

City of Falcon Heights Environment Commission

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

AGENDA

Monday, June 8, 2026
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Adam Keester (Chair) _____ David Smith _____
John Pellegrini (Vice-Chair) _____ Monika Chandler _____
Nuz Sanidad (Secretary) _____ Erica Bjelland _____
Beth Mercer-Taylor _____

Staff Liaison Myhren _____
Council Liaison May _____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 11, 2026

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Indoor Air Quality
2. Boulevard Tree Update
3. Lawn & Garden Tours
4. Climate Action Plan Implementation Update

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report
2. Council Liaison Report

G. ADJOURN

Next regular meeting date: July 13, 2026

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Beth Mercer-Taylor _X_

Staff Liaison Myhren _X_
Council Liaison May _X_

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Liaison May requested an item be added to the agenda – New Business #5, Lawn & Garden Tour Recruitment. Commissioner Mercer-Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda with this addition. Motion passed by consent.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 13, 2026

Chair Keester made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting. Motion passed by consent.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sustainability Fair Recap

Staff Liaison Myhren gave an overview of the Sustainability Fair. She stated, despite the cold and windy weather, it was very successful. Highlights included:

- 18 organizations tabled
- Repowered Electronics Recycling – 1,887 lbs of electronics recycled
- EcoShred – Eight 96-gallon carts of paper were shredded (around 2,400 lbs)
- Retold Recycling – Recycled 808 lbs of textiles

Commissioners discussed the outcomes and decided to potentially remove the speakers due to low attendance and to have a different giveaway than compost buckets (only gave out around 40 of 100). Another comment made was that several residents were concerned about the paper shredding, due to EcoShred taking the paper off-site to shred. This is due

to EcoShred's model of not having an idling truck, but this is something to consider for next year.

2. **Boulevard Tree Update and Tree Selection**

Staff Liaison Myhren presented the DNR 2020 Community Tree Report for the City of Falcon Heights. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the validity of the report, due to the large number of maples and "new" trees planted. It was considered these could have been planted on the University campus or State Fair property.

Staff Liaison Myhren asked Commissioners to review the list from the report and from the forester's suggested boulevard tree list and decide if any should be added or removed for boulevard trees. She stated boulevard tree signups are open currently and she will be letting residents know what was selected for their yard before planting begins.

3. **SolarApp+ Update**

Staff Liaison Myhren stated SolarApp+ is ready to be launched for the City, however there is some testing that needs to be completed. Unfortunately she was not able to give a demonstration at this meeting due to the test username and password she was given being invalid.

4. **Climate Action Plan / Energy Action Plan Implementation Subgroup**

Chair Keester explained the implementation of these plans may be better to keep internal to the Environment Commission. Commissioners discussed how to prioritize different focus areas and strategies. They also discussed potentially assigning a project for UMN students, such as reviewing and offering suggestions for revising City Code to remove barriers to more energy efficient multi-family buildings.

5. **Lawn & Garden Tour Recruitment**

Staff Liaison Myhren stated there is currently only one signup for the Lawn & Garden Tour in July. Commissioners discussed how to promote signups. Staff Liaison Myhren agreed to email all former participants. Commissioner Mercer-Taylor stated she would look into the Native American Medicine Garden. Staff Liaison Myhren stated she would also push the signups more in the newsletter starting next week, after Spring Together.

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Staff Liaison Report** – *Staff Liaison Myhren gave an update on the Fairway Commons development, the Get Pressed purchase, and reminded Commissioners of the Spring Together event.*
2. **Council Liaison Report** – *Council Liaison May gave an overview of the Community Advisory Committee for the Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment and that their first meeting will be Wednesday, May 20. She also let Commissioners know about an event on July 6 at the Philando Castille Peace Garden followed by a picnic at Falcon Heights City Hall.*

G. ADJOURN

Commissioner Chandler made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed by consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Next regular meeting date: June 8, 2026

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REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	June 8, 2026
Agenda Item	E-1
Attachment	None.
Submitted By	Monika Chandler, Environment Commissioner

Item	Indoor Air Quality
Description	<p>Commissioner Chandler has brought the topic of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) before the Environment Commission. A neighbor, Nina Sheridan, is assisting with hosting a free event on home indoor air quality and is assembling speakers. The event will be in Falcon Heights or St. Anthony Park and offer a panel of experts each giving a quick (10-15 minute) informational talk, followed by a “table fair” for homeowners to learn about IAQ community resources and get their questions answered by top experts. Right now hosts are hoping to find experts to speak about health concerns such as chimney smoke, barbecues, bonfires, wildfires, and the like. Volunteers, leads, and connections are welcome. Currently they will be covering, or at least making mention of for future events, topics including third hand smoke, mold, snow mold, radon, VOCs, and other common combustion and chemical pollutants.</p> <p>For more information on Indoor Air Quality, visit the Minnesota Department of Health website.</p>
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	None.
Action(s) Requested	None.



REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	June 8, 2026
Agenda Item	E-2
Attachment	None.
Submitted By	Hannah Myhren, Community Development Coordinator / Planner

Item	Boulevard Tree Update
Description	<p>Residents requesting trees were given a deadline of May 25 to have all requests in. Any requests received after May 25 have been placed on the Fall planting list. So far there are three addresses for Fall.</p> <p>For the spring/summer planting, the final trees selected were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serviceberry - Swamp White Oak - DED-Resistant Elm - Hackberry - Blue Beech - Shagbark Hickory - Chokecherry <p>This was mainly due to the lack of availability of a lot of trees at the nurseries. Each home with a tree selected for it (a total of 16 homes) have been notified of the tree selected and have been given a deadline of noon on June 5 to accept or deny the tree. Staff is actively working through a couple of issues with the selection being rejected by offering another tree. Otherwise, they have the option to be removed from the tree list at this time or wait until Fall.</p>
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	None.
Action(s) Requested	None.



REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	June 8, 2026
Agenda Item	E-3
Attachment	N/A
Submitted By	Hannah Myhren, Community Development Coordinator / Planner

Item	Lawn & Garden Tours
Description	The Environment Commission has agreed to hold the Lawn & Garden Tours on Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 9 am - 12 pm. This is just an update of current host sign-ups and brainstorming for more hosts.
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	N/A
Action(s) Requested	Staff request Environment Commission discuss host recruitment for the Lawn & Garden tours.



REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	June 8, 2026
Agenda Item	E-4
Attachment	See below.
Submitted By	Hannah Myhren, Community Development Coordinator / Planner

Item	Climate Action Plan Implementation Update
Description	Staff updated the Climate Action Plan Work Plan with current actions and has highlighted potential projects to focus on in the coming months.
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	- Climate Action Plan Work Plan - Updated 6.3.2026
Action(s) Requested	Staff request Environment Commission discuss upcoming implementation projects from the Climate Action Plan.

City of Falcon Heights Climate Action Plan Implementation Matrix

Search Goals and Actions (use blue box below)

