



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA:

June 4, 2025

Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 First Floor Conference Room
7:00 PM

Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Chantel Raghu, Vice-Chair and City Council Representative; Jason Bracken, Planning Commission Representative and City Council Member; Peggy Branstrator; Anna Abey; Jim Vinch; Michael Vanni
Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the May 7th Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the May 13th Meeting Minutes

Old Business

New Business

1. 2025 Goals YTD Update
2. 2026 Areas to Research
3. Member Updates
 - City Council
 - OPTAB
 - Planning Commission
 - OCASC

Adjournment



MINUTES
OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
COLLEGE AT ELM FIRST FLOOR, 20 S Elm St, Oxford, OH 45056
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Environmental Commission members present were Jon Ralinovsky, Chair, Chantel Raghu, Vice-Chair and City Council Representative, Peggy Branstrator, Anna Abey, and Jim Vinch. A quorum was present.

Members of the public in attendance were David Gorchoy and SOPEC staff members, Phil Leppla, Deputy Director and General Council, and Jennifer O'Donnell, Regional Director for Southwest Ohio.

Motion to approve the agenda: Mrs. Branstrator

Second: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 5th Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mrs. Branstrator

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

Old Business

New Business

1. Public Hearing on the City of Oxford Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance

Motion to open a public hearing: Mr. Ralinovsky

2nd: Ms. Branstrator

Vote: Unanimous approval

Sustainable Ohio Energy Council (SOPEC) staff members provided an overview of their organization, their aggregation program, and other membership benefits.

SOPEC is a council of governments and membership is free to the City. SOPEC provides an alternative to private brokers for aggregation pricing. Membership would provide Oxford with annual community grants, opportunities to collaborate with other municipalities for federal grant applications, legal assistance for energy projects, and a vote on the council of governments. SOPEC provided examples of cities using community grants for a new energy-efficient pool motor, to fund an environmental fellowship, and to support the purchase of an electric bus. For collaborative grant applications with other municipalities, SOPEC was awarded \$12.5 million for Electric Vehicle infrastructure under the Dept. of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant. The funding will be used to install charging stations in ~16 communities connecting Dayton to Athens.

SOPEC membership would also require Oxford to utilize their aggregation program and aggregate with AEP energy. SOPEC and AEP Energy's Government Aggregation Master Retail Electric Supply Agreement requires AEP Energy to provide SOPEC with three market representative price quotes when providing new pricing for member communities to ensure transparency and competitiveness. SOPEC shared that they have negotiated full transparency from AEP Energy on price components.

SOPEC also provides an optional public pricing program for city electric usage and any non-profits within Oxford.

Furthermore, SOPEC and Oxford share a long term goal to support renewable energy generation in the state and region to strengthen the resilience of our regional grid.

The commission asked questions regarding the rate and the fee structure of SOPEC. SOPEC shared that the energy rates depend on when a community "locks in" their energy rate. Additionally, there is no fee to the city to join SOPEC. SOPEC does charge a 0.002\$/kWh administrative fee (~\$1.78 per month per account), which is incorporated into the rate.

The commission also asked SOPEC their capacity for technical assistance to the city, especially with purchase power agreements. SOPEC shared they have 19 staff members and the capacity to assist cities. Additionally, the commission asked if Oxford would be in competition with other cities for SOPEC community grants. SOPEC shared that the community grant funding is not competitive and that grant applications for federal awards would be collaborative based on interested communities.

Motion to close the public hearing: Mr. Ralinovsky

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous

The commission then discussed SOPEC membership for Oxford. The commission understood the benefits to SOPEC membership but had remaining questions regarding the community grants, confirming rates are competitive with private brokers, and clarification on technical assistance opportunities with purchase power agreements, and staff opinion. The commission decided to table the vote to recommend to council to Tuesday, May 13th.

