

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND **Sustainability & Natural Resources** *NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING*
Committee

Monday, June 8, 2026

6:00 PM

McFarland Municipal Center
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland
Community Room

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
 - a. This is an opportunity for attendees to provide public comment on matters that are not on the agenda. Attendees desiring to provide public comment on specific items on the agenda may do so at the time that agenda item is brought up. Zoom attendees wishing to speak should type their name, address, and the relevant agenda item in the Q&A feature within the online meeting platform. Zoom attendees may also register in support or opposition of an item through the Q&A feature. In person attendees should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your public comment. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting but may be sent to sustainability@mcfarland.wi.us to be included with the agenda materials.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee meeting.
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Joint Village Board and Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
 - a. Discussion regarding updates on sustainability projects.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.
 - a. Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
6. ADJOURNMENT.

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Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
April 13, 2026

Committee Members Present: Miguel Pena, Lori Whitman, Kaci Coconate, Mary Nervig, Glenn Schwabe

Committee Members Absent: Alisa Leamy, Michael Allen

Staff Present: Lee Igl, Public Works Director; Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Phil McDade, Utility Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Miguel Pena called the joint meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Motion by Pena, second by Coconate, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS

a. Discussion and action on a recommendation to the Village Board for continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program.

Thao and Igl reviewed the county food scraps program with the committee. McFarland, at its Public Works building on Terminal Drive, serves as one of seven drop-off sites in the county for food scraps. County staff members who work on the renewable program take the food scraps from McFarland to a food compost site periodically throughout the year. The county-run program began with funding from a federal grant, but those funds are no longer available. The cost to the village for continuing to participate in the program for the remainder of 2026 would be \$3,072, with annual costs after that totaling approximately \$5,300.

Motion by Pena, second by Coconate, to recommend to the Village Board continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program until the end of 2026 in the amount of \$3,072. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Update regarding the 2026 Arbor Day celebration event.

Igl provided the committee with information on the annual event, held at the Lewis Park Shelter April 24. Events include a tree seedling giveaway, information on McFarland's tree-planting programs, and instructions for planting trees.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Pena motioned to adjourn; Coconate seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes
Village Board/Sustainability & Natural Resources
Joint Committee Meeting
March 10, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Miquel Pena, Alisa Leamy, Lori Whitman, Michael Allen, Kaci Coconate, Glen Schwabe

Committee Members Absent: Mary Nervig

Village Board members Present: Stephanie Brassington, Kathy Annen, Ken Boyd, Luke Fessler, Alisa Leamy, Miguel Peña, Lowell Prill

Staff Present: Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator; Andrew Bremer, Community and Economic Development Director; Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Lee Igl, Public Works Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village Board President Stephanie Brassington called the joint meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken separately for attendance.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion regarding the draft Sustainability Action Plan for 2026-2027.

Thao reviewed progress on the village's sustainability initiatives including: the village receiving IRA Direct Pay reimbursement; Community Park Phase 2 construction; the food waste composting; and 8-acre solar farm. A ribbon cutting event is scheduled to occur on April 22 at 2:00 PM, Earth Day with invites pending. For 2026-27, the village will continue work on review of municipal/community center improvements, solar PV installation on several municipal buildings, progress towards a comprehensive plan update.

The Joint body discussed the accomplishments, compost waste programing, and action items such as bee keeping.

- b. Discussion regarding the draft Village of McFarland 2025 Green Tier Annual Report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Thao summarized and gave a description on several tracking data of the draft report and roof top solar mapping. Bremer provided additional background information on the report, benefits from participating and outlook.

4. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Sustainability & Natural Resources - Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Peña motioned to adjourn; Boyd seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.


VILLAGE OF
McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Monday, June 8, 2026

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

CONTACT: Kong Thao, Associate Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion regarding updates on sustainability projects.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

ISSUE SUMMARY:

The 2026-2027 Sustainability Action Plan was previously presented at the joint Village Board and Sustainability & Natural Resources meeting [March 10, 2026](#). Since that joint meeting, there have been a number of new members added to the Committee. This agenda item is presented for discussion only, to provide the Committee with an update on the status of various sustainability projects. The 2026-2027 Action Plan is provided in the packet for reference purposes, which has been updated on an annual basis since adoption of the Village's Sustainability Plan in 2021.

