

Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Agenda Report



DATE:	April 27, 2021
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SUBJECT:	Advance Climate Action Plan Timeline for Ordinance Banning Gas- powered Leaf Blowers

Recommendation

The Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) recommends to City Council to direct staff to advance the Climate Action Plan timeline for developing the ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers by removing other initiatives from the NREC Work Plan and Green Action Plan.

Background

Commission Work Plans

Every year, City commissions are required to provide a Work Plan to the City Council. The Work Plans present objectives planned for the coming year. Drafting, review, and final approval of the Work Plans is done at the Commission level. The 2021 NREC Work Plan was first presented to the commission during their November 24, 2020 meeting and was presented again for approval at the January 26, 2021 NREC meeting where it was approved unanimously. This review process offers the opportunity for input by all commissioners: current, outgoing, and incoming. The current NREC Work Plan includes the discussion and adoption of the Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance (satisfies several Moves of Goal III of the Green Plan; satisfies California State mandates AB1826 and SB1383); Virtual Earth Day (annual event); approval of the FY 21/22 Water Conservation Program (annual program and several Moves of Goal II of the Green Plan); review of current parking lot codes (Move IV.1.1 of Green Plan); review of current Cool Roof codes (Move IV.2.1 of Green Plan); and development of a plastic-free/zero waste guide for City events (Move I.1.2 of Green Plan). In addition, NREC conducts tree removal hearings as needed and is to receive progress reports on both the Green Action Plan and Climate Action Plan. To date, NREC has once discussed the Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance, discussed Virtual Earth Day, and has conducted several tree hearings. See attached 2021 NREC Work Plan.

Green Action Plan

The City of South Pasadena City Council adopted the South Pasadena Green Action Plan (Green Plan) on November 20, 2019, per the recommendation of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission. The Green Plan encompasses 63 short-term sustainability

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initiatives/actions to be implemented before and in conjunction with the City's Climate Action Plan. The Green Plan addresses plastic reduction, water conservation, organics diversion, heat island mitigation, and preparation for future sustainability initiatives. The timeline of the completion of all Moves in the Green Plan is January 2020 to June 2021.

Climate Action Plan

The City of South Pasadena City Council adopted the City's first Climate Action Plan (CAP) on December 16, 2020, per the recommendation of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission. The CAP is a strategy for reducing the City's greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with statewide targets. The CAP outlines 15 Plays (i.e. strategies) and 90 Moves (i.e. actions) in the Energy, Transportation, Water, Solid Waste, Carbon Sequestration, and Municipal sectors. Moves are given an implementation timeframe of either short-term, mid-term, or longterm, that indicates the approximate time period in which the specific Move will be implemented/completed. Short term Moves have an implementation timeframe of 1-3 years, mid-term timeframes are 3-5 years, and long-term timeframes are more than 5 years.

Discussion/Analysis

Restricting the use of gas-powered lawn equipment, especially leaf blowers, is of great importance to the South Pasadena community. The City's Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in December 2020, includes the following action to be taken in the short term (1-3 years):

"Establish an ordinance that restricts use of gas-powered lawn equipment, including leaf blowers, and provide information on the City website outlining available incentives." (South Pasadena Climate Action Plan, T.1.e, page 49)

In 2016, the City of South Pasadena worked with the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to become a certified Green Zone City, meaning that all grounds maintenance on municipal properties including all public parks and the golf course, are serviced exclusively with low-noise, zero-emission, electric machinery.

The City has partnered with AGZA once again to provide our residents with resources and education on switching to electric lawn equipment. An educational webinar is tentatively scheduled for June 23, 2021 with an in-person demonstration following in July or August 2021. In addition, information regarding the AQMD Commercial Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Exchange Program can be found on the South Pasadena Environmental Programs webpage at www.southpasadenaca.gov/environmentalprograms.

Staff estimate that the process for developing the above ordinance will begin in 2022 as part of NREC's 2022 Work Plan (upon commission approval) which would allow staff to complete current sustainability initiatives and address state mandates regarding organic waste. Developing the ordinance would require several iterations and discussions at commission and council meetings, continuous community outreach to prepare gardeners to purchase new equipment, a study on available incentives for new equipment or development of new incentives, a rigorous

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educational campaign that would include webinars and in-person demonstrations, and establishment of a registration, reporting, and enforcement mechanism/system.

The recommendation presented is to advance this timeline to begin the process of developing an ordinance at the next NREC meeting upon Council's approval, instead of beginning in 2022. Due to the lack of staff's resources, to accomplish this, several current sustainability initiatives from the Green Action Plan and the 2021 NREC Work Plan must be put on hold. The following is a list of changes to be made:

2021 NREC Work Plan

- 1. Approval of the proposed FY 21/22 Water Conservation Program will be further delayed.
- 2. Review of current Parking Lot Codes to provide recommendations (Move IV.1.1 of Green Plan) will be moved to 2022.
- 3. Review of current Cool Roof Codes to provide recommendations (Move IV.1.1 of Green Plan) will be moved to 2022.
- 4. Developing a plastic-free/zero-waste guide for City events (Move I.1.2) will be moved to 2022.
- 5. Green Action Plan progress reports will be reduced from three to two.
- 6. Climate Action Plan progress reports will be reduced from two to one.

Green Action Plan

- 1. Greywater program will be placed on hold. Funding for a program may not be available in the future (Move II.1.2).
- 2. Creating informational materials on greywater systems will be placed on hold (Move II.1.4).
- 3. Evaluating the current water conservation program in respect to local vendor supplies will be moved to occur for the FY22-23 Water Conservation Program instead of the FY21-22 program (Move II.2.2).
- 4. Developing an impervious surface removal rebate program will be moved to occur for the FY22-23 Water Conservation Program instead of the FY21-22 program (Move II.4.4).
- 5. Review of current Parking Lot Codes to provide recommendations (Move IV.1.1) will be delayed.
- 6. Review of current Cool Roof Codes to provide recommendations (Move IV.1.1) will be delayed.
- 7. Developing a plastic-free/zero-waste guide for City events (Move I.1.2) will be delayed.

Next Steps

- 1. If approved, staff will present the recommendation to City Council.
- 2. If not approved, staff and commission will continue tasks according to current NREC Work Plan.

Legal Review

The City Attorney has not reviewed this item.

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Fiscal Impact

The ordinance restricting gas-powered lawn equipment would require gardeners to obtain new electric equipment which will likely incur a cost. Staff must investigate funding sources, either within or outside of the City budget, for incentives to ease the financial challenges of switching to new equipment.

