



City of Flagstaff Sustainability Division

December 2025 Monthly Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

Our office had a volunteer service day helping the amazing people at the Flagstaff Family Food Center! Thank you to FFFC for letting our team be a small part of the incredible work you do serving our community.

Climate Action

Community Resilience:

- The [Wildfire Resilient Homes Initiative](#), a collaboration with the **Flagstaff Fire Department**, supported 10 households this month with free home wildfire-risk assessments. The program provides home assessments, Wildfire Resilience Kits, and grants up to \$600, and is open to homeowners, renters, and property managers. [Sign up for a free home assessment today!](#)

Equity and Engagement:

- The **Equity Climate Advisory Group** (ECAG) closed out the year by celebrating key accomplishments, sharing their motivations, and identifying priorities for the year ahead. In 2025, ECAG contributed 200+ recommendations that helped staff embed equity into new and existing programs, inform spending and budget requests, shape communication strategies, strengthen community engagement, and ensure City services are more inclusive, accessible, and responsive to community needs.
- The **Flagstaff Sustainability Grants** had a record year, with more than 30 applications received and 14 community-led sustainability projects awarded funding.
- Sustainability and Housing Divisions presented at the City Council Budget Retreat to share funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year to help address the City's Housing and Climate Emergencies.
- Work continued in December on the **Carbon Neutrality Plan update**. Staff met with consultants to update greenhouse gas emissions projections and redesign the plan to make it more accessible and engaging.

Building Fuel Switching and Reduced Energy Use:

- The [Home Weatherization and Energy Rebate Program](#) provided \$21,400 in assistance this month to community members who completed energy- and cost-saving home upgrades.
- *Year in Review:* Over the course of 2025, the Home Weatherization and Energy Rebate Program delivered meaningful financial support to help residents improve comfort and reduce energy costs in their homes. Altogether, \$126,000 in weatherization and energy rebates supported improvements in comfort and efficiency for 72 households this year.



Photo: Nicole Antonopoulos and Steve Thompson at our staff volunteer day at the Flagstaff Family Food Center.



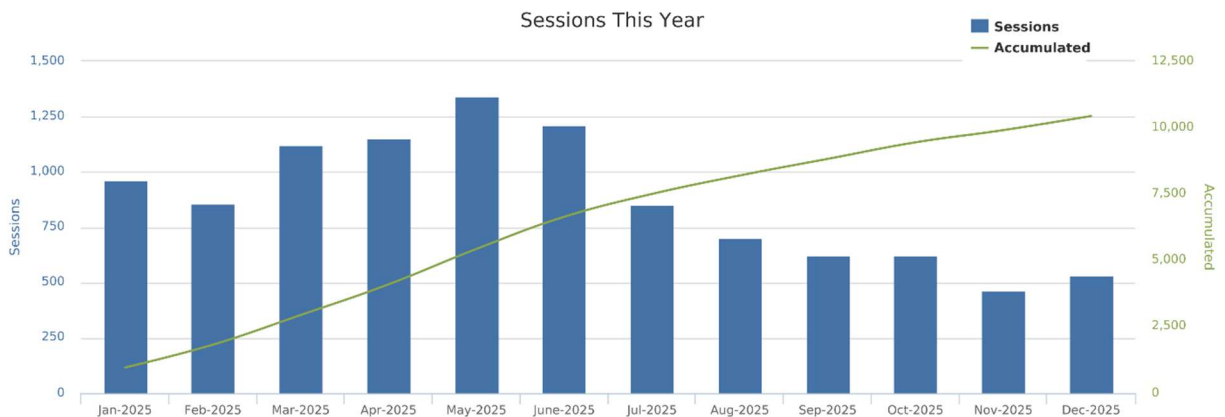
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- Staff worked with consultant Emily Artale of Noverra Collective to present City Council with the results of a **study analyzing the costs, benefits, and barriers to building highly energy-efficient and all-electric homes** in Flagstaff. The study found these homes can cost the same—or less—to build than mixed-fuel (natural gas and electric) homes and can offer lower utility bills and health benefits. However, the development picture is nuanced, and actual costs depend on factors such as the heating and cooling system and utility rate plans. Study results are posted here: [Energy Efficiency and Electrification Study](#).
- Planning is underway for an upcoming **Northern Arizona Solar Co-op** in March 2026 and a **residential heat pump bulk buy pilot** in July 2026, in collaboration with the City of Sedona, Coconino County, Solar United Neighbors, and iChoosr.
- Staff continued working with the **AZ Clean Energy Consortium** and others to develop requests to local utilities and refine a Request for Proposals for renewable energy solutions for municipal operations.

Transportation Electrification:

- The City’s **electric vehicle charging stations** were used 531 times in December.

Year in Review: In 2025, the electric vehicle charging stations were used 10,435 times, a slight increase from the previous year. Usage dropped noticeably in July as expected, when fees for using the City-owned charging stations took effect. The majority of charging sessions were by the public, and just over half (52%) of those users were out-of-town visitors. The City’s charging stations helped avoid more than 106 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions in 2025.



Housing:

- Staff launched the City’s **ADU Model Plans Library** with the goal of making it easier and less costly to build an ADU in Flagstaff. The library includes 10+ ADU model plans (selected as part of a request for informal proposals earlier in 2025). Previews of the plans are publicly accessible – if a community member wants to build a plan, they can contact the designer. See www.flagstaff.az.gov/ADUs.
- Staff continue to work on **LASS/CAP** (Land Availability & Site Suitability Study / Code Analysis Project) in collaboration with staff from Planning and Development Services, Housing, and Mountain to complete the final task (code recommendations). Staff look forward to presenting the results to City Council and the Flagstaff community in 2026.



