

Month in Review: February, 2021.

HOT TOPICS:

- Earth Day 2021: Due to Covid 19, Earth Day will be celebrated through virtual engagement. We will be advertising our events in April over social media.
- [Hear our own Sustainability Director](#) interviewed by NPR on natural gas preemption bills.

CLIMATE ACTION:

- The Climate Emergency Open House website is live:
<https://flgsustain.learnworlds.com/course/open-house>
 - As of 2/26, 87 people have logged in and used the platform.
- 71 community members attended the Climate Emergency Open House Q&A events.
 - Events took place on February 11th and February 17th, 2021 and were a complement to the Open House website. Staff presented on the climate emergency and carbon neutrality plan and took questions from the public.
- Staff participated in the ADOT Corridor Master Plan meetings for the Milton and Route 180 Corridors.
 - As this process nears completion, staff remain concerned that ADOT is pushing forward a plan that will result in minimal improvements to the travel experience for people on bikes, on foot, and taking the bus.
- Climate Ambassadors:
 - Staff trained a new cohort of 14 Climate Ambassadors. These community members are now trained to communicate with their neighbors and networks about climate change and climate action.



COMMUNITY STEWARDS/LITTER PREVENTION:

- The Winter Snow Play Stewards partnered with the Forest Service to host a cleanup event on February 18th at Crowley Pit. 12 bags of trash were collected in an hour, as well as plenty of large sled pieces. Some of the largest sled pieces were picked up by John Unale with AZ Custom Plastics to be recycled.



- 15 sections are being added to the Adopt-an-Avenue program. We have increased both visibility of the program and opportunity to participate, by including non-participating neighborhoods in the program. We are 50% complete with this project and in the permitting stage. We expect installation just in time for Earth Day 2021!
- We are scheduled to complete installation of the final 35 Adopt A FUTS signs. Installation will be mid-April and a goal of Earth Day completion!
- February Litter Cleanup Data:

Date	# of Volunteers	Total Hours	Bags of Trash	Bags of Recycling
2/3/2021	8	16	8	1
2/13/2021	3	3	3	0
2/26/2021	2	2	1	0
2/28/2021	9	14	9	0
2/28/2021	8	24	15	0
2/28/2021	1	1	1	0

ENERGY:

- Over 100 people have signed up for the Northern Arizona Solar Co-op. Staff have been actively educating the community on the opportunity. Council member Shimoni invited staff to live chats on two social media platforms.
- 100% of funds for the Energy Rebate Program for FY20-21 have been distributed to community members.

FOOD SYSTEMS:

- Distributed 500 doorhangers in the Sunnyside neighborhood to advertise the community composting program
- Since 1/15/2021, we have doubled the number of backyard livestock permits, from 10 to 20

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT:

- Todd Hanson and Dylan Lenzen provided information on the City's Rethink Waste Plan to the P&Z Commission, as well as planned next actions in the near and long term.
- Staff facilitated the Arizona Recycling Coalition's Annual Meeting.
- Staff has begun contacting grocery stores to participate in commercial food scraps pilot.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION:

- In the meeting on February 25th, Commissioners heard presentations from 9 different applicants. The remainder of the Sustainability and Water Conservation Grant funds were awarded to The Arboretum at Flagstaff for a High Desert Produce Garden, Oakley Anderson-Moore for a Dry Greens Garden Project, Darrien Benally for their Growing Indigenous Health and Resilience through Balcony Gardening project, Threaded Together for Sustainable Sewing classes, and the Southside Association for an expansion to the Murdoch Center Community Garden.
- Next meeting: Thursday March 29th, 2021, 4:30pm-6:30pm