

Tuesday, February 11, 2025**5:30 PM****McFarland Municipal Center**
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland
Community Room

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
 - a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee and/or Village Board for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee and/or Board about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee and/or Board 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 comments to the Committee and/or Board for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to sustainability@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.
4. BUSINESS.
 - a. Discussion regarding a Styrofoam recycling program organized by Lori Whitman.
 - b. Discussion regarding amendments to the Village's Office of Energy Innovation Grant.
 - c. Discussion regarding the Sustainability Action Plan for 2025-2026.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE
 - a. February 11, 2025 - 7:00 pm - Regular Village Board
 - b. February 25, 2025 - 5:30 pm - Committee of the Whole
 - c. February 25, 2025 - 7:00 pm - Regular Village Board

d. March 10, 2025 - 6:00 pm - Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee

6. ADJOURNMENT.

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McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

CONTACT: Kong Thao, Associate Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion regarding a Styrofoam recycling program organized by Lori Whitman.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Lori Whitman recently joined the Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee as a member in November 2024. Prior to joining the Committee, Whitman began organizing a Styrofoam recycling program in the Village. As a one-person team, she is focused on McFarland residents only at this time, scheduling all pickups locations and drop-offs. Since starting in October and as recently as January 9, 2025, there have been a total of 41 scheduled pickups and 13 drop-offs.

It should be noted that the Village does not have the resources and facilities capable of processing and storing Styrofoam materials. Additionally, the Village's recycling contractor, Pellitteri, does not have a program that addresses this.

The packet includes flyers, locations within the Village covered, and contact information.

Directions are provided on types of materials accepted and proper cleaning. This agenda item is for discussion only in order to provide Lori with an opportunity to update the committee and board on her volunteer project.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

Sustainability Plan, 2021.

The Solid Waste Chapter within the plan identifies indicators and target goals for the community. The program seeks to reduce the *Total Solid Waste Generated Including Recycling (tons/yr)*. A goal to decrease the overall community's solid waste by 20% by 2030 was established.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Styrofoam Project Summary 2.11.25



2. Styrofoam pickup map 2.11.25
3. Styrofoam flyer 1.5.25
4. Styrofoam Quarter Page



RecycleWisc Styrofoam Project Summary October 10, 2024 - February 11, 2025

1. Marketing Efforts

- a. McFarland Community Facebook page - 7 posts between October 10, 2024 and February 1, 2025
- b. E.D. Locke Public Library
 - i. Posted flyer
 - ii. Gave them quarter-page summaries of flyer to set out for visitors to take with them
- c. McFarland Lutheran Church
 - i. Posted in their newsletter
 - ii. Set up collection bin in their kitchen for members to drop off smaller items, resulting in several pickups
- d. McFarland Senior Outreach Services - published in February newsletter
- e. Flyer posted at Rock n Rollz
- f. McFarland School District
 - i. Met with Ben Snyder, Director of Building and Grounds on November 13, 2024
 - ii. Ben alerted the schools
- g. Skaalen - offered to put out flyers at events
- h. Chamber of Commerce - offered to publish in December newsletter
- i. The Thistle - Roberta Baumann - offered to publish; no timeline given
- j. Email to Melanie Camellia in January - McFarland Communication & Technology Director
- k. Christ the King Catholic Church
- l. Nextdoor

2. Pickups

- a. 56 total pickups between October 11, 2024 and February 7, 2025
 - i. 6 repeat individual clients = 13 pickups
 - ii. 6 McFarland Lutheran Church pickups
 - iii. 44 unique pickup locations
- b. Pickup quantities include everything from small grocery bags, to white kitchen bags, to black garbage bags, to leaf-sized bags, to larger packaging pieces.
- c. Pickup locations - see map

3. Drop offs to Reynolds

- a. A drop off is made when the back of my SUV with seats down is completely full (70 cubic feet).
- b. 17 drop offs made as of 2/3/2025 (1190 cubic feet total).
Approximately equivalent to a 22 foot box truck



4. My next steps: Scout troops and small businesses

5. Questions & Suggestions for additional promotion

Lori Whitman
RecycleWisc@gmail.com



McFarland Styrofoam Pickup Service

"Approximately **1369 tons of Styrofoam are buried in US landfills every day**. Landfills quickly fill up, and Styrofoam is an active contributor, occupying more space than other waste. By volume, Styrofoam fills up 25 to 30 percent of landfill space globally, [and] **it requires about 500 years to decompose...**" <https://bettergoods.org/styrofoam-facts/>

Styrofoam cannot be put into our Village recycling bins.

Styrofoam must be recycled by a special process available through Reynolds Urethane Recycling, Inc.