2. Member Updates

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No updates from City Council, Planning, or OCASC. Mr. Ralinovsky shared the OPTAB updates that Phase 5 of OATS is going out to bid and there is a 150k grant through BCRTA for bike and pedestrian safety to transit stops. The City's Bike and Pedestrian Safety Survey currently in circulation is part of the grant.

3. Staff Updates

Staff shared a memo from the Environmental Affairs Division. Highlights include:

- Methane flare at landfill is still operating well
- GV-8 was struck by lightening
- 3 trees removed and replaced in 2025 YTD
- Oxford was certified as a Tree City USA for the 29th consecutive year
- Food scraps are averaging 602 lbs per week from Jan-May 2025

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Motion: Ms. Raghu

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

The commission concluded at 9pm.



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FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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Motion to approve the agenda: Ms. Raghu

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

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1. Recommendation to Council Regarding SOPEC Membership

Staff provided an update regarding the questions the Environmental Commission had at the end of the May 7th meeting. Staff confirmed:

- SOPEC's market repressive quotes ensure competitive quotes
- SOPEC provided an estimate for community grant funding
- SOPEC confirmed support regarding PPA is community and project-specific

Adjournment

Motion to recommend to join SOPEC to Council: Mr. Ralinovsky

2nd: Ms. Raghu

Vote: Unanimous approval

The commission concluded at 4:25pm

Department	Comp Plan Goal	Comp Plan Action	Measure of Success
City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	S1-A1: Develop an energy plan to meet Oxford's demand with renewables generated locally/regionally	<p>By February 2025 apply for grant for improved energy efficiently and solar install on city owned property.</p> <p>and</p> <p>By April 2025 Release RFP for solar on closed landfill</p>
City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	Other:	By March 2025 conduct greenhouse gas inventories for CY 2023.
City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	S1-A1: Develop an energy plan to meet Oxford's demand with renewables generated locally/regionally	Explore Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) membership, if found viable, join SOPEC by March 2025

City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	S4-A2: Expand the city's urban tree canopy by supporting tree planting and urban forestry programs	By November 2025 a Student project will review approved street trees list and make recommendations for species based on sequestration potential, climate resilience, and natives.
City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford		In July and December 2025 staff will report on the progress toward regional composting facilities in collaboration with Hamilton County.
City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	S4-A5: Revise street design guidelines to incorporate blue/green infrastructure for stormwater retention, filtration, and tree canopy goals.	By December 2025 staff will share a report on research conducted on storm water revenue funds in other communities and methods/models to revise street guidelines to incorporate green infrastructure.
City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	Other:	By May 2025 Staff will report on a Deer Management Program. This will include a needs assessment, options for management with price estimates, and provide a recommendation to Council.

City Manager	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	S3-A1: Require all commercial properties, including multi-unit apartment complexes, to recycle	By June 2025 Staff and the Environmental Commission will review recycling mandate legislation for multi-family and commercial properties and make a recommendation to City Council.
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Service	5. S: A Sustainable Oxford	S4-A2: Expand the city's urban tree canopy by supporting tree planting and urban forestry programs	By May 2025, Staff will draft and submit a grant for Bradford Pear replacement. And By June 2025 half of the uptown Bradford pear trees will be replaced.

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H2-A8: Partner with nonprofit organization(s) to provide education, counseling, and financial assistance

H3-A1: Identify existing NOAH areas and developments

H3-A2: Promote retention of existing NOAH developments where conditions are safe for occupancy

H3-A3: Evaluate the financial impacts land use decisions can have on existing NOAH

H4-A1: Coordinate with University partners in monitoring anticipated changes in student housing demand

H4-A2: Identify areas of town which are appropriate to accommodate additional student housing

E1-A1: Foster a culture of service excellence in attracting new businesses and assisting new business startups

E1-A2: Conduct a market study to determine Oxford's key industries and sectors that can grow jobs

E1-A3: Develop an economic development strategic plan for Oxford

E1-A4: Develop a tax abatement program or other form of financial assistance for businesses that leads to job creation

E1-A5: Explore job creation as a result of Advanced Air Mobility programming and research.

