

City of Fayetteville Sustainability Master Plan Adopted!

The City of Fayetteville's Environmental Services Department, with help from their consultant Greenworks Partners and Sustainable Sandhills, engaged key citizens and stakeholders in creating a comprehensive and visionary Sustainability Master Plan to guide the City's efforts over the coming years. The plan was adopted – UNANIMOUSLY – by the City Council on October 12, 2009!

The final and adopted Sustainability Master Plan can be downloaded from the city's website [here](#). The Master Plan includes a set of seven Guiding Principles:

1. Promote national energy independence, reduce carbon emissions and contribute to a healthier environment.
2. Increase competitiveness and produce economic benefits.
3. Promote regional cooperation.
4. Preserve neighborhoods and maintain housing affordability.
5. Develop healthier communities and social equity.
6. Lead by example.
7. Utilize performance metrics and ensure accountability.

The Master Plan is organized into 4 sections, each with its own specific goals and a list of current efforts and future proposed efforts.

1. Environment and Natural Resources
 - Air, climate, energy, water, solid waste
2. Planning
 - Green buildings, land use & open space
3. Community
 - Health, economic development, social equity, education
4. City Agencies (internal operations)
 - City and Public Works Commission facilities & operations

The Master Plan will further the [Greater Fayetteville Futures II](#) vision of the Greater Fayetteville community becoming one of the top 10 places to live in the Southeast.

Congratulations to City staff (especially the City's Environmental Services Department), Liz Burdock from Greenworks Partners, the residents and stakeholders whose input created the Master Plan, and to the City Council for adopting this visionary plan!