I am offering free Styrofoam pickup service to residents in the Village of McFarland to reduce Styrofoam in our landfills. I will take Styrofoam to Reynolds for processing.

What I can take

- **Styrofoam packaging** that protects items during shipping.
- **Clean food containers** - egg cartons, carry out containers, styrofoam cups, etc.
Remove all food and labels!
- Only **packing peanuts that float** can be recycled. Those that disintegrate in water cannot be recycled. Test them before giving them to me.
- Any items labeled #4 or #6. (Not all styrofoam will have a number.)
- **All items must be completely clean** - no food, tape, labels, etc.

Pickup information

- Driveway or residential parking lot pickup in McFarland only.
- We will schedule a pickup date and time based on mutual availability.
- To schedule a pickup, or with questions, email me (Lori) at RecycleWisc@gmail.com.
Provide some date and time options, as well as your first name and address.

Thank you!

**Free McFarland
Styrofoam Pickup**



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SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Administration

CONTACT: Andrew Bremer, Comm & Eco Dev Director

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion regarding amendments to the Village's Office of Energy Innovation Grant.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

January 9, 2023 - S&NR recommended approval to the Village Board for the submittal of two OEI Energy Innovation Grant Program Applications

April 19, 2023 - Staff presented to the Committee, award of grant application by the PSC for Battery Storage and Microgrid technology at the Public Safety Center.

May 8, 2023 - S&NR recommended approval to the Village Board for HGA's proposal design, bid and construction administration services for installation of battery and microgrid at the Public Safety Center.

May 9, 2023 - Village Board approval of HGA contract.

September, 2023 - Grant contract signed with OEI.

February 22, 2024 - S&NR and Village Board project update meeting.

March 11, 2024 - S&NR unanimously recommended approval of the bid documents.

March 26, 2024 - Village Board approval to bid project.

May 1, 2024 - Bid opening

May 28, 2024 - Village Board rejects bids.

July 8, 2024 - S&NR unanimously recommends submitting the proposed grant amendments with a preferred alternative to reallocate the funding to the Community Center.

July 23, 2024 - Village Board approves submitting the proposed grant amendments with a preferred alternative to reallocate the funding to the Community Center.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Project Update

Last Fall, staff submitted the two grant amendment requests per the S&NR Committee recommendation and Village Board action. Staff from OEI had previously informed the Village that Option 3 (transfer funding to a Community Center project) would require the full Commission (PSC) review and approval and that would take several months, which was understandable, and the Village is also not looking to rush their decision. OEI staff recently indicated that their goal is to have the Village's request heard by the end of February or early March. The purpose of this agenda item is just to provide a short status update since the committee/board are holding their annual joint meeting. Once staff hears back from OEI, we will provide an update to the S&NR committee and the Village Board.

Project Background Information Presented at the July 16, 2024 S&NR and July 23, 2024



Village Board meetings

On May 1, 2024, Village staff, along with our energy design consultant HGA, opened the bids for the proposed project to add batteries and microgrid controls at the Public Safety Center. One bid was from Universal Power Systems for the amount of \$1,748,500, with an Alternate #1 price of \$998,500. The second bid was from EnTech/Faith Solutions in the amount of \$1,659,084, with no Alternative #1 bid price received. Both base bid prices, and the UPS Alternative #1 price, were well in exceedance of the total project budget of \$605,000, which includes a \$350,000 grant from the WI Office of Energy Innovation (OEI). Staff recommended the Village Board reject both bids, which it did at its May 28th meeting.

Moving forward, Village and HGA staff are working with staff from OEI to determine available options to move a project of some sort forward. Staff has already obtained approval for a grant extension from OEI through December 31, 2024. The three options staff have discussed with OEI are:

1. Cancel the project. The Village could cancel the grant funding. OEI may cover some of the HGA design fees based on the work completed at the same 58% / 42% grant match provided the Village demonstrates that we met some of our grant objectives. HGA design services to date are approximately \$60K of the \$82K contract; therefore it is possible that OEI will cover 58% of the costs incurred to date.
2. PSC Grid Connected Battery System. Under this option, the Village would request an amendment to the existing grant agreement to modify the project scope to remove the micro grid and rebid the project as a grid connected battery system only. This was essentially what the Village requested bidders present as the Alternative #1 bid. Only one contractor provided a bid for this option, and it was still significantly above the project budget of \$605,000. It is possible that removing the micro-grid from the scope will open the possibility for more qualified vendors to bid on the project. If the bids come back above the project budget, the Village still has the option to reject the bids and cancel the project. However, there is still some cost and effort in rebidding the project.
3. Transfer Grant to the Community Center Project. Under this option, the Village would request an amendment to the existing grant agreement to transfer unused grant funds to be used as part of the installation of a geothermal system for the planned renovations of the Municipal Center into a Community Center. Early this year, the Village submitted a separate grant agreement to OEI for this project. The Village requested \$332,500 with a local share of \$332,500 (50/50 match). The Village's application was competitive but did not make the cut line for funding. OEI funded 11 of the 27 projects submitted in the Activity 1 Renewable Energy and Energy Storage category. The Village's application ranked 19 on the list. Transferring the grant funding to the Community Center likely offers the Village the best bang for its buck. However, that is a bigger request of OEI than option 2 and may require a higher level of approval authority within the PSC.