E2-A1: Support business startups and local entrepreneurship

E2-A2: Encourage university spin-offs

E2-A3: Support the development of the College@Elm Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center

E2-A4: Identify potential locations for scalable commercial shell space

E3-A1: Establish a Special Assessment District for the Uptown commercial district

E3-A2: Designate a Small Business Advocate to provide technical assistance in an effort to better ensure business success

E3-A3: Promote the Revolving Loan Fund to local businesses

E3-A4: Encourage a local business procurement program

E4-A1: Create events and activities that drive economic impact

E4-A2: Encourage creative placemaking for a more engaging community and visitor experience

E5-A1: Consider the tax benefits and other residual economic benefits when reviewing development proposals

S1-A1: Develop an energy plan to meet Oxford's demand with renewables generated locally/regionally

S1-A2: Promote incentives for on-site solar and wind for residential and commercial properties

S1-A3: Develop regulations and incentives to ensure electrification of new construction with high-efficiency appliances

S1-A4: Promote retrofitting of existing buildings with energy conservation and electrification

S1-A5: Adopt EV charging infrastructure requirements for new multi-family and commercial developments

S1-A6: Install EV charging stations in places available for public use

S1-A7: Convert the city vehicle fleet to hybrid and/or electric vehicles

S1-A8: Coordinate with community partners in climate action planning

S2-A1: Ensure community cooling and warming shelter adequate to public need

S2-A2: Adopt climate responsive and resilient building and zoning codes

S2-A3: Work with utilities to transition local electricity distribution to below-ground

S2-A4: Manage adequate water supplies and demand for projected future conditions

S3-A6: Increase community waste diversion through reuse, recycling, and composting

S3-A7: Advocate for expansion of regional recycling and composting capacity
S3-A1: Require all commercial properties, including multi-unit apartment complexes, to recycle
S3-A2: Establish Community Clean-Up Days to provide opportunities for disposal of bulky, sensitive, or hazardous waste
S3-A3: Pilot and launch a curbside composting pilot program
S3-A4: Encourage retailers to itemize a charge for single-use plastics
S3-A5: Promote reusable serviceware for dine-in restaurants, and compostable serviceware and containers

S4-A1: Strengthen conservation of mature forests and other significant environmental areas in development
S4-A2: Expand the city's urban tree canopy by supporting tree planting and urban forestry programs
S4-A3: Utilize alternatives to conventional pesticides and herbicides on public property
S4-A4: Implement an "Adopt Your Drain" program for individuals to prevent water pollution through stormwater management
S4-A5: Revise street design guidelines to incorporate blue/green infrastructure for stormwater retention and infiltration
S4-A6: Adopt regulations or incentives to promote efficient residential and commercial water use (and reuse)
S4-A7: Revise development codes to promote low impact stormwater management
S4-A8: Expand public education on sustainability and conservation, using public lands and facilities as models

R1-A1: Create and implement a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan
R1-A2: Develop a Community Center that offers programming, recreation, access to social services, and other community resources
R1-A3: Develop a variety of arts and recreational programs for all ages.
R1-A4: Improve or modify existing playgrounds to be more inclusive
R1-A5: Install publicly accessible fitness equipment in parks

R2-A2: Promote acquisition of open space areas for either recreational or preservation purposes
R2-A3: Coordinate with regional partners to connect local trails with the regional trail network
R2-A4: Encourage sponsors of arts and recreational programs to be inclusive toward marginalized residents
R2-A5: Strive for equitable distribution of parks and recreational facilities across the city
R2-A1: Improve access to Miami University parks, events, and programs for all residents
R2-A6: Construct a new dog park to meet the demands of the community

R3-A6: Promote Oxford's parks and green spaces for residents and visitors to experience
R3-A7: Support partnerships to create new education, recreation, and cultural opportunities for the community
R3-A1: Create a trail system to identify historic structures and sites
R3-A2: Create incentives for private developments to include public art including murals
R3-A3: Identify spaces on public property which could showcase the artwork of local artists
R3-A4: Include public art as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
R3-A5: Promote temporary public art installations in vacant storefronts Uptown

