

## 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.

The overarching ESAP priorities for 2021-2022 include:

1. Prioritize improvements to **city operations** as Redmond works towards the goal of carbon neutrality for city operations by 2030 in support of the Climate Emergency Declaration.
2. Advance **key sustainability priorities**, including those integrated into the 2021-2022 budget.
3. Leverage **partnerships and communications** strategies to engage the community.
4. Establish **foundational systems** and programs for the newly formed Sustainability Program.

## Programmatic Updates

### City Operations

- Washington Department of Commerce Climate Resilience Grant Application: The City submitted a grant request to the Department of Commerce for funding to support a review of stormwater design recommendations considering climate change and stakeholder engagement in support of the Transportation Master Plan update. The grant application implements key recommendations from the Climate Vulnerability Assessment and supports vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions.

### Key Priorities

- US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Award: Mayor Birney and the City of Redmond were recognized on June 7 during the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Mayor Birney received an Honorable Mention in the Small City category of the *2022 Mayors Climate Protection Awards* for the City's Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment.
- Ridwell Styrofoam and Plastic Bag Pick-up: In partnership with Ridwell, the City hosted free doorstep pick-up and recycling of Styrofoam and plastic bags on May 8 and May 21 for single family homes, apartment, and condos. 1,077 households participated in the Styrofoam recycling and 603 households participated in the plastic film recycling. The next pick-up event will be held in September.
- Dry Cleaner Decommissioning: Public Works staff helped a local dry cleaner with decommissioning costs of their dry cleaning machine through the Department of Ecology Product Replacement Program. The business owner was forced to permanently close its doors due to COVID and received a grant to cover 100% of the costs to ensure the chemicals were disposed of properly.
- June 6, 2022, Climate Preparedness and Comprehensive Plan Updates Webinar: Senior Planner Beckye Frye was one of six speakers on a webinar that explored community

experiences integrating climate preparedness policies and actions in comprehensive plans. Beckye highlighted Redmond 2050 and the work to integrate the Climate Vulnerability Assessment findings into the Redmond 2050 EIS and growth alternatives analysis. More than 140 people were in attendance.

- Energy Smart Eastside Heat Pump Campaign: Partner cities are finalizing the programmatic details for the Energy Smart Eastside program. The program website will launch in the coming weeks along with dates for the first educational workshops, the first step for interested community members who wish to participate.

### Partnerships & Communication

- Fix-It-Clinic: The Solid Waste Team hosted a Fix-It-Clinic in partnership with King County on May 14, 2022. 85 people attended the event, working on 60 items and fixing or mending about 40 of them. Items that were successfully fixed or mended included four lamps, a bread maker, desk chair, mini tape recorder, earrings, record player, two blenders, six pairs of pants, two jackets, and more.
- Eastside Climate Challenge: Following the launch of the regional Eastside Climate Challenge, the partner cities have hosted Team Leader trainings to encourage community connection and deeper engagement with the platform. Additional workshops are scheduled for the last week in July to train a new cohort of Team leaders. To learn more or join the Challenge, visit the City's [website](#).



### Foundational Systems

- June Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting: The ESAC met on June 16, 2022, at 5:30 virtually and at City Hall. The committee received an overview of the Watershed Management Plan update and Cascade Water Alliance programs. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2022.