Public Notification of Agenda Item

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, posting of the same agenda and reports on the City's website and/or notice in the *South Pasadena Review* and/or the *Pasadena Star-News*.

Attachments:

- 1. 2021 NREC Work Plan
- 2. South Pasadena Green Action Plan

ATTACHMENT 1

2021 NREC Work Plan

Natural Resources & EnvironmentalCommission2021 Work Plan



Objective	Tasks and Activities	Lead Person(s)	Timeline	Desired Outcome
	Action: Approve 2021 NREC Work Plan	Staff Liaison	January 26	Final 2021 NREC Work Plan
	Discussion: Review Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department		Review Template Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy and Provide Feedback
	Action: Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Staff Liaison		Commission will appoint Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2021
	Discussion/Action: Virtual Earth Day	Staff Liaison		Create Virtual Earth Day Subcommittee and Discuss Ideas
	Discussion: Second Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department	February 23	Review Updated Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy and Provide Feedback
	Discussion: Virtual Earth Day	Staff Liaison		Discuss Earth Day Ideas
	Action: Provide input on the proposed FY 21/22 Water Conservation Program (Goal II) (Goes to Council in April)	Staff Liaison	March 23	Input on Proposed Water Conservation Program
	Discussion: Third Review of Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department		Review Updated Ordinance and Provide Feedback
	Discussion: Virtual Earth Day	Staff Liaison		Finalize Virtual Earth Day Event
	Action: Recommend to adopt Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance including City Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy (Move III; AB1826; SB1383)	Staff Liaison; Finance Department	April 27	Provide Recommendation to Council on Mandatory Organics Recycling Ordinance
	Update: Green Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison		Update NREC on the progress of the FY20/21 Q3 moves

	Discussion: Review Current Parking Lot Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	May 25	Determine if Parking Lot Codes Need to be Updated and How
Objective	Tasks and Activities	Lead Person(s)	Timeline	Desired Outcome
	Discussion: Second Review of Current Parking Lot Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	June 22	Review Updated Code and Provide Feedback
	Update: Climate Action Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison		Update NREC on the progress of the CAP plays/moves
	Discussion: Recommend to adopt Updated Parking Lot Codes (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	July 27	Provide Recommendation to Council on Updated Parking Lot Codes
	Update: Green Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison		Update NREC on the progress of the FY20/21 Q4 moves
	Discussion: Review Current Cool Roof Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.2.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	August 24	Determine if Cool Roof Codes Need to be Updated and How
	Discussion: Second Review of Current Cool Roof Codes and Provide Recommendations (Move IV.2.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department	September 28	Review Updated Code and Provide Feedback
	Update: Green Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison	October 26	Update NREC on the progress of the FY20/21 Q1 moves
	Discussion: Recommend to adopt Updated Cool Roof Codes (Move IV.1.1)	Staff Liaison; Building/Planning Department		Provide Recommendation to Council on Updated Cool Roof Codes
	Update: Climate Action Plan Progress Report	Staff Liaison	November 23	Update NREC on the progress of the CAP plays/moves
	Discussion: Develop a plastic-free/zero- waste guide for City events			Create Zero-Waste Guide
	-	-	December 28 *Cancelled	-
	Tree Removal Hearings	Staff Liaison	As-Needed	Approve/Deny tree removal requests

ATTACHMENT 2

South Pasadena Green Action Plan





ON THE MOVE towards sustainability

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Sustainability in South Pasadena

Sustainability has always been an important part of life in South Pasadena. Here are just a few of the ways South Pasadena has established itself as a leader in sustainable practices:

Certified Green Zone City In 2016, the City became the first in the nation to be certified as a Green Zone City by the American Green Zone Alliance. The certification ensures that grounds maintenance on municipal properties - spanning 41 acres - are serviced eclusively with low-noise, zero-emission, electric machinery. This equipment prevents South Pasadena from creating 31 tons of pollutants every year.

Plastic Bag Ban In 2014, the City banned plastic bags, two years before it became state law.

Expanded Polystyrene Ban In 2016, South Pasadena City Council voted to ban the sale and use of expanded polystyrene - a petroleum byproduct that is neither readily recyclable nor biodegradable. The ban applies to restaurants, retail vendors, food packagers, food providers, and City vendors.

Tree City USA South Pasadena is proud to be a Tree City, 20 years and counting.

City Water Conservation Program For the past several years, the City has offered rebates and water conservation programs for its residents and business owners contributing to an 18% water use reduction between 2013 and 2018.

Clean Power Alliance In 2019, South Pasadena joined the Clean Power Alliance and chose to select 100% Green Power as the default option for our community.

On the Move

South Pasadena is dedicated to protecting the environment and our natural resources. To further strengthen the City's commitment to sustainability, City staff, with the help of South Pasadena residents and the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC), have gathered and prioritized sustainability initiatives in the form of this South Pasadena Green Action Plan (Green Plan).

The Green Plan, includes five overarching goals to address plastic reduction, water conservation, organics diversion, urban heat island mitigation, and planning for the future. Each goal includes strategies ("plays") and specific actions ("moves") for achieving these objectives.

This short-term plan will allow City staff to focus on building the foundation for achieving greater sustainability goals to be incorporated in the upcoming City's Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The Big League

Simultaneously to the Green Plan, the City is also in the process of completing a CAP: a longterm plan aimed to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions. The anticipated completion date of the CAP is the end of calendar year 2020. The short-term Green Plan will allow City Staff to evaluate the feasibility of sustainability initiatives immediately while the CAP is being developed. The actions in the Green Plan will act as stepping stones for the comprehensive CAP... practice for the big league!

The Team

The South Pasadena Green Action Plan was a collaborative effort that encompassed the values, ideas, and efforts from all City Department Staff, City Council, the NREC, and the passionate residents of South Pasadena.

The Players

The **Public Works Department** will be leading the game to ensure that all initiatives have been tackled and all progress and outcomes are documented. Additional players in the game include the Finance Department, Management Services, Community Services, the Building and Planning Department, the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Water District, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and Athens Services. As we progress through the plan, additional players will join the team.

Common Abbreviations

Green Plan	South Pasadena Green
	Action Plan
CAP	Climate Action Plan
NREC	Natural Resources and
	Environmental Commission
MWD	Metropolitan Water District
Upper District	Upper San Gabriel Valley
	Municipal Water District
PIO	Public Information Officer

Communication Channels

Communication channels are the pathways to be used to promote initiatives and relay important information. Other channels may be added as we progress through the plan.