C1-A1: Support events that promote culture, health, wellness, and active living
C1-A2: Celebrate and build local food cultures through regular events and programs

C2-A1: Ensure adequate year-round childcare services
C2-A2: Ensure adequate elder care and in-home services for aging-in-place
C2-A3: Expand the capacity of the Oxford Family Resource Center
C2-A4: Develop multiple ways for residents to provide anonymous feedback and ideas to the City.
C2-A5: Encourage collective memory work by working on cultural and historic development

C2-A6: Develop goal-oriented funding model when providing financial resources to area non-profits
C2-A7: Expand the local presence of regional and countywide non-profits

C3-A1: Increase access for all Oxford residents to the full continuum of services for mental health and su
C3-A2: Explore community paramedicine as a model for improving non-urgent healthcare delivery
C3-A3: Increase access for geriatric care for older adults in Oxford

C4-A1: Coordinate public safety needs with local partners
C4-A2: Ensure public safety staff have access to appropriate education and training
C4-A3: Decrease emergency calls by implementing prevention programs
C4-A4: Consider impact on public safety when making land use decisions
C4-A5: Update Emergency Operations Plan for disaster preparedness and community resiliency
C4-A6: Review public facility needs and plan for repair, replacement, or expansion
C4-A7: Review effectiveness of policies surrounding minor offenses and violations
C4-A8: Develop community education programming around key public safety topics

C5-A1: Provide information about community issues, programs, services, and activities that is accessible
C5-A2: Host events and programs that recognize and celebrate the community's social and cultural dive
C5-A3: Establish regular communication and consultation with staff and researchers at Miami University
C5-A4: Expand the role of the Civil Rights Commission to incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion init

U1-A1: Maximize usage of existing utilities by promoting infill and redevelopment opportunities
U1-A2: Integrate utility upgrade & extension decisions with annexation, future land use, and developme
U1-A3: Promote the co-location of utilities
U1-A4: Conduct a study to determine the impact of building height increases on Oxford's utility systems
U1-A5: Refine the urban service boundary
U1-A6: Work to expand broadband access in the region and ensure Oxford's broadband technology infr
U1-A7: Improve transparency and opportunity for public feedback on the Capital Improvement Plan (CII
U1-A8: Implement water softening for the public potable water supply
U1-A9: Replace lead water pipes for public health and safety

U2-A1: Promote Low Impact Development (LID) techniques, such as rain barrels and bioswales, to reduc
U2-A2: Establish a revenue source for the enterprise fund for stormwater improvements and mitigation
U2-A3: Adopt stream corridor protections and regulations

Other:

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ed open space networks.

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with public goals
impact on community

Open to all City residents

Open to low- and moderate-income households

Through fares

Neighborhoods and commercial areas
Business districts

Assets

Programming in partnership with Talawanda School District

Stability Act

Needed

Options and living arrangements

and accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Secure housing in Oxford

Open to the community

That fulfill community needs

to homebuyers or renters

and

startups

to high quality job growth

business survival

proposals

energy space and water heating

rents

hazardous items

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substance use disorder

access to limited English proficiency residents
diversity
input on key community issues
initiatives

independent decisions

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infrastructure is future-ready for higher speeds
IP), including utility extensions

increase runoff at the source

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Comp Plan Goal	Action Item/Task To Be Researched for 2025	Staff or Council Initiated	B&C or Staff Assigned	Staff notes:						
S. S. A Sustainable Oxford	Plan for carbon neutrality community scale	Council initiated	EC							
S. S. A Sustainable Oxford	Landscape naturalization implementation	Council initiated	EC							
S. S. A Sustainable Oxford	Additional Flare(s) on Landfill	B/C initiated	EC							
S. S. A Sustainable Oxford	Solarizing WTP and WWTP	B/C initiated	EC							
S. S. A Sustainable Oxford	Hazardous Waste Drop Day - Apply for grant in 2025 for 2026 implementation	Staff initiated	EC							
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S. S. A Sustainable Oxford	Commitment to net-neutrality in local gov. operations and planning to meet community scale demand (various strategies)	Council initiated	EC							
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H2-A7: Explore ways to incentivize the creation and maintenance of housing types and arrangements that