OEI staff have indicated that the Village can submit a request for both option #2 and #3, and indicate which is our preference. Staff preference is option #3. While there is merit in adding a grid connected battery to the PSC to meet our renewable energy and sustainability goals, there is more value in using the funding to offset the costs of adding a geothermal system to the



Community Center if choosing between one or the other. Whether the Village requests OEI consider both options #2 and #3 is certainly open for discussion.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

The total project cost is estimated to be \$605,000. In March of 2023, the Village was awarded a \$350,000 grant from the Office of Energy Innovation for the installation of a micro grid and battery storage system at the new Public Safety Center as a Level 1 Microgrid Community Resilience Center. The Village's \$250,000 match is included in the 2024 budget. The project costs roughly break down as follows:

- \$82,000 HGA design and commissioning services
- \$475,000 Equipment and Installation Labor
- \$43,000 Contingency
- \$5,000 in-kind Village labor

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

2023/2024 Strategic Implementation Plan. Goal B, Action Step VI, Install battery storage at Public Safety Center through OEI grant award for excess power created in solar array.

2021 Sustainability Plan. Includes the goal of achieving 50% of total municipal energy consumed per year generated from renewables by 2030 and 100% by 2040.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

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DEPARTMENT: Community Development

CONTACT: Kong Thao, Associate Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion regarding the Sustainability Action Plan for 2025-2026.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

January 8, 2024 - S&NR discussed 2024/25 Sustainability Action Plan.

August 12, 2024 - Discussion introduction for new members of S&NR committee on 2024/25 Sustainability Action Plan

ISSUE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the 2025-2026 Sustainability Action Plan is to help the S&NR, Village Board, and Village staff identify which actions from the [2021 Sustainability Plan](#) have been completed/ongoing, are in progress in some fashion for 2025-26, or are not anticipated to begin in 2025-26 at this time. The 2021 Sustainability Plan includes a lot of implementation recommendations to help the Village become a more sustainable and resilient community. They are sorted by topic (e.g. Energy, Transportation, Solid Waste, Water, Land Use, and Community Health) and by terms (Near Term, Mid Term, Long Term). Financially and operationally, it is not possible to implement all of the recommendations at one time; however, the general goal is to continue to progress each year on various projects, both small or large. In addition, this discussion may help to guide the creation of the 2026 Village Board budget in terms of any new project to begin in 2026 that would require funding. Below are highlights from the 2025-26 Sustainability Action Plan.

Actions completed in 2024, or ongoing as an annual activity:

1. Achieved SolSmart Gold Designation
2. Filed for IRA Direct Pay reimbursement through the IRS for the Public Safety Center (payment pending)
3. Completed Urban Forestry Management Plan
4. The Exchange Street Reconstruction (sidewalk and bicycle lane additions)
5. Updates to the Village's Sustainability website
6. Annual filing of WDNR Green Tier Report
7. Entered into an IRS 179D Energy Tax Deduction Allocation for Services Agreement with HGA
8. Lewis Park lake access improvements.
9. Planted 85 trees as part of the 2024 street and park tree planting program.
10. Continuation of TerraCycle recycling program.
11. Continuation of No Mow May
12. Continuation of Lion's Club Plastic Bag pick-up. In 2024, collected about 5,500 lbs of



plastic at four locations: Village Municipal Center, Public Library, and One Community Bank.