Electronic

- City Website
- City Social Media
- Next Door
- e-Neighbors
- Chamber e-Newsletter
- Environmental Programs Listserv

Print

- Trash Bill Inserts
- Water Bill Inserts
- South Pasadena Newspapers
- Signage

In Person

- NREC Meetings
- City Council Meetings
- Chamber Networking Events
- Farmer's Market
- City Departments
- Local Events

Organizations

- South Pasadena Beautiful
- Transition South Pasadena
- Chamber of Commerce
- South Pasadena Unified School District
- South Pasadena Community Gardens
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- American Youth Soccer Organization
- Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena
- Rotary Club of South Pasadena

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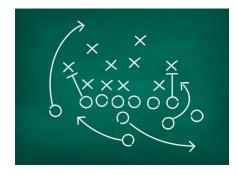
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How to Play the Game



Goal → what we want to accomplish
 Play → how we will reach the goal (strategy)
 Move→ the action to be taken

Field \rightarrow which sectors are involved: municipal, commercial, residential, or schools

- **Players** → stakeholders or departments involved
- **Score** \rightarrow how the completion of the move is measured (deliverables)
- **Clock** \rightarrow projected time of completion

FY19/20 Q3 = January 2020 - March 2020

FY19/20 Q4 = April 2020 - June 2020

FY20/21 Q1 = July 2020 - September 2020

FY20/21 Q2 = October 2020 - December 2020

FY20/21 Q3 = January 2021 - March 2021

FY20/21 Q4 = April 2021 - June 2021

Support \rightarrow additional resources needed to complete the move

**italicized* \rightarrow to be completed if additional resources are available

Overview of Goals



Goal I

Work Towards Making South Pasadena a Plastic-Free City

> Plays: 3 Moves: 9 *Moves: 5

It is no longer enough to recycle our plastics – it's time to shift the focus on reducing them from the start.



Goal II

Enhance Water Conservation Projects and Programs

> Plays: 4 Moves: 16 *Moves: 1

Water is a precious resource in California and droughts are all too common. Identifying water waste and altering behaviors is key to conserving water.



Goal III Increase Organics

Diversion from Landfill

> Plays: 5 Moves: 10 *Moves: 6

With landfills filling up at an alarming rate, increasing diversion efforts is crucial. In 2018, one third of the 39 million tons of waste Californians disposed of were compostable organic materials.



Goal IV

Mitigate Impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect

> Plays: 4 Moves: 6 *Moves: 5

The loss of vegetation causes urban areas to become warmer than their surrounding rural areas creating a heat island. These higher temperatures increase peak energy demand, air pollution, and heatrelated illness.

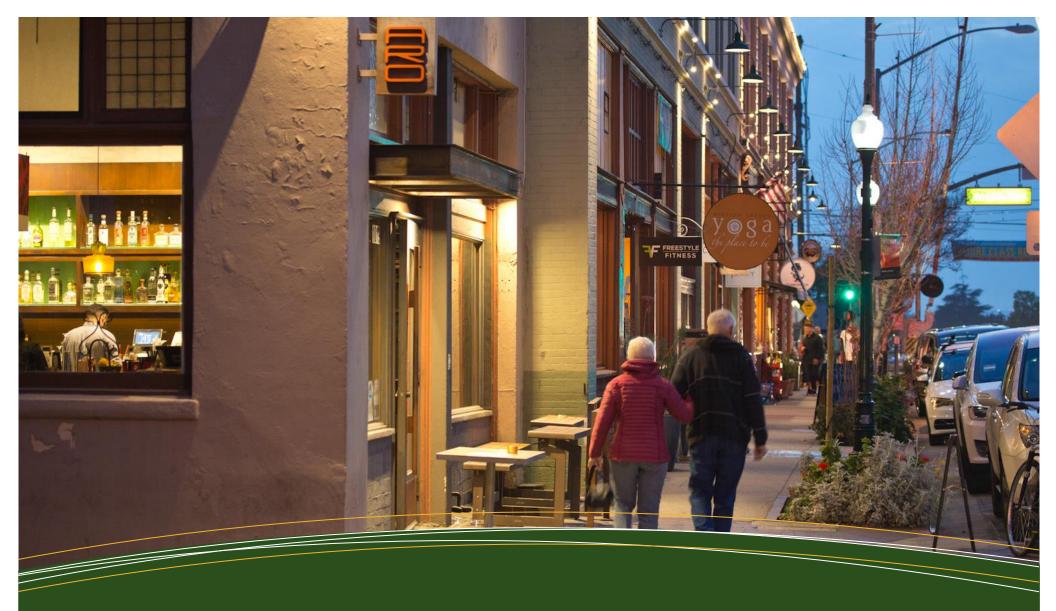


Goal V

Prepare for the Consideration of Future Sustainability Initiatives

*Moves: 5

To stay on top of the game, we must always look ahead.



GOAL I Work towards Making South Pasadena a Plastic-Free City

Play 1: Reduce use and sale of single-use plastics.

Move I.1.1: Update the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Policy to be adopted by all City Departments. A strong EPP policy eliminates over-ordering, reduces waste, and guides departments to purchasing local and ecofriendly options including recycled copy paper and compostable utensils.

Move I.1.2: Develop a plastic-free/zero-waste guide for City events. A zero waste guide will provide specific steps to City staff on how to set up a plastic-free/zero waste event. It should include instructions on how to reduce plastics, obtain organics bins, post educational signage, and other steps vendors and event coordinators can take to ensure that a minimal, if not zero, amount of plastic is used.

Move I.1.3: Explore the possibility of banning single-use plastics in food service stores. Start the conversation among business owners to raise awareness of the issues with single-use plastics. Work with City departments and Chamber of Commerce to gauge fiscal impact and outline a possible plan for implementation.

Play 2: Encourage the use of reusables by providing resources, education, and funding.

Move I.2.1: Seek funding to install more water bottle refill stations in public areas. Water bottle refill stations are being installed in public parks. It would be beneficial to have stations installed in other public buildings including the Library, City Hall, and the Senior Center; however, installation is costly. Explore funding sources for this project.

Move I.2.2: Create an informational pamphlet on plastic alternatives and distribute to businesses. There are several plastic alternatives on the market. An informational pamphlet that lists the alternatives and options on where to obtain them will help businesses begin their switch to plastic-free single-use items.