H2-A8: Partner with nonprofit organization(s) to provide education, counseling, and financial assistance

H3-A1: Identify existing NOAH areas and developments

H3-A2: Promote retention of existing NOAH developments where conditions are safe for occupancy

H3-A3: Evaluate the financial impacts land use decisions can have on existing NOAH

H4-A1: Coordinate with University partners in monitoring anticipated changes in student housing demand

H4-A2: Identify areas of town which are appropriate to accommodate additional student housing

E1-A1: Foster a culture of service excellence in attracting new businesses and assisting new business startups

E1-A2: Conduct a market study to determine Oxford's key industries and sectors that can grow jobs

E1-A3: Develop an economic development strategic plan for Oxford

E1-A4: Develop a tax abatement program or other form of financial assistance for businesses that leads to job creation

E1-A5: Explore job creation as a result of Advanced Air Mobility programming and research.

E2-A1: Support business startups and local entrepreneurship

E2-A2: Encourage university spin-offs

E2-A3: Support the development of the College@Elm Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center

E2-A4: Identify potential locations for scalable commercial shell space

E3-A1: Establish a Special Assessment District for the Uptown commercial district

E3-A2: Designate a Small Business Advocate to provide technical assistance in an effort to better ensure business success

E3-A3: Promote the Revolving Loan Fund to local businesses

E3-A4: Encourage a local business procurement program

E4-A1: Create events and activities that drive economic impact

E4-A2: Encourage creative placemaking for a more engaging community and visitor experience

E5-A1: Consider the tax benefits and other residual economic benefits when reviewing development proposals

S1-A1: Develop an energy plan to meet Oxford's demand with renewables generated locally/regionally

S1-A2: Promote incentives for on-site solar and wind for residential and commercial properties

S1-A3: Develop regulations and incentives to ensure electrification of new construction with high-efficiency appliances

S1-A4: Promote retrofitting of existing buildings with energy conservation and electrification

S1-A5: Adopt EV charging infrastructure requirements for new multi-family and commercial developments

S1-A6: Install EV charging stations in places available for public use

S1-A7: Convert the city vehicle fleet to hybrid and/or electric vehicles

S1-A8: Coordinate with community partners in climate action planning

S2-A1: Ensure community cooling and warming shelter adequate to public need

S2-A2: Adopt climate responsive and resilient building and zoning codes

S2-A3: Work with utilities to transition local electricity distribution to below-ground

S2-A4: Manage adequate water supplies and demand for projected future conditions

S3-A6: Increase community waste diversion through reuse, recycling, and composting

S3-A7: Advocate for expansion of regional recycling and composting capacity
S3-A1: Require all commercial properties, including multi-unit apartment complexes, to recycle
S3-A2: Establish Community Clean-Up Days to provide opportunities for disposal of bulky, sensitive, or hazardous waste
S3-A3: Pilot and launch a curbside composting pilot program
S3-A4: Encourage retailers to itemize a charge for single-use plastics
S3-A5: Promote reusable serviceware for dine-in restaurants, and compostable serviceware and containers

S4-A1: Strengthen conservation of mature forests and other significant environmental areas in development
S4-A2: Expand the city's urban tree canopy by supporting tree planting and urban forestry programs
S4-A3: Utilize alternatives to conventional pesticides and herbicides on public property
S4-A4: Implement an "Adopt Your Drain" program for individuals to prevent water pollution through stormwater management
S4-A5: Revise street design guidelines to incorporate blue/green infrastructure for stormwater retention and infiltration
S4-A6: Adopt regulations or incentives to promote efficient residential and commercial water use (and reuse)
S4-A7: Revise development codes to promote low impact stormwater management
S4-A8: Expand public education on sustainability and conservation, using public lands and facilities as models

