATE: Tuesday, March 04, 2025
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - [1.](#) Minutes February 4, 2025
- C. Public Input**
- D. Presentations**
 - [1.](#) Staff Report
- E. Unfinished Business**
 - [1.](#) A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING CLIMATE ACTION GOALS
- F. New Business**
- G. Adjournment**

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Verbal Input

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MINUTES

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Chair Westawker called the meeting to order; a roll was called; and a quorum was present.
2. Commissioners present: Luke Westawker, Jessica Lemkuhl, Morgan White, Gabriel Doussard
3. Commissioners joined by phone:
4. Commissioners absent: Andrew Stumpf

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes December 3, 2024 moved by White, seconded by Doussard. All in favor.

C. Public Input

D. Presentations

1. Staff Report - Scott Tess provided updates on annual data, geothermal, landfill solar, and U-Cycle.

E. Unfinished Business

1. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING CLIMATE ACTION GOALS – Discussion ensued.

F. New Business

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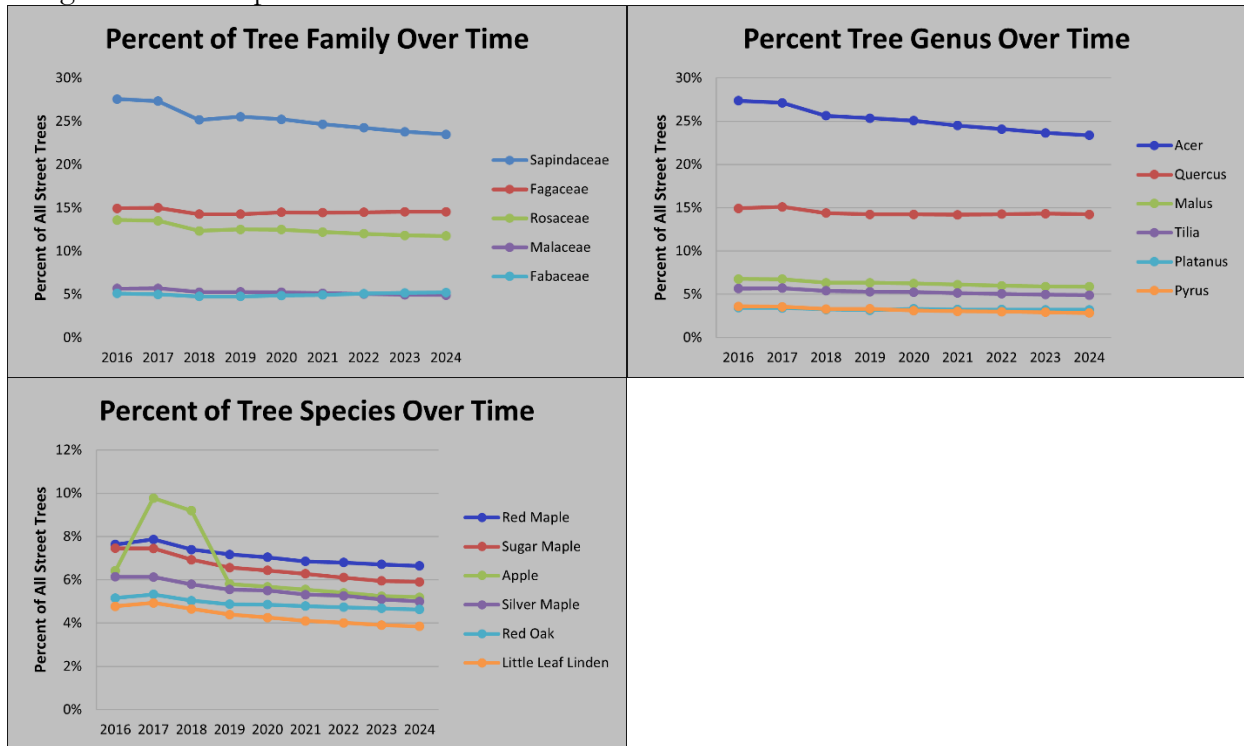
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TO: Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer
DATE: February 17, 2025
RE: Staff Report

Annual Data

Below is some of the annual sustainability data that will feature in the annual report. More data is being collected and processed.