Move I.2.3: Create checklists for businesses and restaurants on ways they can reduce their plastic and distribute. Checklists provide clear steps.

Move I.2.4: Encourage businesses to participate in "Tap," the app that identifies their location as a free water-refill spot. Promote the app through communication channels. Consider offering shoutouts to participating businesses on social media.

Move I.2.5: Create a Recycle & Reuse Directory. Many residents want to do their part to recycle their materials or repair their broken items instead of purchase new ones, but don't know where to do so. This directory would provide that information.

*Move I.2.6: Provide mini-grants or loans to businesses who need a jump start to switching to alternatives. Explore funding sources to provide mini-grants to businesses that would help them with initial costs for switching to alternatives. Grants can be awarded to those most in need.

*Move I.2.7: Explore possibilities of establishing a beverage container recycling program in South Pasadena. With the closure of rePlanet and other recycling centers, residents have no where to go inside the City to recycle their beverage containers.

*Move I.2.8: Provide plastic reduction items to residents including reusable water bottles, utensils, containers, etc. These items will help raise awareness and provide education on actual steps people can take to reduce their plastic. It will provide them with the tools they need to reduce their plastic consumption.

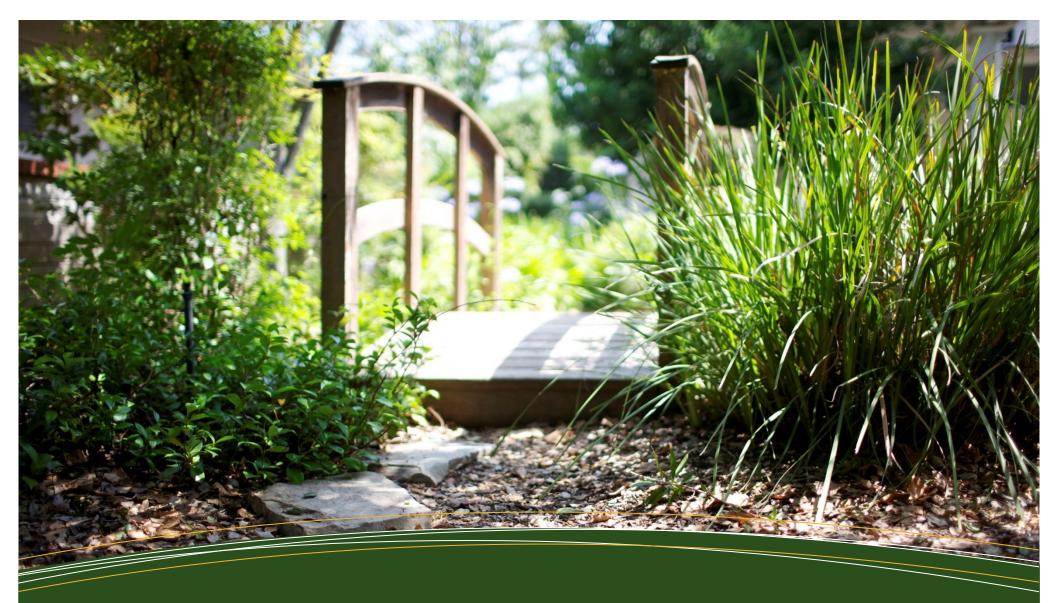
*Move I.2.9: Provide workshops for parents to teach them how to prepare zerowaste lunches. Work with SPB, SPUSD, and PTA to put together workshops for parents. This will help reduce waste in schools.

Play 3: Provide incentives and/or rewards for those actively working towards zero-waste.

Move I.3.1: Encourage businesses to reward customers and employees who bring in their own coffee mug, water bottles, to-go container, etc. Offering a small monetary incentive for customers and employees who bring in their own beverage containers will reduce plastic use and possibly reduce amount of supplies needed for the business.

*Move I.3.2: Explore ways to recognize businesses who are implementing zerwaste practices. Sustainable practices can be difficult to implement for businesses. Those businesses who implement them in spite of the difficulties should be recognized and/or rewarded. Recognition programs encourage greater participation among other businesses and raise awareness among patrons. Some methods include: green business certification program, green business awards, certificate of recognition from City Council, etc.

Goal I: Work Towards Making South Pasadena a Plastic-Free City								
MOVE	FIELD	PLAYERS	SCORE	CLOCK	SUPPORT			
Pla	ay 1: Reduce	use and sale of single	-use plastics.					
Move I.1.1: Update the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Policy to be adopted by all City Departments.	Municipal	Public Works Finance Management Svcs NREC	• EPP	FY20/21 Q2				
Move I.1.2: Develop a plastic-free/zero-waste guide for City events.	Municipal	Public Works Finance Community Svcs NREC	Zero-waste Guide	FY20/21 Q2				
Move I.1.3: Explore the possibility of banning single-use plastics in food service stores.	Commercial	 Public Works Chamber Management Svcs Finance 	 Presentation to Chamber of Commerce members Meeting with City departments 	FY19/20 Q4				
Play 2: Encourage the	e use of reus	sables by providing res	ources, education, and funding.					
Move I.2.1: Seek funding to install more water bottle refill stations in public areas.	Municipal	Pubic Works Community Svcs Finance Grants Mgmt	 Up to 3 quotes for stations and installation Summary of funding sources 	FY20/21 Q3				
Move I.2.2: Create an informational pamphlet on plastic alternatives and distribute to businesses.	Commercial	Public Works Chamber PIO	Pamphlet	FY19/20 Q3				
Move I.2.3: Create checklists for businesses and restaurants on ways they can reduce their plastic and distribute.	Commercial	 Public Works Chamber PIO 	 Checklist for office/retail Checklist for restaurants 	FY19/20 Q4				
Move I.2.4: Encourage businesses to participate in "Tap," the app that identifies their location as a free water-refill spot.	Commercial	 Public Works Chamber PIO 	 Promotion through communication channels 	FY19/20 Q4				
Move I.2.5: Create a Recycle & Reuse Directory.	Residential	Public Works Chamber PIO	G Factsheet	FY19/20 Q3				
*Move I.2.6: Provide mini-grants to businesses who need a jump start to switching to alternatives.	Commercial	Public Works Grants Mgmt Finance Chamber	 Grant funding source Grant application 	FY20/21 Q4	Additional staff; Funding			
*Move I.2.7: Explore possibilities of establishing a beverage container recycling program in South Pasadena.	Residential	Public Works	Summary of options and resources	FY20/21 Q4	Additional staff			
*Move I.2.8: Provide plastic reduction items to residents including reusable water bottles, utensils, containers, etc.	Residential	 Public Works Finance 	 Up to 3 quotes/item Sign-in sheet 	FY20/21 Q2	Additional staff; Funding			
*Move I.2.9: Provide workshops for parents that teach them how to prepare zero-waste lunches.	Schools	Public Works	U Workshop	FY19/20 Q3	Additional staff; Funding			
Play 3: Provide incent	ives and/or r	rewards for those activ	ely working towards zero-waste.					
Move I.3.1: Encourage businesses to reward customers and employees who bring in their own coffee mug, water bottles, to- go container, etc.	Commercial	 Public Works Chamber PIO 	Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q4				
*Move I.3.2: Explore ways to recognize businesses who are implementing zero-waste practices.	Commercial	 Public Works Chamber 	List of recognition strategies and resources needed to implement	FY20/21 Q3	Additional staff			



