

Strategic Energy Plan: Pathways to 100% Renewable Energy Process Summary



This brief summary documents the process of developing Greensboro's 20-Year Strategic Energy Plan.

Strategic Energy Plan Resolution – December 3, 2019

The Greensboro City Council adopted a [resolution](#) directing the City Manager to begin development of a 20-Year Strategic Energy Plan (SEP). The resolution specified that the Strategic Energy Plan be submitted for review and consideration by City Council within one year.

Resolution to Extend Development Time – September 15, 2020

Due to disruptions caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council adopted a [resolution](#) extending the time for City staff to prepare and submit of the SEP to the City Council, to August 31, 2021.

Professional Services Contract – January 7, 2021

The City Manager's Office executed a contract with [Energy and Sustainability Solutions](#) to provide technical professional services for preparing the SEP.

Community Partnership Meeting #1 – January 27, 2021

An initial public meeting was held for interested individuals and other stakeholders to join the SEP's diverse Community Partnership and share ideas, priorities, interest, concerns, and questions related to the development of the SEP. This meeting was held in virtual format on Zoom and simultaneously live-streamed on Facebook.

[Meeting Video Recording](#)

[Meeting Summary](#)

[Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

Community Partnership Meeting #2 – May 6, 2021

[Meeting Summary](#)

[Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

Community Partnership Meeting #3 – July 15, 2021

[Meeting Summary](#)

[Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

City Council Work Session – August 12, 2021

Dr. Vicki Foust of Energy and Sustainability Solutions presented an initial draft of the SEP to the City Council, to provide an overview of the process, and familiarize them with the structure and contents of the plan.

[Draft Strategic Energy Plan](#)

[Strategic Energy Plan Overview Presentation](#)

Community Partnership Meeting #4 – September 22, 2021

[Strategic Energy Plan - Draft, 09-09-21](#)

[Strategic Energy Plan Implementation Schedule - Draft, 09-09-21](#)

Public Review Draft of Strategic Energy Plan – February 25, 2022

Dr. Vicki Foust of Energy and Sustainability Solutions presented a [Public Review Draft of the Strategic Energy Plan](#). This draft was developed based on feedback received from participants in the Community Partnership Meeting #4 in September 2021 and feedback from additional stakeholders. This Draft SEP was made available for public review and circulated to members of the Community Partnership for review.

Community Sustainability Council Recommends Adoption – March 14, 2022

During its March 14 meeting, the Community Sustainability Council (CSC) reviewed the Public Review Draft SEP, as presented by Dr. Vicki Foust of Energy and Sustainability Solutions. The CSC voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council adopt the 20-Year Strategic Energy Plan as an official policy document, to guide the City's transition to 100% renewable energy use in municipal operations by 2040.

SEP Summary Presentation, City Council Work Session – September 29, 2022

During the September 29 City Council work session, Dr. Shree Dorestant, Chief Sustainability Officer and Dr. Vicki Foust, of Energy and Sustainability Solutions, presented a [summary of the draft Strategic Energy Plan](#). The presentation provided an overview of the origin, process, timeline, contents, goals, and recommendations of the SEP. This presentation was made in order to familiarize City Council with the plan, in preparation for an upcoming City Council meeting, in which they would be asked to review and consider adopting the plan.

City Council Adopts Final Draft of Strategic Energy Plan – December 20, 2022

The diverse Community Partnership and interested stakeholders throughout Greensboro were [invited and encouraged to attend](#) this City Council meeting in person to show their support adoption of the [final draft of the Strategic Energy Plan](#). Chief Sustainability Officer Dr. Shree Dorestant presented the SEP for review and consideration by the City Council. The [City Council voted unanimously](#) to adopt this important policy document, which will guide the City's transition to 100% renewable energy use in municipal operations by 2040.