R1-A1: Create and implement a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan
R1-A2: Develop a Community Center that offers programming, recreation, access to social services, and other community resources
R1-A3: Develop a variety of arts and recreational programs for all ages.
R1-A4: Improve or modify existing playgrounds to be more inclusive
R1-A5: Install publicly accessible fitness equipment in parks

R2-A2: Promote acquisition of open space areas for either recreational or preservation purposes
R2-A3: Coordinate with regional partners to connect local trails with the regional trail network
R2-A4: Encourage sponsors of arts and recreational programs to be inclusive toward marginalized residents
R2-A5: Strive for equitable distribution of parks and recreational facilities across the city
R2-A1: Improve access to Miami University parks, events, and programs for all residents
R2-A6: Construct a new dog park to meet the demands of the community

R3-A6: Promote Oxford's parks and green spaces for residents and visitors to experience
R3-A7: Support partnerships to create new education, recreation, and cultural opportunities for the community
R3-A1: Create a trail system to identify historic structures and sites
R3-A2: Create incentives for private developments to include public art including murals
R3-A3: Identify spaces on public property which could showcase the artwork of local artists
R3-A4: Include public art as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
R3-A5: Promote temporary public art installations in vacant storefronts Uptown

C1-A1: Support events that promote culture, health, wellness, and active living
C1-A2: Celebrate and build local food cultures through regular events and programs

C2-A1: Ensure adequate year-round childcare services
C2-A2: Ensure adequate elder care and in-home services for aging-in-place
C2-A3: Expand the capacity of the Oxford Family Resource Center
C2-A4: Develop multiple ways for residents to provide anonymous feedback and ideas to the City.
C2-A5: Encourage collective memory work by working on cultural and historic development

C2-A6: Develop goal-oriented funding model when providing financial resources to area non-profits
C2-A7: Expand the local presence of regional and countywide non-profits

C3-A1: Increase access for all Oxford residents to the full continuum of services for mental health and su
C3-A2: Explore community paramedicine as a model for improving non-urgent healthcare delivery
C3-A3: Increase access for geriatric care for older adults in Oxford

C4-A1: Coordinate public safety needs with local partners
C4-A2: Ensure public safety staff have access to appropriate education and training
C4-A3: Decrease emergency calls by implementing prevention programs
C4-A4: Consider impact on public safety when making land use decisions
C4-A5: Update Emergency Operations Plan for disaster preparedness and community resiliency
C4-A6: Review public facility needs and plan for repair, replacement, or expansion
C4-A7: Review effectiveness of policies surrounding minor offenses and violations
C4-A8: Develop community education programming around key public safety topics

C5-A1: Provide information about community issues, programs, services, and activities that is accessible
C5-A2: Host events and programs that recognize and celebrate the community's social and cultural dive
C5-A3: Establish regular communication and consultation with staff and researchers at Miami University
C5-A4: Expand the role of the Civil Rights Commission to incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion init

U1-A1: Maximize usage of existing utilities by promoting infill and redevelopment opportunities
U1-A2: Integrate utility upgrade & extension decisions with annexation, future land use, and developme
U1-A3: Promote the co-location of utilities
U1-A4: Conduct a study to determine the impact of building height increases on Oxford's utility systems
U1-A5: Refine the urban service boundary
U1-A6: Work to expand broadband access in the region and ensure Oxford's broadband technology infr
U1-A7: Improve transparency and opportunity for public feedback on the Capital Improvement Plan (CII
U1-A8: Implement water softening for the public potable water supply
U1-A9: Replace lead water pipes for public health and safety