5/7/2025

Goal Action	Goal / Action	Target Start Year	Lead City Department	Staff Lead	Progress At Review	Review Notes / Data	Examples and Resources	Sector	Combine d "votes"	Team "votes"	Communit y "votes"
Implementation Actions											
I-1-1: Organize for Climate Action Plan Implementation.											
I-1-1-1	Create a City "CAP Implementation Team" comprised of the Environment Commission with the Staff/Council liaisons to meet quarterly, prioritize and track progress, and develop two-year work plans outlining tasks, timelines, resources, and staffing needs. The team will provide annual progress updates to the Environment Commission and City Council.	In Progress						Implementation Actions	2		2
I-1-2	Explore the potential and benefits of the Environment Commission forming a Falcon Heights Climate Action Collaboration Team with members from local government, nonprofits, community groups, and residents. The team could meet regularly to coordinate CAP implementation, pursue joint initiatives, share lessons, support cross-jurisdictional projects, and identify funding opportunities.	Completed				EC will be the Climate Action Collaboration Team		Implementation Actions	10	8	2
I-1-3	Create a process to review city policies and plans for consistency with the Climate Action Plan.	Not Started					Resource: paleBLUEdot example CAP Alignment Memo https://1drv.ms/b/s!AYEmMhmWPLk01DVCJq6m_g0819gA?e=f07SXF	Implementation Actions	4	2	2
I-1-4	Implement a cohesive annual communication and education campaign that addresses the communication and educational needs of each CAP section. Enhance the City's Energy Action Hub to disseminate CAP resources and foster community action.	Not Started						Implementation Actions	1	1	
I-1-5	Regularly evaluate CAP progress and impacts (every 1-2 years), including updated community-wide and municipal GHG inventories. Review strategies for effectiveness and relevance, adjusting actions as necessary.	In Progress						Implementation Actions	3	2	1
Transportation and Land Use											
TL-1: Decrease community-wide Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 5% by 2035. (Note: VMT reduced an average of 2.2% annually from 2014 to 2023)											
TL-1-1	Adopt and implement a Living Streets policy. <small>(Note: Living Streets are green, multimodal streets that enhance walking and biking conditions, safety, and neighborhood livability while reducing environmental impacts and maintenance costs.)</small>	In Progress				City Administrator looking into grant currently (as of June 2026) for walkability/bike plan.	https://metro council.org/local-planning-handbook/local-planning-highlights/living-streets-maplewood.aspx	Transportation and Land Use	13	10	3
TL-1-2	Create an Active Mobility Plan emphasizing multimodal transportation, transit access, bike/pedestrian safety, and infrastructure improvements. Prioritize protected bike lanes. Review Ramsey County's bike/pedestrian plan and partner with adjacent communities, the University of Minnesota and State Fair on connected routes.	In Progress				See above.		Transportation and Land Use	9	6	3
TL-1-3	Establish a policy for a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan, which includes a transit component, applicable to all new developments and redevelopments projects.	Not Started						Transportation and Land Use	1		1
TL-1-4	Collaborate with partners on a branded campaign and incentives to promote alternative transportation, focusing on short trips and equity-driven support for bike and eBike adoption.	Not Started						Transportation and Land Use	5	2	3
TL-1-5	Develop and distribute a resident-focused brochure through landlords that highlights local parks, transit options, bike and walk routes, sustainability resources, waste and recycling programs, clean energy opportunities, and related incentives, including links to the current City information.	Not Started						Transportation and Land Use	3	1	2
TL-2: Increase public transit commuter ridership 40% by 2035. (from 10.3% to 14.4% of commuters. Note: public transit ridership decreased from 14.3% in 2013 to 10.3% in 2023).											
TL-2-1	Collaborate with Metro Transit and partners to secure funding for free or reduced fares for Falcon Heights residents and expand transit access through fare reductions, Bus Rapid Transit, and other strategies.	Not Started						Transportation and Land Use	10	4	6
TL-2-2	Collaborate with Metro Transit and partners to enhance bus stop infrastructure according to industry best practices, including pullouts, shelters, and safe pedestrian crossings.	On-Going				We actively work with Metro Transit when they are working on bus lines in FH - example being the recent changes to Rte 61.		Transportation and Land Use	9	4	5
TL-2-3	Partner with Metro Transit and others to develop and distribute educational materials about public transit options and resources.	Not Started						Transportation and Land Use	1		1
TL-2-4	Work with local businesses to promote and expand Metro Transit's Guaranteed Ride Home and Employer Sponsored Pass programs for employees and students.	Not Started						Transportation and Land Use	0		
TL-3: Increase average population per developed acre by 8% by 2035. (from 6 to 6.5 ppl/acre)											
TL-3-1	Amend zoning ordinances to support higher-density, walkable neighborhoods by increasing building heights, allowing approved densities, encouraging Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), promoting Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) near transit stations, and supporting mixed-use developments.	In Progress				**Added ADUs, reduced minimum parking requirements		Transportation and Land Use	5	3	2