GOAL II Enhance Water Conservation Projects and Programs

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Play 1: Provide education and promote greywater systems.

Move II.1.1: Create an Integrated Water and Wastewater Resources Management Plan (IWWRMP). An IWWRMP will include an integrated plan for potable water, recycled/non-potable water, sewer, and stormwater management/services. It will identify project/facility maintenace and financial plans.

Move II.1.2: Evaluate the feasibility of implementing a greywater rebate program. Implementing a greywater system conserves water and reduces costs. Review City of Pasadena's program and evaluate the feasibility of implementing a similar program.

Move II.1.3: Work with South Pasadena Beautiful to promote a Garden Tour focusing on greywater systems. This will increase awareness and education. Consider incorporating this into City's Earth Day events.

Move II.1.4: Create informational materials on greywater systems. These materials should include the following information: what they are, how they save water, cost estimates, how to implement in South Pasadena (approvals, codes, etc.).

*Move II.1.5: Educate/train Building and Planning Department on greywater systems. Trainings will ensure that staff are up-to-date on requirements for greywater systems.

Play 2: Promote the use of water conservation devices.

Move II.2.1: Retrofit all water faucets in City facilities with low-flow aerators and post signage to raise awareness. Inventory all water faucets in City facilities and indicate current faucet's flow rate (gpm). Switch to low-flow aerators. Create and post stickers to raise awareness.

Move II.2.2: Evaluate the current water conservation program in respect to local vendor supplies. Determine how to incorporate a greater incentive for water conservation devices purchased within the City for the next fiscal year. Purchasing locally contributes to a smaller carbon footprint and keeps funds within our City.

Move II.2.3: Continue to offer businesses and residents free water conservation devices including low-flow aerators, showerheads, and hose nozzles. These devices go beyond behavioral changes and can provide actual water/cost savings.

Move II.2.4: Promote rebates offered by Metropolitan Water District on water conservation devices. Businesses and residents can get money back on their water conservation efforts.

Play 3: Provide educational materials and expert advice on water conservation practices.

Move II.3.1: Create checklists/pamphlets that give tips on how to conserve water at home, at work, and at school. Promotes awareness and provides education.

Move II.3.2: Partner with third party to offer water conservation assessments for homes and businesses. This will provide tailored feedback to residents and businesses and help with individual questions and concerns.

Play 4: Increase water conservation efforts outdoors.

Move II.4.1: Promote outdoor rebates offered by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) on outdoor water conservation devices and the turf removal program. Businesses and residents can get money back on their water conservation efforts. Promote through all communication channels including social media posts, City website, eNeighbors, etc.

Move II.4.2: Host workshops on turf removal and native plants. Explore other water-wise landscaping workshop possibilities. Turf Removal and Native Plant Workshops are offered through Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. It is a great way to provide education and promote conservation efforts.

Move II.4.3: Promote rebates offered by the City on water efficient plants, native trees, drip irrigation, and sprinkler nozzles. Businesses and residents can get money back on their water conservation efforts. Promote through all communication channels including social media posts, City website, eNeighbors, etc.

Move II.4.4: Develop and promote an impervious surface removal rebate program. Removing impervious surface conserves water, captures stormwater, and replenishes the groundwater basin. Residents and businesses can get money back on their water conservation efforts. Promote through all communication channels.

Move II.4.5: Host a workshop on the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). Coordinate with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to bring their MWELO workshop to South Pasadena. This will be beneficial for Building and Planning staff, contracters, landscape architects, etc.

Move II.4.6: Where possible, incorporate green infrastructure design in roadway projects. Green infrastructure can include bioswales, bio infiltration systems, impervious pavement, etc.