Projects in progress:

- Dane County Food Waste Compost
 - The Village Board approved continuation of the program at their [April 28, 2026, meeting](#). Participation will extend operations through to the end of 2026.
 - When the 2027 Budget process begins, staff will include an estimate of ~\$5,800 which includes costs covering the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027.
 - To reduce costs, the Village is considering doing our own delivery while maintaining Dane County for administrative purposes.
 - Additionally, the program could be expanded to include office bins for staff to participate in.

- Dane County EV Charge Up Grant - Public EV Charging Station Installations at the Bashford Public Parking Lot and Public Safety Center
 - FHWA-WI (Federal Highway Administration-Wisconsin) approved of NEPA/CE documents, which advances the project forward to final design/construction. Dane County and all accepted applicants are waiting for the release of funds at the federal level to proceed, hopeful for a conclusion by the end of 2026 summer.
 - DC reported 35 sites with approved environmental paperwork and 14 sites still pending FHWA-WI review. The preliminary cost estimate for the Public Safety Center is \$169,000. The grant program will cover 100% of the cost with the



Village's contribution being only the parking stalls. No estimate on the second location at the Bashford Street parking lot, adjacent to Larson Park; however, the Village's grant covers 100% of these future costs as well.

- Public Safety Center Battery Installation
 - Contractor has finished the design of the battery installation and ordered the battery, inverters, and switch gear. The first two have been delivered to the contractor however the switch gear has a longer lead time. Installation is anticipated for late September.
 - Elective Pay registration is expected later in 2026 for the Village share of the project costs. The portion funded by the OEI grant is not eligible for Elective Pay.

- Additional Public Safety Center Energy Efficiency Projects
 - Staff are continuing to work with HGA to explore additional energy-saving options presented by HGA at the [November 10, 2025 S&NR meeting](#).
 - The Village's Facilities Manager is working on installing motion sensors in the engine bay area. Installation of dimming or motion sensors on the building's exterior lights may require a more substantial approach for installation and materials. Staff is working on obtaining cost estimates for this project. Other improvements include evening program control modifications to the ERU-3 ventilation system.

- Solar Farm, 3443 Siggelkow Road
 - A ribbon-cutting event was held on April 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM in celebration of the 1.4 megawatt solar farm. The event was a success with attendance from McFarland School District Staff and Eco Club, Alliant Energy, Dane County staff and elected officials, and Village Board members and staff.
 - Staff will continue to monitor the production of renewable energy credits (RECs) generated from the site through CleanCounts.
 - Staff are working to submit two awards: Climate Champions (Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change) due July 1 and the APA-WI Planning Excellence Award due June 5 to acknowledge the achievements.

- Lift Station #2 Solar Rooftop, 6407 Pheasant Run
 - Located west of the boardwalk at Grandview Conservancy.
 - Construction is complete on the site with the solar rooftop installed and operational.



- Staff will register this project for Elective Pay later this year.

- No Mow May 2026 Summary
 - 27 completed registrations; 1 property in Town of Dunn; All residential properties.
 - 4 signs given out (1 sign returned)
 - 6 complaints were received by our Department. Staff will monitor the properties mentioned following the conclusion of programming.

Future potential projects:

- Sustainable Purchasing Policy including Fleet Replacement with alternative fuels
 - As part of a broader review of the Village's purchasing policies, the Village will consider how to integrate sustainability into our current policies and practices. The City of Middleton recently updated their purchasing policy, which provides detailed guidance on more sustainable purchasing activity. Other communities within Dane County have already begun to replicate Middleton's policy and implement their own sustainable purchasing policy.
 - Village Staff is continuing the fleet vehicle and electrification efforts described in the [2023 Comprehensive Energy Plan](#). This work would develop a policy which encourages purchasing of electric vehicles (hybrids, plug-in hybrids, and fully electric vehicles) on a case-by-case basis when replacing vehicles fleet as part of the broader updates to the purchasing policies.
- Well #5, 6016 Prairie Wood Drive
 - Well #5 is currently under construction but won't be completed until later in 2027. Upon completion of the Well, the Village will consider adding rooftop solar.
- Community Park Shelter
 - Located at 3234 County Highway AB, east of Interstate-39
 - The Community Park Shelter is located near the center of the property and is currently under construction. The building includes electrical heat, which is another reason why adding solar panels is beneficial for this location. Upon completion of the building the Village will consider adding rooftop solar.
- Public Safety Center Elective Pay Funds and 179 D
 - The Village received \$1,137,593.53 from IRA Elective Pay reimbursement for