Geothermal Urbana-Champaign

The City accepted a proposal from Design Air to support the Geothermal Urbana-Champaign program. We'll also be partnering with the Geothermal Alliance of Illinois. We are currently working to put together a series of educational events to promote the bulk purchase opportunity.

Resolution No. 2025-03-XXR

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING
CLIMATE ACTION GOALS

Whereas, the City of Urbana established the Sustainability Advisory Commission (SAC) in May 2008 (Sec. 2-91) “to assist the Mayor and City Council in identifying the highest priorities for city government and citizens to achieve sustainable management of natural resources”; and

Whereas, the City of Urbana’s previous Climate Action Plan for 2015-2020 laid out action items that have not all been addressed; and

Whereas, the Sustainability Advisory Committee has identified new goals since 2015 to improve the sustainability of the City of Urbana; and

Whereas, the 2015-2020 Climate Action Plan included “Work with the Sustainability Advisory Commission to create a new plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the 2020 to 2050 period”; and

Whereas, the Sustainability Advisory Committee passed Resolution No. 2023-02-01R in order to begin the process of implementing a plastic carry out bag fee for retailers; and

Whereas, the City of Urbana does not offer incentives for businesses to recycle nor includes businesses in the successful residential U-CYCLE program

Whereas, local sustainability initiatives can be tailored to greatly benefit the specific needs of different communities; and

Whereas, Federal policies and practices pertaining to environmental, energy, and health fluctuate on a four-year cycle; and

Now therefore, be it resolved the Sustainability Advisory Commission of the City of Urbana recommends that the Mayor and City Council begin pursuing newly identified, highest priority sustainability goals for the City of Urbana for 2025-2026, with the following recommendations and considerations:

Section 1: The City of Urbana should continue to pursue its own aspiring sustainability goals rather than following minimum standards set by state and federal bodies; and

Section 2: Strive to be at the forefront of sustainable cities, and serve as an inspiration for similar cities in Illinois and across the country by tailoring our approach to the specific needs of our community; and

Section 3: Incentivize local businesses to recycle using U-CYCLE mixed bins and multi-family dumpsters that can be integrated into existing pickup routes by 2028; and

Section 4: Begin an education campaign to make U-CYCLE a cultural habit in Urbana, by universalizing what can go in these bins whether at a residence, in public, or in a business by 2026; and

Section 5: Prioritize energy efficiency and installation of renewable energy systems in City capital projects by 2026; and

Section 6: Coordinate with the Urbana Park District to provide increased access to parks, greenways, and recreational areas and support their Strategic Plan and CARES Plan by 2028; and

Section 7: Appropriate and find all necessary resources to plant trees in 2,000 vacant City tree sites by 2035 with the newly expanded staff capacity in arbor crew, while also using community volunteers and engaging with local businesses and schools; and

Section 8: Support the new housing net-zero goal in City housing programs by 2030; and

Section 9: Increase residential and commercial renewable energy systems (i.e., solar and geothermal) installations by 2028; and

Section 10: Electrify the majority of city-owned vehicles, equipment, and tools by 2030 using batteries or hydrogen fuel cells; and

Section 11: Support environmental stewardship legislation by 2028; and

Section 12: Coordinate with local entities such as the library and school districts to promote sustainable education and climate change awareness by 2026; and

Section 13: Move forward on implementing a carry-out bag fee for all single-use plastic bags distributed by retailers by 2026; and

Section 14: Continue pursuing the Streetlight Asset Management Plan to install new streetlights in neighborhoods without any, and begin replacing old streetlights with a more uniform, and low light pollution design by 2026; and

Section 15: Prioritize the incorporation of mixed-use development in urban development to incentivize walkability and public transportation.