

## Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change with Sustainable Practices and Development:

- Monitor the status of climate change by tracking available strategic indicators including, but not limited to, the following: temperature, precipitation, snowfall, days below freezing, fire energy, and installation of photovoltaic infrastructure.
- Educate the public on best practices to promote community gardens, locally produced foods, healthy food preparation, and ecologically sound gardening practices that reduce water, synthetic fertilizer and pesticide use.
- Conduct community outreach with schools, businesses, non-profits, and residents to increase awareness, explain benefits and promote voluntary efforts to address climate change, carbon neutral lifestyle, zero waste and other related sustainability objective topics.
- Educate residents regarding mitigation techniques for fire-prone areas.
- Promote and incentivize green building infrastructure, energy conservation, recycling, renewable energy (solar/geothermal), zero-waste, etc. Also consider disincentives such as fees and pollution pricing.
- Institute programs and projects to address sustainability and climate change such as recycling and reuse of materials to achieve zero waste, water metering, etc.
- Lobby the state to expand net metering opportunities to encourage local renewable energy production.

## Address housing costs to make housing affordable and accessible for all:

- Host roundtable discussions with housing developers to determine the barriers to developing housing in the downtown area.
- Support financing tools to promote affordable housing such as financing bonds, tax increment financing, loans, and housing trust, etc.
- Continue rental assistance programs that move people quickly from homelessness into housing with support services that also include job training and employment assistance.
- Develop additional safe, affordable and permanent housing for low-income, homeless families and seniors such as small multi-dwelling housing with services/subsidy, transitional housing, housing cooperative, micro-apartments, graduated senior housing communities, etc.
- Conduct a housing needs assessment to identify the demand for affordable housing, inventory developable land, market for downtown housing, and areas that can accommodate higher density multi-dwelling development, etc.
- Consider zoning tools to address affordable housing or the high cost of housing such as reduce minimum lot size, density bonuses for affordable units, mobile homes, mixed use developments, cottage homes, etc.
- Identify appropriate areas in the community to develop high density housing.