sustainable features for the Public Safety Center including geothermal and solar renewable energy systems. On December 9, 2025, the Village Board approved using \$338,000 of these funds to pay down debt service for the facility, leaving a balance of \$799,593.53. The use of these funds is not allocated to any specific project, but could be used to support other future renewable energy projects such as installation of rooftop solar at well houses, lift stations, Municipal/Community Center, or the Library.

- HGA 179D runs out in March 1, 2027. The remaining amount on this is ~\$6.5K as of 2026. This was a balance from a tax deduction HGA received through their work associated with the Public Safety Center. In return, the Village received ~\$32K of in-kind services for various sustainability projects to be performed between March 1, 2024 - March 1, 2027.

- **Accreditation Programs**

- [LEED for Cities](#) offers local governments a clear roadmap for achieving sustainability, providing a comprehensive framework for managing community-wide sustainability efforts. It includes social, economic, and environmental performance indicators, along with standards and strategies that allow for effective benchmarking and communication of progress. Additionally, third-party certification verifies the results, ensuring accountability and credibility. Staff are in the initial stages of investigating whether to consider pursuing this accreditation.
- [Bike Friendly USA](#) is a national program for states, communities, businesses, and universities aimed at making better and safer choices for cyclists across the country. Receiving certification signifies a community dedication to bike ridership, community safety, and promoting healthy lifestyles. Staff are in the initial stages of investigating whether to consider pursuing this accreditation.

This agenda item is presented for discussion only, to provide the Committee with an update on the status of these various sustainability projects. This is also an opportunity for the Committee to have preliminary discussion regarding other sustainability projects to recommend to the Village Board from the 2026-2027 Action Plan, particularly as it relates to informing the preparation of the 2027 Village Budget.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

2021 Sustainability Plan

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion only.



ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026-2027 Sustainability Action Plan (3.10.2026)

Draft Sustainability Plan Action Plan for 2026-2027

Presented at the Joint S&NR Committee and Village Board Meeting March 10, 2026

Green text = completed/ongoing; Blue text = In progress for 2026/27; Red = Not expected in 2026/27

Energy Actions	Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions		
Establish a policy requiring all major remodeling of municipal buildings and any new municipal buildings include energy efficiency measures.	Not Begun	The accepted Comprehensive Energy Plan and New Community Center Net Zero Energy Predesign Report by the Village Board will help to guide this action item for future projects.
Replace stoplights with LEDs	In Progress	All stop lights within the Village are along USH 51 and owned by WisDOT. Staff can work with the WisDOT to advocate that these be replaced with LED fixtures when USH 51 is reconstructed in 2026 - 2028.
Replace streetlights with LEDs	Ongoing	Most street lights within the Village are owned by Alliant and will be replaced to LED on an as needed basis. The municipal energy audit may present an opportunity to identify other Village owned lights/park lights and opportunities to upgrade to LED.
Utilize the Outlook Newsletter, or other forms of print and social media, to annually distribute information on rebates and tax incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency.	In Progress	Ongoing activity.
Work with energy providers to develop a community-scale solar energy installation and/or develop a program for leasing municipal rooftops for solar.	In Progress	The Village acquired an 8-acre parcel of land (3451 Siggelkow Road) January 6, 2023 to establish a joint Customer-Hosted Renewable Program solar installation with the McFarland School District. The VB approved lease agreement with MSD and Alliant on May 9, 2023. The VB approved Ordinance 2023-09 on Sept. 26, 2023, amending Ch. 62-Zoning to include solar energy collection systems. The VB approved Ordinance 2023-14 on Nov. 28, 2023, rezoning for the property from Dane County A-1 Exclusive Agriculture to Village's A-1 Agriculture Transition District. Construction began in Fall 2025. The site is expected to be operational in 1st quarter of 2026. A CleanCounts account was established in 2026 to retire RECs.
Mid-Term Actions		
Utilize the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator to measure and track greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities and operations (https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator).	Ongoing	Staff is nearing the end of a joint greenhouse gas inventories collection data with a cohort, organized by Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC). The joint cohort will develop strategies and methods to track emissions.
Complete EPA Energy Star Portfolio Manager spreadsheet for government energy use (https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/benchmark).	Ongoing	The 2023 Comprehensive Energy Plan Report includes calculations for baseline measures and tracking of energy use among municipal buildings, parks, and structures. The calculations used are consistent with the EPA's online tool. Staff will continue to monitor and track the data for this action item.
Develop a financial assistance program to help private property owners with renewable energy improvements.	Ongoing	Staff continue to post resource benefits and rebate programming from notable sources on the Sustainability Planning Page to provide residents options for energy savings. Creation of a Village a non-TID funded program has not begun.
Long-Term Actions		
Adopt Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (time-of-sale certification and upgrades).	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
Retrofit streetlights with solar power	Not Begun	Most street lights within the Village are owned by Alliant limiting retrofit options. The municipal energy audit may present an opportunity to identify other Village owned lights/park lights for retrofit.
Hold a sustainability fair to bring in renewable energy companies to demonstrate and provide education on their products.	Ongoing	Organizations such as Sustain Dane and Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change regularly hosts events connecting local residents to resources on renewable energy cost savings and educational materials. Notable events include Sustain Dane Summit and Midwest Climate Summit. Events are open to the public to attend and can be shared via McFarland social media. Locally host/run program has not begun.

