

## MEMORANDUM

Date: July 18, 2025

To: City Council

From: Climate and Environment Commission

Subject: Commission Support for Sustainability Budget Amendment

The Climate and Environment Commission (CEC) voted unanimously to direct me, as chair, to draft a brief letter to council in support of increased funding for the Office of Sustainability's marketing and communication activities budget.

The CEC supports the CAAP Team new decision items presented to the budget process and included here.

The commission wishes to express its support for budget items that support the goals outlined in the Climate Action and Adaption Plan including revisions to street design standards to prioritize people, improve the reliability of bus service and infrastructure, and an upgrade to the recycling center.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Abra D. Spisso" followed by a circular flourish.

Abra Spisso, Chair

Climate and Environment Commission

	FY26 OS CAAP NDIs	
Sector	Description	One Time / Ongoing
Transportation	<b>Deployment of Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) units to all fleet assets (does not include trailers or marked police patrol vehicles).</b> Data from AVL units will enable greater data gathering for GHG emissions, right sizing the fleet projects, more accurate inventory for Finance, idling reduction projects, and driver safety programs.	Ongoing
Natural Resources	<b>Continuation of contract with Columbia Landcare for maintenance of city-owned stormwater BMPs.</b> The current contract with Columbia Landcare has enabled the City to clear the backlog of maintenance. Staff wish to retain Columbia Landcare in FY 2026 to replace plantings at all City owned BMPs.	Ongoing
Energy	<b>Analysis of selected city-owned sites for owners of ground mounted solar arrays.</b> The Office of Sustainability and Office of GIS developed a solar suitability analysis of all city-owned property. OS staff are currently meeting with city leadership to narrow down the list of potential sites. The city will also need to evaluate the various ownership models for solar developments for each site to understand the best approach for development and ownership (city-owned, utility-owned, 3rd party development and ownership of array, etc.). W&L's current contract with The Energy Authority (TEA) provides access to an analysis they can perform that will give the City a clear direction for each potential solar development.	One Time
Natural Resources	<b>Arbor Day Foundation Community Canopy Program.</b> The City will pilot the use the ADFs program for deploying trees on private property in high need areas in the Spring of 2025. The Office of Sustainability anticipates that the pilot will be successful and there will be greater demand and identified needs for the planting of shade trees in areas identified by the Show-me the Heat project and the Show-me the Relief program. The budget request would double of the number of trees deployed in 2025 from 200 to 400.	One Time
Building	<b>Investment Grade Audits of 10% of the City's conditioned building space.</b> An Investment grade audit is needed to enter into a performance contract. Funding at this level supports evaluating all conditioned facilities in 10 years. Assessments will be prioritized to the buildings with the highest potential for improvement and thus the highest savings potential/shortest return on investment.	Ongoing