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SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2022 and 2023



Sustainability Advisory Committee

Established in 2013 by the City Council, the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) is dedicated to advancing sustainability practices and uniting action on climate change within Albany. Composed of fifteen members, including Albany residents and key City Officials, the SAC is a dynamic force driving positive change. Together, we are shaping a greener future for Albany by promoting energy efficiency, environmental conservation, and sustainable living.

Guiding Principles in Our Work

1. Strive for energy efficiency in building codes enforcement.
2. Embrace fossil fuel-free construction for new buildings.
3. Foster conversion to non-fossil-fuel heating in existing structures.
4. Prioritize rapid deployment of electric vehicle charging stations.
5. Champion sourcing renewable energy across city sectors.
6. Lead climate resilience efforts such as mitigating heat stress.
7. Advocate for methane reduction through food waste management.
8. Promote local food resilience, particularly in vulnerable communities.



Upcoming

2024



Partnerships & Engagement

- ✓ Partnered with Albany Office of Sustainability, DGS, Albany Public Library, Honest Weight Food Co-op, and Delaware, Helderberg and North Albany Neighborhood Associations to foster advocacy and cultivate grassroots efforts to increase sustainable practices in the community.
- ✓ Partnered with UAlbany and Love Your Block Fellow to train volunteers to perform quick energy efficiency upgrades. Partnered with Historic Albany and the APL to sponsor and promote weatherization training provided by NYPA staff.

Education & Outreach

- ✓ Hosted 10+ educational programs focusing on clean energy, EVs, composting, heat islands and everyday actions community members can take to positively impact the City of Albany's resiliency and build their own sustainable practices.
- ✓ Actively promoted sustainable practices by publicizing City offerings, such as composting and waste diversion through outreach efforts at multiple community events.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is developing an advisory policy memo to address a range of critical issues which would advance sustainability efforts within the City. The memo will provide strategic guidance and actionable recommendations to drive solutions, ensuring a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable future for all residents.