Transportation Actions	Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions		
Amend the parking ordinance to require bike parking for all new commercial and multifamily buildings.	Not Begun	This action is expected to be included in the 2026-27 Zoning Code update with minor updates throughout the document
Amend the parking ordinance to reduce minimum off-street parking requirement and/or add parking maximums for new development to limit excess pavement.	Not Begun	This action is expected to be included in the 2026-27 Zoning Code update with minor updates throughout the document
Any proposal to add lanes to a two-lane roadway will be evaluated for a center turn lane, the preferred option over an expansion to four lanes.	In Progress	This item was included in the 2023 East Side Plan. Village Staff will review all proposed new roadways to determine the most appropriate use and function on a case-by-case. The 2025 Sigglekow Road Study Report was accepted by the Village Board on December 9, 2025. The continuation of the project along Sigglekow Road included 30% design with recommendations for two lanes with a left turn lane at intersections.
As municipal vehicles need replacement, evaluate the purchase of hybrid, electric or alternative fuel vehicles.	In Progress	The 2023 Comprehensive Energy Plan includes a fleet vehicle and electrification analysis section. Department Staff will consider options when vehicle replacement occurs. Reviewed by S&NR 11.13.2023 and accepted by the Village Board 11.14.2023. In 2026-2027, Staff are continuing this work with a review to the current Purchasing Policy.
Work with Madison Metro to connect the Village to Metro transit services.	In Progress	Initial conversations with Madison Metro Staff include transit services expansions. Due to funding commitments, it is likely this action item becomes a Mid-Term or Long-Term priority.
Develop more on- and off-road bike trails.	In Progress	The 2023 East Side Plan includes proposed locations for new recreational trails and multi-modal forms of transportation. Implementation of this action will occur as new development and roadways are reconstructed. The Exchange Street Reconstruction (2024) upholds this action item with the inclusion of a designated bike lane. Ongoing bike and pedestrian pathways are included in the Village's 5-year CIP. The 2025-26 CORP Map 8 Future Parks & Trails includes proposed on- and off-road bike trails. The 30% design plans for Sigglekow Road includes a proposed off-street multi-use path on the south side of the road out to the Community Park
Provide electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities.	In Progress	This item is included in: the Comprehensive Energy Plan's Fleet Vehicles and Electrification section and the design plans for the Community Center building. The Public Safety Center includes designated electric vehicle ready charging locations on site. To be included in the 2026-27 Zoning Code rewrite. The Village submitted two applications for the ChargeUp Dane County and both locations were selected for public electric vehicle charging stations. The locations are 6001 Exchange St (Bashford Parking Lot), and 6001 Broadhead St (Public Safety Center). Anticipated installation is late 2026 or 2027.
Mid-Term Actions		
Ban idling for more than 5 minutes with municipal vehicles except for emergency vehicles.	Not Begun	This action is expected to be included in the 2026-27 Zoning Code update
Utilize the Outlook Newsletter, or other forms of print and social media, to annually inform residents of existing ridesharing programs.	Ongoing	Publications are expected to be included in Spring/Summer 2026.
Amend the Zoning Ordinance to require electric vehicle charging stations in new multi-family developments.	Not Begun	Initial research started in late 2024 regarding electric vehicle charging stations and zoning ordinances. The findings are being evaluated by department staff and considered in the 2026-27 Zoning Code rewrite.
Collaborate with the school district to survey students about transportation choices and evaluate safe routes conditions at each school.	Ongoing	Staff determined this action to be a recurring action and case-by-case. The Village remains open to collaborative opportunities with the School District. There are no new schools being built in McFarland, the transportation routes remain unchanged.
Long-Term Actions		
Add sidewalks within existing neighborhoods where none currently exist.	Ongoing	Recent examples include the 2024 Exchange Street Reconstruction and Paulson Road reconstruction. This action is ongoing and included in the Village's annual 5-year CIP and 2025 CORP.
Apply for Bicycle Friendly Community status with the League of American Bicyclists and work to achieve silver or gold status.	Not Begun	Included within the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2025-2029's Chapter 6 are General Recommendations item I. Includes pursuit for additional third-party designations.

