

## 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 2023-2024 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 August through October.

### High Impact Initiatives

- Progress Report: The City published its 2023/2024 ESAP Implementation Progress Report. The Report captures implementation highlights from the past year and a half and includes action by action status updates for every action in the ESAP. 92% of near-term actions are underway. Review the [report](#), [action status updates](#), and [data dashboard](#).
- ESAP Refresh: Staff are working with the ESAC to develop a scope of work for the ESAP Refresh, which is scheduled to begin in 2025. Staff will join Council at the November FAC to share the draft scope and seek feedback from Council.
- Welcome New Fellows: Two new AmeriCorps Fellows joined the City - one Fellow will work in the Parks Department to support tree canopy expansion work and the other in Executive to support energy and sustainability work in the Executive Department. Six Washington Conservation Corps Fellows also joined the Public Works Department to support habitat restoration work. The Fellows and Corps members will serve with the city for the 24/25 services year.
- I-2117 Communications: Council officially took a position to oppose ballot initiative 2117, which would overturn the Climate Commitment Act. To raise awareness about Council's position, the City issued a [press release](#), scheduled two e-news stories (one before and one after ballots are distributed on Oct 18), and 5 social media posts.
- Electrification Survey: The City of Redmond and the Eastside Climate Partnership cities are conducting a residential electrification survey to understand where community members electrification goals and incentives that may accelerate adoption of all electric alternatives. The second phase of work will include targeted focus groups to understand barriers to home electrification. The results will be integrated into an Energy Smart Eastside expansion strategy that is expected to be published in Q3 2025.

### Lead by Example:

- Grant Applications: The City submitted two grant applications to the Department of Commerce. One application was a \$26,500 request to fund an energy audit of the Public Safety Building.

The other application was a \$421,061 request to support energy efficiency upgrades at the Public Safety Building. The City expects to hear about awards by the end of the year. The grants requests are all in support of Clean Building Performance Standard compliance for the Public Safety Building, which requires significant investments to meet the state energy standard requirements.

- Facility Condition Assessment Decarbonization Component: The City is wrapping up the development of the FCA Decarbonization Component, a complimentary analysis within the FCA to inform facility maintenance work and make progress towards the City's decarbonization goals. Due to Council meeting schedules, the results of the Assessment will be presented to Council in January 2025.
- City Hall Parking Garage EV Chargers: The City Hall EV charging infrastructure project reached a major milestone with the delivery and installation of the switchgear. The infrastructure is anticipated to be operational by the end of the year, after Puget Sound Energy has conducted inspections and transformer installations. The infrastructure will provide critical charging capacity for the city's growing fleet of EVs.

### Sustainability Programming

- October ESAC Meeting: The next ESAC meeting will be held of October 16. The Committee will review the annual report and ESAP refresh SOW. [Learn more](#).
- ESAC Social and Redmond Senior and Community Center Gathering: The City hosted a green building tour of the Redmond Senior and Community Center and a social gathering for interested community members on August 29. The gathering was part of an ongoing outreach series to engage community members.

