

Climate and Environment Commission (CEC) 2025 Priorities

CAAP Action	CEC Next Steps	Status
Energy		
E-1.3.2 – Codify through ordinance Columbia Water & Light's responsibility to meet 100% renewable energy generation or purchase by 2035.	CEC approved a recommendation to the IERMP task force that Columbia achieve 100% renewable energy from water and light by 2030. This is a change from 2035 to 2030. IERMP has been completed and has been presented to City Council.	
E-1.2.1 – Include CAAP priorities in Columbia Water & Light's long-range electric and water resource planning goals.	Next step is to work with the staff and the Water & Light Advisory Board to propose a new ordinance.	
E-1.3.1 Remove 3% rate cap to allow for increased investment by Water & Light in renewable energy resources.	CEC will monitor the Implementation of the IERMP and provide input or assistance as needed.	CAAP goals were included in the IERMP statement of work. CEC list of priorities was voted on at the September 2020 meeting and provided to W&L sta for inclusion in the IERMP.
Housing, Buildings, and Development		
H-1.1.2 - Increase energy efficiency funding options for families (low-interest financing, on bill financing, Pay As You Save, PACE, etc.).	Continue to advocate for this action item.	
H-1.1.3 – Establish a date by which all rental housing will be required to meet basic energy efficiency standards at license renewal.	CEC will monitor and provide input on the Utility's process of revising programs as needed.	CEC heard a presentation from RENEW Missouri.
	CEC will continue to monitor the process and provide input as needed.	Staff from Sustainability, Neighborhood Services and Utility Services developed a plan, deployed in early 2023, to collect information from stakeholders in the community regarding rental energy efficiency. Results of study were presented to City Council in May 2023.

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H-1.3.3 – Introduce a policy that requires all new and existing municipal buildings to meet and maintain energy and resource efficiency standards (ENERGY STAR, LEED, Home Energy Score or other).	CEC will continue to monitor the city CAAP team's progress and provide input as needed.	City CAAP teams are working on this.
H-1.3.4 - Introduce a policy that requires all municipal buildings to be benchmarked with the current Energy Score rating, the energy use intensity (kBtu/sq) and the energy reduction goal. These benchmarks and goals shall also be posted on the City's website.	CEC will monitor implementation of the benchmarking process and provide input as needed.	The City adopted the formal policy proposed by CAAP sta team and reviewed by CEC for benchmarking standards. Benchmarking of buildings is in progress.
1.4.1 - Require that the City adopts the International Building Energy Conservation Codes for municipal, commercial and residential buildings as written.	On May 23, 2023 the CEC voted to accept a consensus position developed by members of the CEC and BCCC.	The CEC and BCCC formed a small ad hoc group to discuss building codes. The code has been finalized and will be signed into law.
1.5.1 - Incentivize switching space and water heating from fossil fuel-based to electric heat pumps.	CEC provided a recommendation to the Water & Light Advisory Board on incentives. CEC will monitor Utility Services review and update of rebates and incentives and provide input as appropriate.	Sustainability staff is involved in the Utility Services review and update of the electric and water efficiency rebates and incentives.
Implementation		
I-1.1.1 - Use recommendations in the annual report to identify budgetary priorities that support implementation of the CAAP.	CEC will move its discussion of budget priorities to early fall to provide timely input to align with the city manager's budget development process.	Upon recommendation of city staff, the CEC considered and provided input on budget priorities during the city manager's budget plan development process.
I-3.3.1 Align existing City educational and engagement programs with CAAP goals and programs. Provide additional support to education and outreach for the CAAP and its individual actions.	CEC will continue to collaborate with city staff on communications related to the CAAP and CAAP topics.	CEC will propose relevant outreach activities to City staff for use in social media posts. Continue to participate in public engagement opportunities.

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I-3.5.2 - Host a community event every two years to celebrate the annual progress report on the implementation of the CAAP.	The CEC will explore community outreach events with city staff.	The CEC participated in the Juneteenth celebration at Cosmo Park, which is approximately the same time as the anniversary of the CAAP, but did not hold a separate event in 2022.
Transportation		
T-1.1.2 – Revise street design standards to prioritize people walking, biking and riding transit while also accommodating vehicles.	CEC will monitor the efforts of the Public Works department study and provide input as appropriate.	The Public Works department received grant funding to evaluate transportation safety issues.
T-1.2.1 – Improve efficiency, convenience and reliability of bus service and infrastructure	CEC will monitor progress and provide input as needed.	The transportation team met with transit manager to understand current routes and challenges
Natural Resources		
NR-1.1.1 - Manage publicly-owned natural areas to enhance and maintain diverse native communities.	Advocate for ecological planning for habitat improvement in City-led efforts such as the Natural Resources Inventory and upcoming Comprehensive Planning process.	Invite representative(s) from Missouri Conservation Corps, non-profit that receives funding from MDC to remove invasive species; received presentation from <u>State Climatologist</u> .
NR - 1.1.2 - Establish and effectively manage native-habitat corridors along trails and utility easement areas to restore and maintain landscape connectivity.	Draft a collaborative letter with the Tree Board encouraging holistic forest management or other suggested points of attention for the Comprehensive Planning process.	
NR - 2.1.1 - Complete change to rate structure to encourage reduced water use.	CEC will continue to collaborate with the Water & Light Advisory Board.	CEC collaborated with and provided input to the Water & Light Advisory Board on water rates.
Waste		

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W – 2.1 Reduce landfill waste through customer education, rate structures and increasing City recycling programs.	Promote the waste reduction hierarchy.	