Solid Waste Actions		Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions			
Create a municipal purchasing policy that requires consideration be given to whether a product is made from renewable and/or recycled materials.	In progress	City of Middleton has adopted a Sustainable Purchasing Policy Implementation Plan in 2025. Staff are reviewing the adopted plan and exploring similar opportunities from this example.	
Utilize the Outlook Newsletter, or other forms of print and social media, to annually inform residents about recycling, backyard composting, product re-use and waste reduction.	Ongoing	Ongoing activity.	
Facilitate a group buy program to offer compost bins to Village residents.	In progress	Dane County Waste & Renewables piloted a compost dropoff program through a federally funded grant (USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction, CFWR). Beginning in June 2025, the Village has accumulated nearly 10,000 lbs of food waste with 250 confirmed registrations. Participating communities and agencies include Madison, Middleton, Monona, Madison Children's Museum, and Henry Vilias Zoo.	
Mid-Term Actions			
Create a program to encourage and facilitate the practical reuse of waste from private and municipal construction projects.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27	
Long-Term Actions			
Create a Village compost site for food waste.	In progress	Dane County's Department of Waste & Renewables (W&R) was awarded grant funding to pilot a composting drop off program among communities and orgainzations. Program began June 2025 and is ongoing for 12-months.	
Create a community upcycle location or event.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27	

Water Actions	Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions		
Purchase rain barrel kits and hold classes through Library or McFarland Recreation Activities & Play (MRAP) for residents to purchase the kits at a discount and make and decorate their own rain barrels	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
Utilize the Outlook Newsletter, or other forms of print and social media, to annually inform residents about waterway health best practices for lawn care, landscaping and fall leaf management.	Ongoing	Ongoing activity.
Develop a program or work with existing agencies to assist residents with purchasing and installing low-flow water fixtures and replacing water softeners.	In Progress	Public Works previously piloted a water softener replacement program.
Minimize and find alternatives to the use of salt on low traffic roadways.	Ongoing	Public Works purchased a 1000 gal. tank in Spring 2022 as an alternative method to snow removal in the Village. The tank dispenses a salt brine solution over road surfaces before, during, and after snow weather events to reduce salt usage and improve plowing conditions. PW snow removal staff receive regular training on reducing salt usage. Overall, salt usage has been significantly reduced.
Evaluate the Subdivision Ordinance for reductions in required pavement width for new roads in new subdivisions to reduce the amount of impervious surface.	Not Begun	Pavement width recommendations for various road types is addressed in the updated East Side Plan, 2023. Ordinance revisions to be consider as part of the Zoning & Subdivision Code rewrite project in 2026-27.
Mid-Term Actions		
Installing low-flow water fixtures in municipal facilities.	Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation and building usage savings.
Incentivize water conservation by increasing water rates for higher usage during next rate review with PSC.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
Replace all toilets using > 1.6 gpf in all municipal facilities.	Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation and building usage savings.
Install waterless urinals in men's restrooms at all municipal facilities.	Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation and building usage savings.
Install rain barrels at all municipal facilities and utilize rainwater for municipal watering.	Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation and building usage savings.
Long-Term Actions		
Join EPA's WaterSense Program for water utilities.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
Identify culverts that obstruct fish migration and install fish friendly culverts where needed.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
Perform a system-wide water audit and develop a water loss control plan.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
Develop a program for financial assistance for sewer lateral replacements.	Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2026-27
During road or public parking lot reconstruction, develop a plan for reduction of paved surfaces or inclusion of permeable pavement where possible.	Ongoing	Staff and contracting team to consider the following action on a case-by-case basis as projects occur.