TL 3- 2	Use the Comprehensive Plan process to identify vacant or underutilized land suitable for higher-density development, walkability improvements, transit access, or greenspace.	In Progress	Golf Course redevelopment. Get Pressed site being purchased by City.	Transportation and Land Use	1		1
TL 3- 3	Attract and support mixed-use, multimodal redevelopment projects on priority sites identified through the Comprehensive Plan.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	1		1
TL 4-	TL 4: Increase battery electric vehicle (BEV) use to 15% of vehicles on the road by 2035. (from approximately 87 vehicles to 470 vehicles citywide)			Transportation and Land Use			
TL 4- 1	Collaborate with Xcel Energy and partners to expand incentives for electric vehicles (EVs), residential chargers, and eBike adoption, including low-cost loan or bulk-purchase programs to reduce costs.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	17	9	8
TL 4- 2	Provide information to the community through workshops, an EV guide, and enhanced website content highlighting EV technology, incentives, and available programs.	Not Started	Resource: https://www.falconheights.org/residents/resources-for-residents/environment-sustainability/electric-vehicles-charging-equipment	Transportation and Land Use	0		
TL 4- 3	Partner with Ramsey County Environmental Health to host and promote a Falcon Heights EV Fair, providing education, test drives, and vendor interaction.	Not Started	Could be a good option for the Sustainability Fair	Transportation and Land Use	1		1
TL 4- 4	Through trash hauler permitting, promote or require fleet efficiency improvements such as fuel-efficient practices, optimized routing, zero-emission vehicles or low-emission fuels, and advanced technologies. Include a provision for annual reporting on progress.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	6	5	1
TL 5-	TL 5: Make the community "EV-ready" with electric vehicle charging stations in every public and private parking lot or ramp by 2030. (Aligns with Comprehensive Plan Goal).			Transportation and Land Use			
TL 5- 1	Implement an "EV Ready" building ordinance for new developments that includes EV charging infrastructure and dedicated parking.	Completed	We have updated City Code to allow EV spaces to count toward the minimum required parking.	Transportation and Land Use	11	4	7
TL 5- 2	Create an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Readiness Plan that assesses current and future charging needs, maps existing stations, identifies expansion opportunities in public, commercial, and multi-family residential areas, and prioritizes equitable access in low/moderate-income neighborhoods.	Not Started	Resource: https://xcelenergy.comunities.com/evtoolkit	Transportation and Land Use	2		2
TL 5- 3	Promote funding opportunities and resources for local businesses to provide electric vehicle charging stations.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	2		2
TL 5- 4	Identify an existing or develop and distribute an "EV Ready Guide" with building readiness standards and fleet conversion resources.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	1		1
TL 6-	TL 6: Convert 100% of the municipal non-emergency fleet and equipment to EVs and improve remaining combustion vehicle fuel efficiency by 10% by 2035.			Transportation and Land Use			
TL 6- 1	Conduct phased fleet analyses to transition to electric and alternative fuel vehicles and equipment. Identify replacements, infrastructure requirements, and facility upgrades.	In Progress	Purchasing a new electric truck will likely be moving to electric leaf blowers, etc.	Transportation and Land Use	8	3	5
TL 6- 2	Adopt a policy for new City fleet vehicles to be electric or use low/no-carbon fuels by 2030 for light-duty and by 2040 for medium/heavy-duty vehicles.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	6	3	3
TL 6- 3	Implement and enforce a city operations anti-idling policy of combustion vehicles.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	5	3	2
TL 6- 4	Create an "Eco Driving Guide" to promote fuel efficiency, distribute it to City employees, include it in new employee training, and make it available to Falcon Heights residents and businesses.	Not Started		Transportation and Land Use	1		1
Buildings and Energy				Buildings and Energy			
BE 1-	BE 1: Improve total Citywide building energy efficiency 5% for electricity and 15% for natural gas by 2035. (measured by total energy consumption)			Buildings and Energy			
BE 1- 1	Collaborate with partners to establish a program achieving deep energy retrofits for 80% of low/moderate-income households by 2030. Goal: 100 households annually, each achieving 15% energy reductions. (Comprehensive Plan)	Not Started		Buildings and Energy	9	9	
BE 1- 2	Offer and promote fully subsidized Home Energy Squad visits for income-qualified residents.	On-Going		Buildings and Energy	7	4	3
BE 1- 3	Adopt an energy benchmarking ordinance (Comprehensive Plan)	Not Started		Buildings and Energy	0		
BE 1- 4	Establish a policy for City-funded projects to meet energy efficiency standards (e.g. SB2030, LEED Gold, Enterprise Green Communities, ICC/ASHRAE 700). Encourage other developments needing PUD, CUP, and zoning approval to meet the same standard. (Comprehensive Plan)	Not Started		Buildings and Energy	5	5	
BE 1- 5	Consider establishing a Mayor's Home Energy Challenge to encourage and incentivize residential energy-efficiency upgrades.	Not Started	Example: City of La Crosse https://focusenergy.com/success-stories/city-of-la-crosse-honored-for-commitment-to-energy-efficiency	Buildings and Energy	5		5
BE 1- 6	Adopt and promote a voluntary net-zero energy code through the building permit process (Comprehensive Plan)	Not Started		Buildings and Energy	2	2	
BE 1- 7	Consider adopting a "Dark Sky" lighting ordinance to promote ecosystem and human health and reduce exterior lighting energy consumption.	Not Started	https://darksky.org/what-we-do/advancing-responsible-outdoor-lighting/darksky-recognized-codes-and-statutes/	Buildings and Energy	2	2	