U2-A1: Promote Low Impact Development (LID) techniques, such as rain barrels and bioswales, to reduc
U2-A2: Establish a revenue source for the enterprise fund for stormwater improvements and mitigation
U2-A3: Adopt stream corridor protections and regulations

Other:

Adopt energy performance metrics and require a "scorecard" to be published on a transparent platform
Encourage solar-readiness (e.g. subdivision street orientation) in new construction through land develop
Collaborate with partners and property owners to develop a climate pledge program for households, or
Prioritize renewable energy generation on suitable areas, such as impervious surfaces
Continue Oxford's electric aggregation program
Explore local subsidies or loans for residential-scale renewable energy generation
Identify revenue source to support local Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs
Identify local revenue source to incentivize conversion to electrification
Convert all street and public lighting to energy efficient LEDs
Explore 'dark sky' standards which balance safety and efficiency in public lighting

Expand municipal generation of electricity and optimize renewable energy production on City-owned pi
Conduct a feasibility study for solarizing all City facilities by 2023
Retrofit existing government facilities to meet current, high-efficiency energy codes, including use of va
Complete an interconnected pedestrian and bicycle network within Oxford
Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions towards regional bicycle network connectivity
Explore bike sharing programs to expand micro mobility
Ensure sustainable development is socially equitable
Ensure multimodal design in new construction
Retrofit existing street network to Complete Streets principles and practice
Identify revenue sources for EV infrastructure
Explore private partnerships to support EV infrastructure
Promote state, federal, and other incentives for private EV purchase
Explore internal incentives for EV purchase
Increase residential diversion rate from 25% (2019) to 30% in 2030.
Establish measurement methods for commercial diversion rates
Expand recycling education program
Expand residential composting (Food Scrap Program)
Continue the yard waste composting service
Expand community-wide food rescue and recovery
Incentivize composting for dine-in restaurants
Collaborate with partners towards green business certification program
Increase diversion of construction and demolition waste through incentives or codes
Expand recycling and composting to all city facilities by 2024
Require events serving food/drink in public facilities be zero waste through reduction, recycling, and coi
Reduce methane emissions from the closed sanitary landfill through the installation of a solar flare by 2
Explore on-site renewable energy generation at the WTP
Optimize energy efficient water pumping, treatment, and distribution methods
Explore onsite renewable energy generation
Optimize energy efficient wastewater treatment methods
Eliminate organics loading from commercial food preparation
Optimize methane capture for energy sourcing
Educate renters and homeowners on low flow alternatives in their homes
Promote water conservation tips for lawns and home gardens
Conduct a water efficiency audit for all City owned properties
Implement best practices for water conservation on city owned lawns and gardens, while maintaining ri
Prioritize equitable tree planting in vulnerable areas of our community
Reduce the amount of impervious surface per dwelling unit or gross square footage
Promote compact, infill development within urban core, conservation development at edge
Revise urban development codes to optimize landscape management
Promote nativization of landscapes on private land through code revision and public education

Staff initiated

Council initiated

B/C Initiated

to standards
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ed open space networks.

ience

with public goals
impact on community

Open to all City residents

Open to low- and moderate-income households

Through fares

Neighborhoods and commercial areas
Business districts

Assets

Programming in partnership with Talawanda School District

Stabilities Act

Needed

Options and living arrangements

and accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Secure housing in Oxford

Open to the community

That fulfill community needs

to homebuyers or renters

and

startups

to high quality job growth

business survival

proposals

energy space and water heating

rents

hazardous items

ners for take-out

ment review

orm drains

n, filtration, and tree canopy goals.

reuse/harvesting)

odels (i.e. interpretive signage)

l rentable community space

ents

mmunity

substance use disorder

access to limited English proficiency residents
diversity
input on key community issues
initiatives

independent decisions

is

infrastructure is future-ready for higher speeds
IP), including utility extensions

increase runoff at the source

is

input
government regulations
organizations, and businesses

properties

variable frequency drives to increase equipment efficiencies

composting by 2024
2023

recreational fields surface quality for play