Land Use & Development Actions	Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions		
Instead of grass lawns, utilize more native landscaping on municipal properties that are not used for recreation purposes.	Ongoing	Ongoing activity
Require native landscaping in buffer areas around surface water and wetlands on both public and private property to protect water quality.	Ongoing	This will be considered on a case-by-case basis as public or private development projects are brought forward. The updated East Side Plan includes this action item in Chapter 2, Goal 5. The Village Board passed Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending the Building Code's stormwater ordinance to accommodate for the 200-year flood.
Utilize the Outlook Newsletter, or other forms of print and social media, to annually inform residents about native landscaping.	Ongoing	Ongoing activity
Mid-Term Actions		
Amend the zoning ordinances to allow for more housing options, including accessory dwelling units and attached unit housing.	In Progress	Proposed amendments for use regulation for accessory dwelling units, will be considered as part of the Zoning Code Update in 2026-27.
Review and update Village plans and ordinances to look for opportunities to utilize land more efficiently, such as reducing setbacks and minimum lot sizes.	In Progress	Included in the updated East Side Neighbor Plan in Chapter 2 of the plan. Further research and amendments will be considered as part of the Zoning Code Updates in 2025-26.
Make progress towards no net annual loss of wetlands or purchase wetland mitigation credits where impacts to wetlands may not be avoidable.	Ongoing	Ongoing activity. No wetlands lost or mitigation credits purchased to date.
Identify and inventory priority areas for infill development, including those eligible for brownfields funding.	In Progress	The 2025 Redevelopment District 1 & 2 Plan updates included identification of priority infill areas. For other reasons, those plans were not adopted. The Village did adopt TID #6 in 2024 to encourage redevelopment opportunities in the Terminal/Triangle area.
Long-Term Actions		
Create a second community garden.	In Progress	Included in the planning of the 2025 CORP update.
Amend the zoning ordinances to allow beekeeping in single and two-family residence districts.	In Progress	This action is expected to be included in the 2025-26 Zoning Code update

Community Health Actions		Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions			
Adopt a Health and Equity in All Policies resolution.		Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Add additional community service days.		Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Build a multi-generational community center.		In Progress	The Village Board adopted the McFarland Municipal Center Campus Master Plan on May 23, 2023. Additionally, the Village of McFarland New Community Center Net Zero Energy Predesign Report, (reviewed by the S&NR on 11.13.2023 was accepted by the Village Board 11.14.2023) provides a detailed analysis regarding the feasibility of renewable energy improvements to the Municipal Center. Resuming planning for the improvements to the Municipal Center is expected to conclude in 2026.
Require tobacco-free and e-cigarette free on all municipal properties, including parks.		Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Mid-Term Actions			
Increase recreation programs through the Village.		Ongoing	The 2025 CORP was adopted on May 13, 2025 by the Village Board. The plan includes opportunities possible Community Center renovations, inclusion of the Youth Center, third-party organizations, etc. to expand recreation programming for all generations.
Incorporate community health and wellness considerations when updating existing plans.		Ongoing	This action has been included in recent plan updates such as the Economic Strategy Plan, the East Side Neighborhood Plan Update, Redevelopment Districts 1&2 Plan updates, the McFarland Community Center Net Zero Predesign Report, Parks Master Plan, and the Municipal Campus Plan. The adopted 2025 CORP draws on existing park master plans and Village Plans to support this action.
Evaluate multi-family design guidelines related to outdoor spaces and amenities.		In Progress	This action item is expected to be included in the Zoning Code update for 2026-27
Long-Term Actions			
Utilize Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and active threat planning to make public spaces, such as recreational space, crime free.		In Progress	Staff and contracting team to consider the following action on a case-by-case basis as projects occur, for example Community Center redesign.