BE 2- BE 2: Achieve 30% building "fuel switching" from on-site fossil fuel combustion to electrification or renewable fuels by 2035. (28% of existing households use electric heat according to census and natural gas utility data. Goal would result in 50% of households using electric heat)		Buildings and Energy			
BE 2- 1	Coordinate an annual group purchase campaign for residents and small businesses to reduce costs of electrification, energy efficiency, and weatherization upgrades (e.g., air and ground source heat pumps). Prioritize equity in program design, support local contractors, and consider integration with clean energy purchase programs. Goal: 30 households and 10 businesses annually.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	6	5
BE 2- 2	Collaborate with partners to expand and promote incentives for low-income residents to electrify their homes. Goal: 15 households annually.	Buildings and Energy	On-Going	5	2
BE 2- 3	Address misconceptions and promote new technologies through educational materials and City communications.	Buildings and Energy	On-Going	5	1
BE 3- BE 3: Increase customer-owned or purchased clean electricity to 22% of total building electricity use citywide by 2035. (10% on-site and 12% green source purchase - existing is 5% on-site and 6% green source purchase. Aligns with Comprehensive Plan Goal)		Buildings and Energy			
BE 3- 1	Collaborate with partners to implement and promote an annual Residential Solar Group Purchase program, supported by a program administrator such as the Midwest Renewable Energy Association or others experienced in solar group purchase programs. Goal: 15 participants and 100 KW installed Annually.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	7	6
BE 3- 2	Establish a policy to incorporate clean energy standards into the PUD ordinance. (Comprehensive Plan)	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	7	7
BE 3- 3	Identify top privately-owned sites for Solar PV installations (rooftop, ground, carport) and develop site assessments detailing estimated costs, energy generation, and 20-year economic payback. Provide assessments to additional property owners biennially through 2032 to maximize solar incentives. Coordinate with the Commercial property and Industrial property Solarize program.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	5	2
BE 3- 4	Organize an annual group solar purchase program for commercial and industrial properties, coordinating with the City's Top Solar Potential's Initiative. Goal: 5 participants installing 150 KW annually.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	1	1
BE 3- 5	Organize education and outreach promoting net-zero energy development, clean energy rebates, and tax credits; provide resources on the City's Energy Hub website. (Comprehensive Plan)	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	2	1
BE 4- BE 4: Improve total municipal building energy efficiency by 5% for electricity and 15% for natural gas by 2035. (measured by total energy consumption)		Buildings and Energy			
BE 4- 1	Establish a policy for City-owned buildings to achieve and maintain ENERGY STAR ratings of 75 or higher, meet or exceed IGCC standards, and publicly report energy use. All facility design and construction RFPs for new or major renovation projects must also evaluate opportunities to achieve Net Zero Energy.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	2	1
BE 4- 2	Conduct energy audits of all City facilities, including Dark Sky LED outdoor lighting guidance. Use audit results to prioritize facility improvements in the Capital Improvement Plan, with implementation within 5 years.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	8	6
BE 5- BE 5: Achieve 100% municipal building clean electricity use and "fuel switching" from on-site fossil fuel combustion to electrification by 2035. (on-site and green source purchase, aligns with Comprehensive Plan Goal)		Buildings and Energy			
BE 5- 1	Identify and assess City facilities to prioritize for electrification and schedule improvements.	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	2	2
BE 5- 2	Establish a policy for all new City-owned buildings to be 100% electric (or have zero on-site fossil fuel combustion).	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	8	5
BE 5- 3	Conduct a City Facility Solar and Clean Energy Master Plan study assessing on-site solar feasibility, options for achieving 100% clean electricity including ownership options, community solar, RECs, and solar+storage microgrids. Establish an implementation timeline. (Comprehensive Plan)	Buildings and Energy	Not Started	4	2
Waste Management		Waste Management			
WM 1- WM 1: Decrease total annual municipal solid waste generated by 10% by 2035. (from 6160 tons/year to 5,544 tons/year).		Waste Management			
WM 1- 1	Establish a Zero Waste policy for City operations with clear annual waste reduction targets to achieve Zero Waste. External users of City facilities to comply with the Zero Waste policy, and event permit applications must be updated to mandate recycling and composting at events.	Waste Management	Not Started	6	5
WM 1- 2	Explore waste hauling improvements to support CAP goals, including updates to the City's licensing process and the implementation of organized waste hauling strategies.	Waste Management	Not Started	10	5
WM 1- 3	Establish a policy for all construction and demolition projects to submit waste management plans demonstrating how they will meet specific waste diversion targets aligned with the City's Climate Action Plan goals	Waste Management	Not Started	3	2
WM 1- 4	Collaborate with partners such as Reuse MN to promote material reuse and waste reduction, including community events like swaps and garage sales.	Waste Management	Not Started	12	3