Goal II: Enhance Water Conservation Projects and Programs									
MOVE	FIELD		PLAYERS		SCORE	CLOCK	SUPPORT		
Play 1: Provide education and promote greywater systems.									
Move II.1.1: Create an Integrated Water and Wastewater Resources Management Plan (IWWRMP).	Municipal	•	Public Works		IWWRMP	FY20/21 Q3	Consultant		
Move II.1.2: Evaluate the feasibility of implementing a greywater rebate program.	Municipal	•	Public Works Building/Planning		Program outline and resources needed	FY20/21 Q3	Consultant		
Move II.1.3: Work with South Pasadena Beautiful to promote a Garden Tour focusing on greywater systems.	Residential		Public Works Community Svcs PIO		Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q3			
Move II.1.4: Create informational materials on greywater systems.	Residential	•	Public Works Building/Planning PIO		Factsheet	FY19/20 Q4			
*Move II.1.5: Educate/train Building and Planning Department on greywater systems.	Municipal	•	Public Work s Building/Planning		Training Session/Workshop	FY20/21 Q3	Consultant		
	2: Promote t	he ι	use of water conserv	vatio	on devices.				
Move II.2.1: Retrofit all water faucets in City facilities with low- flow aerators and post signage to raise awareness.	Municipal	•	Pubic Works PIO		Spreadsheet of old vs. new aerators, if possible	FY20/21 Q2	Signage funds		
Move II.2.2: Evaluate the current water conservation program in respect to local vendor supplies.	Municipal	•	Public Works		Outline of potential incentives for local purchases vs. non-local	FY19/20 Q4			
Move II.2.3: Continue to offer businesses and residents free water conservation devices including low-flow aerators, showerheads, and hose nozzles.	Commercial Residential	•	Public Works		Sign-up sheet	FY19/20 Q3			
Move II.2.4: Promote rebates offered by Metropolitan Water District on water conservation devices.	Commercial Residential	•	Public Works MWD		Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q3			
Play 3: Provide educa	tional materi	als	and expert advice o	n wa	ater conservation practices.		-		
Move II.3.1: Create checklists/pamphlets that give tips on how to conserve water at home, at work, and at school.	All	•	Public Works PIO		Checklist Factsheet	FY20/21 Q2			
*Move II.3.2: Partner with third party to offer water conservation assessments for homes and businesses.	Commercial Residential		Public Works		Contract Promotion of program	FY19/20 Q4	Consultant		
Play	4: Increase	wat	ter conservation effo	orts	outdoors.				
Move II.4.1: Promote outdoor rebates offered by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) on outdoor water conservation devices and the turf removal program.	Commercial Residential	•	Public Works MWD PIO		Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q3			
Move II.4.2: Host workshops on turf removal and native plants. Explore other water-wise landscaping workshop possibilities.	Municipal	•	Public Works Community Svcs Upper District		Turf Removal Workshop California Friendly Landscape Workshop	FY20/21 Q4			
Move II.4.3: Promote rebates offered by the City on water efficient plants, native trees, drip irrigation, and sprinkler nozzles.	Municipal	•	Public Works PIO		New rebate applications Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q3			
Move II.4.4: Develop and promote an impervious surface removal rebate program.	Municipal	•	Public Works PIO		Rebate application Factsheet Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q3			
Move II.4.5: Host a workshop on the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO).	Municipal	•	Public Works Chamber MWD		MWELO Workshop	FY20/21 Q1			
Move II.4.6: Where possible, incorporate green infrastructure design (such as bioswales) in roadway projects.	Municipal	•	Public Works		Green infrastructure in projects	FY20/21 Q4			



GOAL III Increase Organics Diversion from Landfill

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Play 1: Provide tools and education on how to avoid organics and food waste.

Move III.1.1: Connect restaurants and grocery stores with food donation

organizations. Organizations such as Food Forward and Urban Harvester collect edible food that would otherwise be thrown away. Connecting restaurants and grocery stores to these organizations and starting food collection will reduce food waste, increase landfill/organics diversion, and provide food for those in need. Once information is gathered, distribute among commercial sector.

Move III.1.2: Provide strategies on how to avoid offering foods that are rarely eaten. This will help raise awareness on food waste and could help reduce costs.

Move III.1.3: Provide education on AB1826 and the mandated requirements for organics diversion. All businesses producing 4 cubic yards or more of waste are required to implement organics collection services. This requirement will apply to residents in the near future. It is important to know that efforts to divert organics from landfill are mandated by the state.

Move III.1.4: Provide strategies on how to avoid food waste at home. This will help raise awareness on food waste and could help reduce costs.

*Move III.1.5: Explore ways to create a neighborhood food library/harvest. Many residents have fruit trees and gardens that produce a surplus of food. Creating a space where neighbors can come together to share the produce will reduce food waste and create a community bond.

*Move III.1.6: Provide strategies on how to avoid offering foods that are rarely eaten at school. This would be a resource for schools and could help reduce food waste as well as costs.

Play 2: Provide tools and education on how to compost individually.

*Move III.2.1: Host free composting workshops or promote workshops in neighboring cities. This will provide residents and business owners the knowledge they need to start composting at home, increasing diversion and reducing costs.

*Move III.2.2: Provide free or discounted composting bins to those who participate in workshops. This will help initiate on-site composting.

Play 3: Connect with local composting hubs.

Move III.3.1: Connect with local composting organizations and determine if partnerships are possible. Connecting with local organizations can provide the City with valuable resources on organics diversion and composting.

Move III.3.2: Explore ways to establish a composting hub in South Pasadena. A local composting hub would provide businesses and residents a place to take their organics that is nearby and free. Determine requirements for locations and consider staffing options including volunteers.

Move III.3.3: Provide information on local composting hubs that are accepting **compost**. Spreading the word on existing composting hubs will raise awareness and increase organics diversion.

*Move III.3.4: Determine if any schools would be capable of establishing a composting hub. Schools can make great central locations and are a great point of information and influence.

Play 4: Implement existing organics services.

Move III.4.1: Deploy organics bins at all City facilities where feasible. Work with Athens Services to deploy organics bins at City facilities where feasible. The City will set an example and raise awareness.

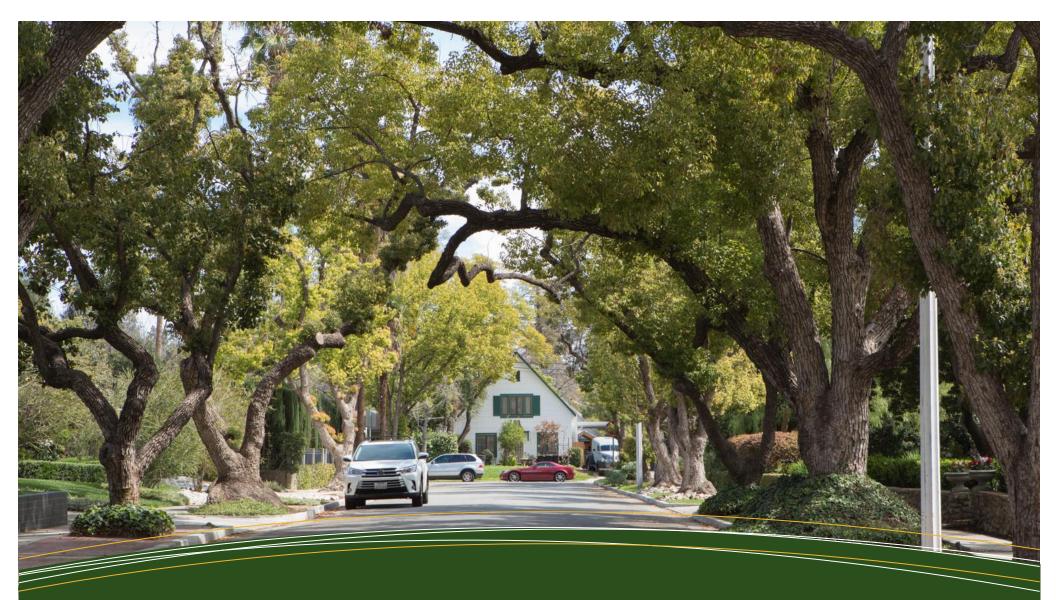
Move III.4.2: Educate staff and the public on what can and cannot be composted (i.e. create signage). Work with Athens Services to distribute flyers and signage for composting. Encourage City employees to be leaders in sorting organics.