13. Started project to update the 2019 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Actions in progress for 2025-2026

1. OEI grant. Awaiting PSC determination of request from Village to transfer the PSC battery and micro grid technology funding to the future Community Center for geothermal installation or to scale the PSC project back to just a grid-connected battery.
2. Public Safety Center Commission Report. HGA has been studying the performance of the Public Safety Center comparing monthly energy use and renewable energy generation to determine if the building is meeting the Village's net zero goals. HGA will provide the S&NR Committee with an update, likely at either the March or April meeting.
3. Municipal/Community Center. This action item addresses 8 action items among the categories in the plan. To list a few, within Transportation actions: *Provide electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities*; and within Community Health actions: *Build a multi-generational community center*. The Village Board and Staff will utilize the accepted McFarland Community Center Net Zero Energy Predesign report and Municipal Center Campus Plan regarding desired sustainability improvements to the new building's design and function. The Village Board took action to pause the building's design at their July 31, 2024 meeting.
4. Lift Station #2 solar PV. This action includes adding solar PV to the new lift station to provide renewable energy to offset some of the nonrenewable energy used to operate this facility. The [project page](#) provides ongoing updates.
5. 8-acre Solar Farm. On February 4, Alliant Energy (and agents Merject & Westphal) submitted their conditional use permit and site design review permit for construction of the 8-acre Community Hosted Solar Farm near the Hope Rod & Gun Club. The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on their application at their March 18th meeting.
6. M-RETS. Upon completion of the 8-acre solar farm, the Village/School District will need to enroll in M-RETS (Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System) in order to track and retire the renewable energy credits generated at the property. Later this year staff will be working to set-up this account in collaboration with the School District.
7. Comprehensive Zoning Code Update. The Village is anticipated to begin a comprehensive update of the Village Zoning Code later this year. This project will address a number of action items within the Sustainability Plan related to items such as bicycle parking, density, EV charging stations, etc.
8. Study municipal fleet to determine those vehicles that might be best suited to transition to alternative fuels in the future. Continuation of 2023 Comprehensive Energy Plan.
9. Installation of public EV charging stations at the Public Safety Center. The PSC was constructed with conduit installed for future EV charging stations within the parking lot. Staff is exploring the regulations, types of chargers, and costs for installing EV charging stations for further discussion with the S&NR committee.
10. Charge Smart. Charge Smart is a new federal program (similar to SolSmart) that recognizes municipalities leading on EV charging. The program officially launched for



municipalities nationally on January 14. Staff are looking into the details of the program to consider future application after discussion with the S&NR Committee.

11. Installation of food waste compost bins at the Public Works Building. Staff are participating in a Dane County hosted compost drop-off program through a federally funded grant (USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction, CFWR). Other communities and agencies include Madison, Middleton, Monona, Madison Children's Museum, Dane County Zoo. The Plan Commission will consider approval of a site design review permit at their March 18 meeting for the associated kiosk/bin area.

Other Sustainability Initiatives

Staff are ongoing in county and regional sustainable planning efforts. These collaborative opportunities help shape future climate action within the county and state.

- [Charge Up Dane County](#). The program is led by Dane County's Office of Energy Climate Change, partnering with other municipalities, area electric utilities and community-based groups and University of Wisconsin to plan and expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure in Dane County. This regional initiative identifies gaps in EV services throughout Dane County communities that would otherwise be underserved. Director Bremer is serving on the County's EV Advisory Commission to help the County guide the location of EV charging stations. The County has received \$13.2 million in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for this program.
- **WLGCC and ICLEI EIG Cohort**. Led by WLGCC and ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), this is the first of three cohorts, where participating municipalities and agencies are taught skills on best practices with data collection to establish baseline greenhouse gas inventories and implement them in mitigation strategies. ICLEI is a global network working with more than 2,500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Associate Planner Thao is participating in the training program.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

Sustainability Plan, 2021

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025-2026 Sustainability Action Plan (2.11.2025)

Sustainability Plan Action Plan for 2025-2026

Presented at the Joint S&NR Committee and Village Board Meeting February 11, 2025

Green text = completed/ongoing; Blue text = In progress for 2025/26; Red = Not expected in 2025/26

