



FARMERS BRANCH
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Sustainability Committee Annual Update

City Council Meeting | November 4, 2025

Requested By: City Council



Sustainability Committee

Background

- Focused on implementation of the adopted Sustainability Plan
- Tasked with providing recommendations to Council
- Worked on energy, water, air quality, and environmental conservation projects
- Increased community awareness through volunteerism and outreach

Highlights Since Our Last Update

Grants

- Department of Energy – Electric Vehicles – \$76,570

Projects

- Active Transportation Plan, Complete Streets Policy, SolSmart, LEED for Cities, greenhouse gas inventory update
 - Support for water meter replacement and grow zones

Programs

- Tree Giveaway, Water Conservation Rebates, Compost 101 Workshop, Lights Out Texas, tabling at City Events

Awards

- Texan by Nature: TxN 20 award and Project Certification



Issues and City Solutions

Air Quality Example



Reasoning

- Poor air quality = negative health impacts
- DFW metro exceeds Clean Air Act thresholds
- Primary cause is on-road vehicles



Limits of City Government

- Few levers to pull within local constraints
 - Reduce vehicle emissions
 - Reduce single occupancy vehicle trips



Actions

- Purchase fuel efficient and/or zero emission vehicles
- Make EV charging more easily accessible
- Implement safety measures to make active and public transportation options more feasible



Next Steps

Apply to other sustainability issues:

- Water conservation
- Native plants
- Greenhouse gas emissions





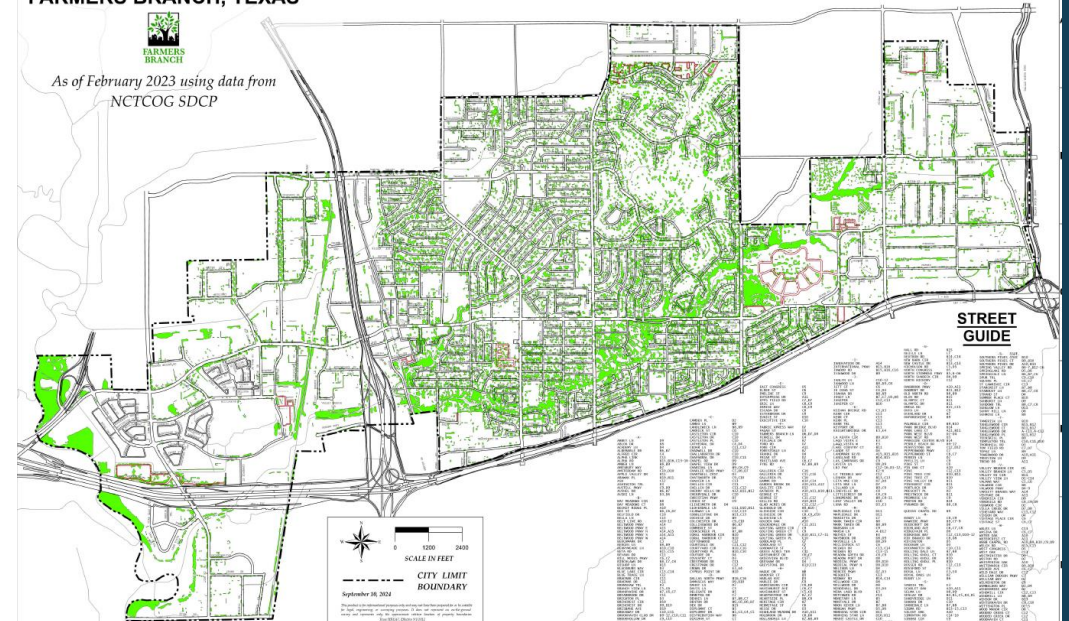
Actions

- ## Next Steps

- ## TREE CANOPY COVERAGE FOR FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS



As of February 2023 using data from
NCTCOG SDCP



What's Next?

Continuation of programs

- Build upon successes and increase participation

Community outreach opportunities

- Provide education and resources to residents to adopt sustainable practices

Committee recommendations for future projects

- Expansion of rebate programs and efforts to increase tree canopy

Assist with priorities of Council

- Provide research and recommendation on topics provided by the Council

Look towards a sustainable future

- Making Farmers Branch a desirable city for our children and future generations
- A sustainable city is a prosperous city with a stable population

Discussion & Direction