Move III.4.3: Inform businesses via trash bill inserts and Chamber of Commerce of available organics services. Businesses that produce a large quantity of organics and cannot compost on site should implement Athens' organics services.

Play 5: Provide incentives/rewards for those actively working towards diverting organics.

*Move III.5.1: Explore ways to recognize businesses who are implementing organics diversion practices. Sustainable practices can be difficult to implement for businesses. Those businesses who do them in spite of the difficulties should be recognized/rewarded to encourage greater participation among other businesses and raise awareness among patrons. Some methods include: green business certification program, green business awards, certificate of recognition from City Council, etc.

Goal III: Incr	ease Org	anics Diversion f	rom Landfill					
MOVE	FIELD	PLAYERS	SCORE	CLOCK	SUPPORT			
Play 1: Provide tools and education on how to avoid organics and food waste.								
Move III.1.1: Connect restaurants and grocery stores with food donation organizations.	Commercial	Public Works Chamber	List of organizations and how to participate in their programs	FY19/20 Q4				
Move III.1.2: Provide strategies on how to avoid offering foods that are rarely eaten.	Commercial	Public WorksChamber	List of strategies	FY20/21 Q2				
Move III.1.3: Provide education on AB1826 and the mandated requirements for organics diversion.	Commercial Residential	 Public Works Chamber Athens/Consultant 	Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q3				
Move III.1.4: Provide strategies on how to avoid food waste at home.	Residential	 Public Works 	List of strategies	FY20/21 Q2				
*Move III.1.5: Explore ways to create a neighborhood food library/harvest.	Residential	Public Works	List of strategies	FY20/21 Q2	Additional staff			
*Move III.1.6: Provide strategies on how to avoid offering foods that are rarely eaten at school.	Schools	 Public Works SPUSD 	List of strategies	FY20/21 Q2	Additional staff			
Play 2: Provide to	ols and educ	ation on how to com	post individually.					
*Move III.2.1: Host free composting workshops or promote workshops in neighboring cities.	Commercial Residential	Pubic Works Community Svcs Chamber Athens	U Workshop	FY20/21 Q3	Additional staff; Funding			
*Move III.2.2: Provide free or discounted composting bins to those who participate in workshops.	Municipal	Public Works Community Svcs Chamber Athens	 Up to 3 quotes for composting bins Summary of funding sources Sign-up sheet 	FY20/21 Q3	Consultant			
Play 3	: Connect w	ith local composting	hubs.					
Move III.3.1: Connect with local composting organizations and determine if partnerships are possible.	Municipal	Public Works	Meeting with organizations	FY19/20 Q3	Consultant			
Move III.3.2: Explore ways to establish a composting hub in South Pasadena.	Municipal	 Public Works Planning Athens 	List of possible locations and resources needed	FY20/21 Q1				
Move III.3.3: Provide information on local composting hubs that are accepting compost.	Residential	Public Works PIO Community Svcs	Promotion through communication channels	FY19/20 Q4				
*Move III.3.4: Determine if any schools would be capable of establishing a composting hub.	Schools	Public Works SPUSD Community Svcs	Meeting with SPUSD	FY20/21 Q2	Additional staff; Funding			
Play 4:	Implement	existing organics ser	vices.					
Move III.4.1: Deploy organics bins at all City facilities where feasible.	Municipal	Public Works Athens All City Depts	 Organics bins deployed at City facilities 	FY20/21 Q1				
Move III.4.2: Educate staff and the public on what can and cannot be composted (i.e. create signage).	Municipal	Public Works Athens PIO	FlyerSignage	FY20/21 Q1	Signage funds			
Move III.4.3: Inform businesses via trash bill inserts and Chamber of Commerce of available organics services.	Commercial	Public Works Athens Chamber	Increase in number of businesses with organics service	FY19/20 Q3	Printing funds			
Play 5: Provide incentives/re	wards for th		towards diverting organics.	• •				
*Move III.5.1: Explore ways to recognize businesses who are implementing organics diversion practices.	Commercial	Public Works Chamber	List of recognition strategies and resources needed to implement	FY19/20 Q4	Additional staff			



GOAL IV Mitigate Impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect

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Play 1: Review and strengthen parking lot ordinances and/or enforcement if needed.

Move IV.1.1: Review parking lot codes and design standards and identify how they can be improved. Identify parking lot codes and review ways (if any) it addresses urban heat island effect. Discuss how existing codes can be improved to address urban hear island effect.

*Move IV.1.2: Educate/train Building and Planning Department on codes and ensure they are being enforced. Training staff will ensure enforcement of codes and will allow them to provide builders with information on current codes.

Play 2: Review and strengthen cool roof ordinances and/or enforcement if needed.

Move IV.2.1: Review cool roof codes and design standards and identify how they can be improved. Identify cool roof codes and review ways (if any) it addresses urban heat island effect. Discuss how existing codes can be improved to address urban hear island effect.

*Move IV.2.2: Educate/train Building and Planning Department on codes and ensure they are being enforced. Training staff will ensure enforcement of codes and will allow them to provide builders with information on current codes.

Play 3: Provide education and create resources for contractors, builders, property owners, etc.

Move IV.3.1: Create list of heat-tolerant and native shade trees and distribute. A list of fast-growing native shade trees would provide contractors and builders guidance when constructing parking lots.

*Move IV.3.2: Create informational materials (brochures, checklists, etc.) that clearly explain parking lot ordinances and how to comply. These materials will increase awareness and provide simple information.

*Move IV.3.3: Create informational materials (brochures, checklists, etc.) that clearly explain cool roof ordinances and how to comply. These materials will increase awareness and provide simple information.

Play 4: Increase the City's tree canopy and continue supporting tree education.