Energy Actions			Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions				
Conduct energy audits of all municipal facilities to identify potential energy efficiency improvements.			Complete	The comprehensive energy plan was presented to the S&NR Committee at the 11.13.2023 meeting and accepted by the Village Board at their 11.14.2023 meeting.
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 or 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 south of the Alliant/WPL substation (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. Awaiting Alliant Energy's plan submittal, expected in first quarter of 2025.
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).			In Progress	Staff is participating in 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 to provide ongoing assistance with dissemination of IRA Benefits and related energy savings information. SolSmart Gold designation was achieved by the Village on February 28, 2024 to reduce barriers and support access to renewable energy options. Resource benefits and rebate programming from notable sources are posted 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 2025-26
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 2025-26 Zoning Code update
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 2025-26 Zoning Code update
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.			Ongoing	This item was included in the East Side Plan Update and reviews all new roadways and collector/arterial roads before construction. Staff will look to determine the most appropriate use and function of the roadway depending on a case-by-case.
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 for this action item when the appropriate time to replace a vehicle occurs. Reviewed by S&NR 11.13.2023 and accepted by the Village Board 11.14.2023.
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.
Provide electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities.			In Progress	This item was discussed in the Comprehensive Energy Plan's Fleet Vehicles and Electrification section. The action is expected to be incorporated into the design plans for the upcoming Community Center building. Other municipal facilities will be included based on feasibility and activity. The Public Safety Center includes designated electric vehicle ready charging locations on site. The planned 2025-26 Zoning Code rewrite is expected to provide an opportunity to address this item further.
Mid-Term Actions				
Ban idling for more than 5 minutes with municipal vehicles except for emergency vehicles.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Utilize the Outlook Newsletter, or other forms of print and social media, to annually inform residents of existing ridesharing programs.			In Progress	Publications are expected to be included in Spring/Summer 2025.
Amend the Zoning Ordinance to require electric vehicle charging stations in new multi-family developments.			In Progress	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 2025-26 Zoning Code rewrite.
Collaborate with the school district to survey students about transportation choices and evaluate safe routes conditions at each school.			Ongoing	Staff have determined this action to be a recurring option and possible only when the opportunity presents itself. The Village remains open to collaboration opportunities with the School District. With no new school being built in McFarland, the transportation routes have not changed.
Long-Term Actions				
Add sidewalks within existing neighborhoods where none currently exist.			Ongoing	The Exchange Street Reconstruction (2024) was completed and includes new sidewalk along the north (school-side) of Exchange Street. Sidewalks were also added to the Paulson Road reconstruction. Ongoing bike and pedestrian pathways are included in the Village's 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.			In Progress	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.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
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	Staff are participating in a Dane County hosted compost dropoff program through a federally funded grant (USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction, CFWR). Other communities and agencies include Madison, Middleton, Monona, Madison Children's Museum, Dane County 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 2025-26
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 planning is ongoing.
Create a community upcycle location or event.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26

Water Actions			Status	Staff Comments
Near-Term Actions				
Exceed county and state minimum requirements for protection of green spaces that play a key role in water infiltration.			Ongoing	Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Building Code related to site erosion control and stormwater management was presented at the 9.11.2023 S&NR meeting. The VB approved the ordinance on 9.26.2023. The ordinance accommodates Dane County changes related to mitigation and flooding policies which now include peak rate control for the 200-year storm. This will be an recurring effort when new development occurs.
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 2025-26
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 has previously piloted a water softner replacement program. Action may begin in 2025-26 based on staff availability.
Minimize and find alternatives to the use of salt on low traffic roadways.			Ongoing	Public Works has 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. 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.			In Progress	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 2025-26.
Mid-Term Actions				
Installing low-flow water fixtures in municipal facilities.			Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation to this facility
Incentivize water conservation by increasing water rates for higher usage during next rate review with PSC.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Replace all toilets using > 1.6 gpf in all municipal facilities.			Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation to this facility
Install waterless urinals in men's restrooms at all municipal facilities.			Not Begun	Updates to the Municipal Center provide an opportunity for water preservation to this facility
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 to this facility
Long-Term Actions				
Join EPA's WaterSense Program for water utilities.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Identify culverts that obstruct fish migration and install fish friendly culverts where needed.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Perform a system-wide water audit and develop a water loss control plan.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
Develop a program for financial assistance for sewer lateral replacements.			Not Begun	Not expected to begin in 2025-26
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
Amend Village ordinances to allow for a no-mow May.			Completed	Ordinance 2023-02 amended Sec. 20-25 Regulations concerning Noxious Weeds. The program will continue with \$500 funding into 2025.
Identify streets lacking trees and develop a plan to plant trees.			Completed	The completion of the Tree Inventory was presented at the 8.8.2022 SNR Committee meeting. The Village Forester presented the Urban Forestry Management Plan at the 11.13.2023 SNR Committee meeting, the Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management was contracted to planning services from the Tree Inventory. Final draft to be presented in 2024 for approval.
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 2025-26.
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. The project also included creation of a new TID #6.
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 and recommendation for a second floor at its October 10th, 2023 meeting. The Campus Master Plan provides an overview of the desired improvements to the Municipal Center. 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 to feasible energy efficient improvements to the Municipal Center.
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.			In Progress	The Parks Committee is working to update the 2019 Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Plan. Addition opportunities may arise from possible Community Center renovations, inclusion of the Youth Center, etc. provide an opportunity to expand recreation programs 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. Staff are working with the consultants to continue to incorporate improvements to quality of life amenities which include recreational opportunities, parks, sidewalks, bike trails, etc. for various Village projects.
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 2025-26
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.