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# Farmers Branch Sustainability Initiatives

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Sustainability Committee

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# Background

- City has completed and has many ongoing projects and initiatives that have a sustainability benefit.
- These programs are embedded throughout the City and its departments
- The Committee is working to formalize goals and strategies to advance sustainability in the City

## Focus Areas



Built Environment



Transportation



Natural Resources



Zero Waste



Economic Wellness & Resilience



Community Vitality



# Community Vitality

- Community Garden
- Library Services
- Senior Services





# Economic Wellness & Resilience

- Business incentives
- COVID-19 relief program
- Business connectivity and accessibility





# Built Environment

- Solar installations
  - 3 installations completed in early 2021 (Fire Station #2, Rec Center, Library)
  - Estimated annual production: 830,000 kWh
  - Funding approved for additional panels at library and new installation at natatorium
- LED lighting retrofits
  - New LED lamps installed during Library and Rec Center renovations
  - Grant submitted for funding retrofits at Justice Center and Rec Center
- PACE & Demo-Rebuild



# Transportation

- DART Membership
  - Rail line, Bus Routes, GoLink
- Electric vehicles (EVs)
  - City fleet: 1 EV currently, purchasing another this FY
  - 90 EVs are registered in Farmers Branch
- EV Chargers
  - Chargers located at City Hall and Library





# Natural Resources

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory
- Water Conservation
  - Pursuing smart irrigation controllers
  - Previous committee worked on community education





# Zero Waste

- Residential recycling
  - 8,550 households
- Brush collection
  - 17,120 cubic yards collected
- Compost drop-off
- Citizen's Collection Center





# Summary

- Farmers Branch has made a lot of progress towards becoming a more sustainable community
- There is plenty of potential for further action
- The Sustainability Committee's input on the creation of a formal Sustainability Plan is essential for continued and expanded success





# Questions