W-2-2	Conduct a pavement analysis and permeable pavement conversion study, prioritizing flood-vulnerable areas identified in the City's 2024 Ground Cover Study. Develop an implementation master plan and replacement schedule. (Consider integration with the Land Conversion Opportunity Study)	Not Started	Water and Wastewater	18	15	3
W-2-3	Explore zoning adjustments to reduce impervious surfaces citywide, emphasizing pavement removal, permeable pavement installation, floodplain preservation, and green stormwater infrastructure. Collaborate with Capitol Region and Rice Creek Watershed Districts	Not Started	Water and Wastewater	3	2	1
W-2-4	Partner with Capitol Region and Rice Creek Watershed Districts to create or expand incentive programs encouraging rain garden installations, prioritizing areas vulnerable to stormwater impacts.	Not Started	Water and Wastewater	3		3
W-3: Increase groundwater, stream, river and wetland water quality protection and restoration.						
W-3-1	Partner with Capitol Region and Rice Creek Watershed Districts to assess the percentage of impervious surface runoff treated by Best Management Practices (BMPs) and set a 2035 improvement goal.	Not Started	Water and Wastewater	6	3	3
W-3-2	Strengthen ordinances and enforcement to protect riparian areas, streams, and wetlands that store and filter floodwaters.	Not Started	Water and Wastewater	5		5
W-3-3	Adopt a no-synthetic-fertilizer, no-pesticide policy for all City-owned or managed properties and encourage reduced fertilizer and pesticide use by residents and businesses.	Not Started	Water and Wastewater	18	10	8
W-3-4	Collaborate with partners to educate residents on environmentally safer alternatives to road and sidewalk salt for ice control.	On-Going	Water and Wastewater	13	10	3
Local Food and Agriculture						
LF 1: Enhance access to local food, especially for low-income and food-insecure individuals.						
LF-1-1	Collaborate with the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission to complete a Food Security Assessment, identify underserved areas, and develop strategies to improve food access—especially for vulnerable populations.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	5	2	3
LF-1-2	Partner with organizations like Good Acre, the University of Minnesota, Gibbs Farm, and St. Paul Farmer's Market to create or expand farmers market access in Falcon Heights. Pursue grant opportunities to support these efforts.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	8	3	5
LF-1-3	Work with partners to promote subsidy programs that provide local produce at reduced prices for qualifying residents.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	1		1
LF-1-4	Offer City facilities or parking lots as pickup sites for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs that accept SNAP and EBT payments.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	3	1	2
LF 2: Increase production of local food, particularly serving low-income and food-insecure individuals.						
LF-2-1	Identify and map potential sites for community gardens or farms, prioritizing underserved populations and food-insecure areas. Include parks and public lands, and collaborate with partners to implement garden locations.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	13	9	4
LF-2-2	Plant fruit and nut trees on City-owned land, boulevards, and rights-of-way. Partner with groups like Every Meal to collect and distribute the harvest.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	6	3	3
LF-2-3	Establish a "Grow Falcon Heights" program to expand community garden plots and create a market garden that offers youth training and internships. Collaborate with local restaurants, food shelves, and organizations to distribute produce to food-insecure residents.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	8	6	2
LF 3: Reduce food waste and hunger, achieve a 50% decrease in food insecurity Citywide by 2035.						
LF-3-1	Collaborate with the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Food and Nutrition Commission to complete a Food Security Assessment. Identify food-insecure areas, especially vulnerable populations, and develop strategies to improve food access in the city.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	5	1	4
LF-3-2	Work with Ramsey County, the University of Minnesota, and the State Fair to explore creating a Food Recovery Network that improves surplus food collection and distribution from large events and facilities to food-insecure and elderly populations.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	14	11	3
LF-3-3	Coordinate with local food banks to support edible food donations from City and community events. Expand partnerships with food retailers and restaurants, and share food bank resources on the City's website.	Not Started	Local Food and Agriculture	2	1	1
Greenspace and Ecosystems						
GE 1: Increase tree cover, particularly in the priority neighborhoods, from 22.5% to 25% by 2035 (an increase of 10% over existing tree canopy area).						
GE-1-1	Adopt a No Net Loss policy that ensures every removed public street or space tree is replaced with a seedling or sapling. If replanting on-site isn't feasible, a tree should be planted in a nearby space or within a tree bank established by or designated by the City.	In Progress	Greenspace and Ecosystems	16	7	9
GE-1-2	Partner to create or expand an annual tree giveaway or discount program for residents. Example: grow and distribute 400 seedlings or saplings each year.	In Progress	Greenspace and Ecosystems	12	6	6