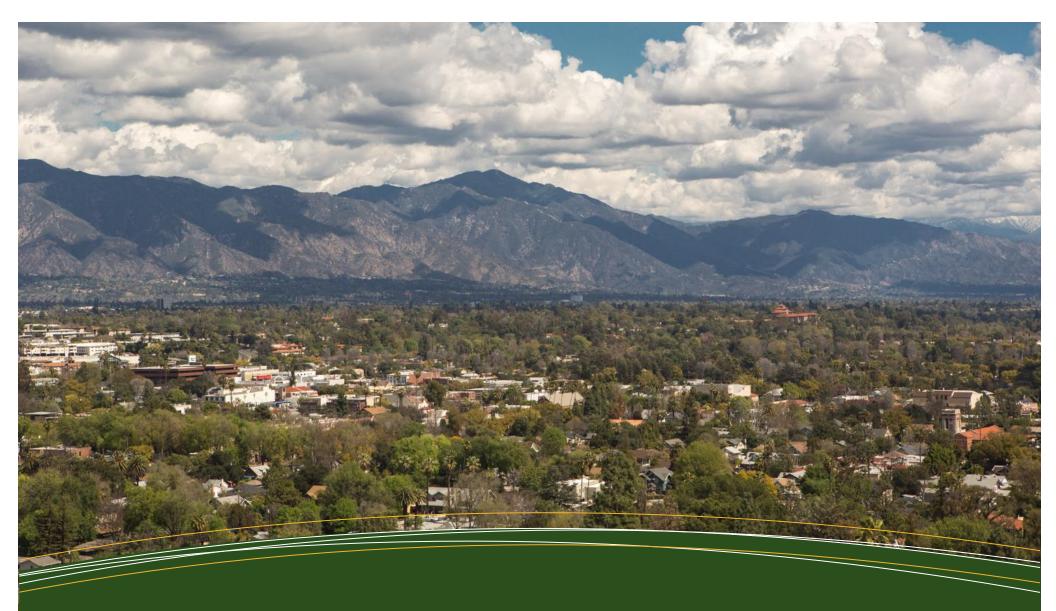
Move IV.4.1: Review the City's tree ordinance and identify how it can be improved. The tree ordinance ensures that trees in the City are protected. The ordinance should be reviewed to identify ways that it may be improved.

Move IV.4.2: Determine possibility of planting more trees near public transportation stops. Trees help mitigate the urban heat island effect.

Move IV.4.3: Update educational materials on tree watering and distribute among sectors. Distribute via South Pasadena Beautiful's outreach events and communication channels.

*Move IV.4.4: Create an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). An Urban Forest Management Plan will include inventories and assessments of the current status of the urban forest and a strategic plan for implementing and monitoring the City's urban forest vision. It will enable City staff to more effectively maintain and increase the City's tree canopy.

Goal IV: Mitigate Impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect								
MOVE	FIELD	PLAYERS	SCORE	CLOCK	SUPPORT			
Play 1: Review and strengthen parking lot ordinances and/or enforcement if needed.								
Move IV.1.1: Review parking lot codes and design standards and identify how they can be improved.	Municipal	 Building/Planning Public Works Management Svcs NREC 	List of codes and improvements	FY20/21 Q2	Consultant			
*Move IV.1.2: Educate/train Building and Planning Department on codes and ensure they are being enforced.	Municipal	 Building/Planning Public Works 	 Training Session/Workshop 	FY20/21 Q3	Consultant			
Play 2: Review and stren	gthen cool roo	of ordinances and/or e	enforcement if needed.					
Move IV.2.1: Review cool roof codes and design standards and identify how they can be improved.	Municipal	 Building/Planning Pubic Works Management Svcs NREC 	List of codes and improvements	FY20/21 Q2	Consultant			
*Move IV.2.2: Educate/train Building and Planning Department on codes and ensure they are being enforced.	Municipal	 Building/Planning Public Works 	 Training Session/Workshop 	FY20/21 Q3	Consultant			
Play 3: Provide education and	create resourc	es for contractors, bu	uilders, property owners, etc	с.				
Move IV.3.1: Create list of heat-tolerant and native shade trees and distribute.	All	Public Works NREC	🗅 List	FY20/21 Q2				
*Move IV.3.2: Create informational materials (brochures, checklists, etc.) that clearly explain parking lot ordinances and how to comply.	All	 Public Works Building/Planning PIO 	Factsheet	FY20/21 Q3	Additional Staff; Printing funds			
*Move IV.3.3: Create informational materials (brochures, checklists, etc.) that clearly explain cool roof ordinances and how to comply.	All	Public Works Building/Planning PIO	General Factsheet	FY20/21 Q4	Additional staff; Printing funds			
Play 4: Increase the cit	y's tree canop	y and continue suppo	orting tree education.	•				
Move IV.4.1: Review the City's tree ordinance and identify how it can be improved.	Municipal	Public Works NREC	List of improvements	FY20/21 Q4				
Move IV.4.2: Determine possibility of planting more trees near public transportation stops.	Municipal	 Public Works 	 List of places considered, and when they can be planted (if possible) 	FY20/21 Q3				
Move IV.4.3: Update educational materials on tree watering and distribute among sectors.	All	 Public Works PIO 	Flyer	FY20/21 Q1				
*Move IV.4.4: Create an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP).	Municipal	 Public Works 		FY20/21 Q4	Consultant; Funding			



GOAL V Prepare for the Consideration of Future Sustainability Initiatives

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The South Pasadena Green Action Plan is only the beginning. The moves in this plan are just a few of the steps the City is committed to take towards sustainability. The following initiatives are important to the City and are on deck to be implemented.

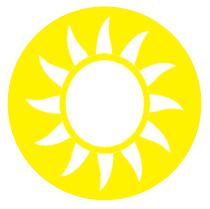
*Move V.1: Review the feasibility of the Renewable Energy Council's recommendations as outlined in their 2016 report, "A Clean Energy Pathway for South Pasadena."

*Move V.2: Evaluate the feasibility of banning gas-powered lawn equipment including leaf blowers.

*Move V.3: Establish a sustainability-focused group to spearhead the implementation of sustainability initiatives and practices in the commercial sector.

*Move V.4: Establish a sustainability-focused group to spearhead the implementation of sustainability initiatves and practices in South Pasadena schools.

*Move V.5: Create a physical and/or virtual space focused on sustainability education and available to all South Pasadena residents.



Timeline

<u>Goal I</u>						
	FY19/20 Q3	FY19/20 Q4	FY20/21 Q1	FY20/21 Q2	FY20/21 Q3	FY20/21 Q4
<u>Goal II</u>	2.2 2.5 2.9*	1.3 2.3 2.4 3.1		1.1 1.2 2.8*	2.1 3.2*	2.6* 2.7*
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<u>Goal III</u>	<u>l</u>					
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<u>Goal IV</u>	<u>/</u>			0.1		
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