

Background

This document provides a high-level update of monthly implementation activities for the [Environmental Sustainability Action Plan \(ESAP\)](#). The ESAP is the City's strategic roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhance Redmond's natural resources for future generations.

Key priorities for the 2020 ESAP include:

- **High Impact Initiatives:** Implement high impact programs and policies that advance progress towards ESAP goals.
- **Lead by Example:** Continue to drive rapid progress towards the Climate Emergency Declaration goals.
- **Sustainability Programming:** Run a transparent and inclusive sustainability program.

Updates

The following are key updates from February through April.

High Impact Initiatives

- Arbor Day Events: The City will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Anderson Park with special guests and activities. The Arbor Day Event will feature a proclamation by City Council and tree-planting tutorial. There will also be poetry-reading from Redmond's 2025 Poet Laureate, Ching-In Chen, and provide a tour of the brand-new Anderson Park Community Gardens.
- Solarize Campaign: Redmond and the Eastside Climate Partnership, in collaboration with Olympia Community Solar, launched the [Solarize Eastside](#) campaign in March. The first public workshop was hosted on April 3 with 11 people were in attendance. More than 20 Redmond community members have signed up for a solar assessment. The goal of Solarize Eastside is to help Eastside community members install solar panels on their homes and businesses by providing education, vetted installers, a group purchasing discount, and technical support. Free public workshops are available throughout the four-month program and can be found at [SolarizeEastside.org](#).
- Earth Month: The City is hosting multiple classes and events throughout the month of April in celebration of Earth Month. [Explore ways](#) to get involved.
- Redmond Solar Plus Energy Storage Feasibility Study: The City completed a grant funded solar plus energy storage analysis of four city facilities. The [report highlighted](#) opportunities for new construction and the Redmond Senior and Community Center as more viable opportunities.

Lead by Example:

- Direct Pay: Finance staff are currently preparing documents to file a Direct Pay application to the IRS in support 2024 electric vehicle purchases and the Redmond Senior and Community Center photovoltaic system. Direct Pay allows tax-exempt entities like the City to receive direct federal payments for clean energy tax credits. This supports local sustainability efforts by funding projects such as solar, wind, energy storage, and EV infrastructure. The City is

leveraging technical assistance offered through the Washington Clean Energy Tax Credit Assistance Program.

- EV Street Sweeper: The Public Works Streets team is evaluating electric street sweepers as the City works to electrify its fleet. Two different models have undergone a month-long evaluation to inform future purchasing decisions. Staff will provide a verbal update of the evaluation.

Sustainability Programming

- ESAC Meet & Green Drop In Hours: The City hosted drop in hours at the SoulFood Coffee on March 20. The April drop in gathering is scheduled for April 15 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Redmond Library. The gatherings are part of an [ongoing outreach series](#) to engage community members.
- April Sustainability eNewsletter: The April Sustainability enewsletter was published on April 1 and can be accessed [here](#).