GE 1- 3	Update the City's Landscape Ordinance to establish minimum tree and native/pollinator planting coverage standards based on lawn or impervious surface area. Ensure planting islands are included in parking lots for new or expanded developments. Promote diversity in native trees, shrubs, and pollinator-friendly groundcovers.	In Progress				Greenspace and Ecosystems	16	10	6
GE 1- 4	Collaborate with partners to share educational resources on climate-adaptive trees, promotion of tree and plant diversity, carbon gardening, tree care, and other sustainable greenspace practices such as reducing fertilizer use, biochar amendments, and polyculture lawns. Post resources on the City website.	In Progress				Greenspace and Ecosystems	16	8	8
GE 2- grasses and wildflowers citywide by 2035. (approximately 6 acres annually).	GE 2: Enhance pollinator habitats and replace 15% of turf with native grasses and wildflowers citywide by 2035. (approximately 6 acres annually).					Greenspace and Ecosystems			
GE 2- 1	Complete a Land Conversion Opportunity Study to identify turf and impervious areas suitable for conversion to native grasslands, wetlands, shrubs, or forests. Develop an implementation plan by census tract, explore incentives, and launch outreach to promote turf conversion.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	20	12	8
GE 2- 2	Establish a policy for City properties to reduce impervious surfaces and enhance natural diversity by incorporating pavement reduction, permeable pavement, green roofs, and replacing turf with native wildflowers and prairie grasses to support pollinators.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	13	5	8
GE 2- 3	Collaborate with partners like the University of Minnesota Bee Lab, Capitol Region and Rice Creek Watershed Districts to develop and share resources on selecting appropriate native and pollinator-friendly plants.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	20	5	15
GE 2- 4	Partner with the University of Minnesota Master Gardeners to create a greenspace ambassador and education program.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	18	3	15
GE 3- 10% citywide by 2035, prioritizing high-impact neighborhoods (approximately 4.6 acres annually).	GE 3: Reduce heat island effect by decreasing dark impervious surfaces 10% citywide by 2035, prioritizing high-impact neighborhoods (approximately 4.6 acres annually).					Greenspace and Ecosystems			
GE 3- 1	Collaborate with partners to create an incentive program supporting the conversion of underutilized paved and turf areas into sustainable green spaces, following the City's Land Conversion Opportunity Study.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	8	5	3
GE 3- 2	Encourage or require commercial developments receiving City funding, PUD approval, or Conditional Use Permits to implement heat island reduction strategies, including cool surfaces, solar-friendly shading, impervious surface reduction, and breeze capture.	Not Started	Potential for golf course if we end up utilizing TIF.			Greenspace and Ecosystems	4	3	1
GE 3- 3	Collaborate with partners to develop and promote best practices for reducing heat island effects on commercial properties.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	6	4	2
GE 3- 4	Collaborate with partners to create a cool roofs and pavements incentive program and develop a Falcon Heights demonstration project featuring a cool roof, green roof, green/live wall, or vertical garden.	Not Started				Greenspace and Ecosystems	13	9	4