Neighborhood Engagement & Volunteer Services

Engagement and Outreach Highlights

- In December, the **NEVS Team engaged with 565 people** through signature events, volunteer opportunities, workshops, clean-ups, presentations, and conferences.
- This month's collaborations included the Native Americans for Community Action (NACA), Flagstaff Foodlink, Nature Education Coalition of Northern Arizona, and Friends of the Rio.

Community Stewards Program

- Monthly [Community Stewards program](#) statistics include volunteer activities for the Adopt-A-FUTS, Adopt-A-Stream, and Adopt-An-Ave programs.
- The Flagstaff Sustainability Office collaborated with 15 community volunteers and the Drinking Horn Mead Hall to lead a cleanup through the Downtown Area, removing 35 pounds of litter!

November Stewards Data	
Number of clean-ups	7
Bags of Recycling	1
Bags of Trash/Invasive Species	8
Number of People	27
Service Hours	49



Photo: Drinking Horn Downtown Cleanup

Community Stewards Year in Review:

- Volunteers removed 850 bags of trash and 207 bags of recycling through Adopt-A-FUTS, Adopt-An-Ave, and Adopt-A-Stream programs.
- During the Summer Watershed Cleanup Series, 109 volunteers dedicated 218 hours to clear 2,364lbs of litter, woody debris, and invasive species from the Rio de Flag.
- Participants joined workshops like the Invasive/Native Plant Species Workshops and Walk the Rio, exploring plant identification, removal practices, and the rich history of the Rio de Flag.

City Volunteer Program

- City employees logged **3,736 hours of volunteer service** in 2025 through the [Employee Volunteer Program!](#)
- The City's centralized volunteer platform, [Volunteer Flagstaff](#), is being used by **1,134 users**.

Employee Volunteer Data	Year to Date
Number of Volunteers	1,200 +
Number of Events	525
Total Service Hours	3,736



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Waste Prevention

- The Fall Fix-it-Clinic on November 1st diverted **343lbs** of waste from the landfill and assisted 61 community members.
- The Residential Food Scraps Program collected **2,729.6 pounds** of compost in December.

Waste Prevention Year in Review:

- **30,483 pounds** of waste were diverted during Drop-Off Days, Fix-It Clinics, and Pumpkin Drop-Offs with over 1,200 households participating.
- The Residential Food Scraps Program collected **44,256 pounds** of compost.
- **1,218** students, community members, and participants learned about zero waste practices through school programs, outreach events, and special presentations.



Photo: Fixer at Fix-It Clinic.

Food Systems

- Garden winterization workshops were held on November 15th and November 22nd with various community partners. Twelve participants learned several tips for winterizing their gardens, including adding compost, planting cover crops, and planting bulbs.

Food Systems Year Review:

- Sustainable Food Systems, engaged with more than **1,840 community members**:
 - Nearly **400 participants** shared their insights during Community Conversations, Stakeholder Gatherings, and workshops, helping identify gaps and barriers in Flagstaff's food system.
 - Over **300 community members** rolled up their sleeves to grow thriving community gardens and urban farms.
- Public comments, collected from two open houses and an online survey, helped draft the [Flagstaff Food Action Plan](#). This plan was developed in response to the findings from the Community Food System Assessment and the Social Network Analysis conducted last year. The Food Action Plan presents an opportunity to for collaboration on strengthening our food system in Flagstaff and Northern Arizona.



Photo: Participants at the Garden Winterization Workshop

Sustainability Commission

- The Sustainability Commission did not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 22nd, 2026.



Social Media

- In December, our Facebook posts reached over **14,100 people**. We have **7,730 followers**. Our top Facebook post was about celebrating Coconino High School's Eco Club (34 likes and 4,685).
- In December, our Instagram reached **18,075 people**, and **418 people interacted** with our content. We have **2,916 followers**. Our top Instagram post was about our 2025 Flagstaff Sustainability Grant Winners (56 likes and 559 reaches). *See the photo to the right.*

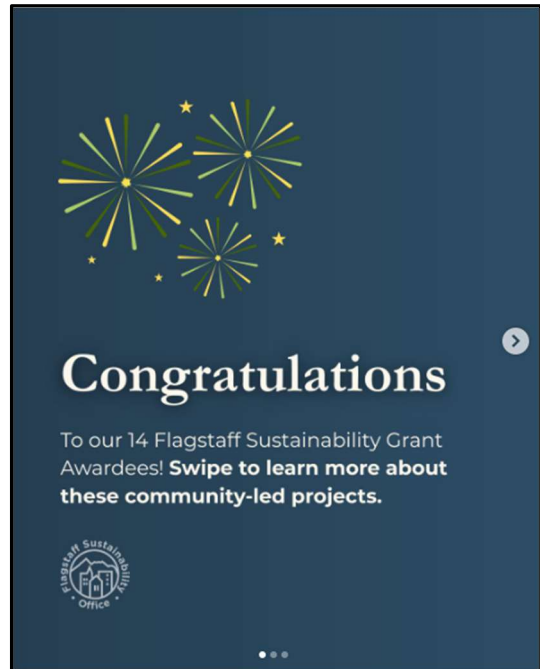


Photo: Flagstaff Sustainability Grant Winner Post