

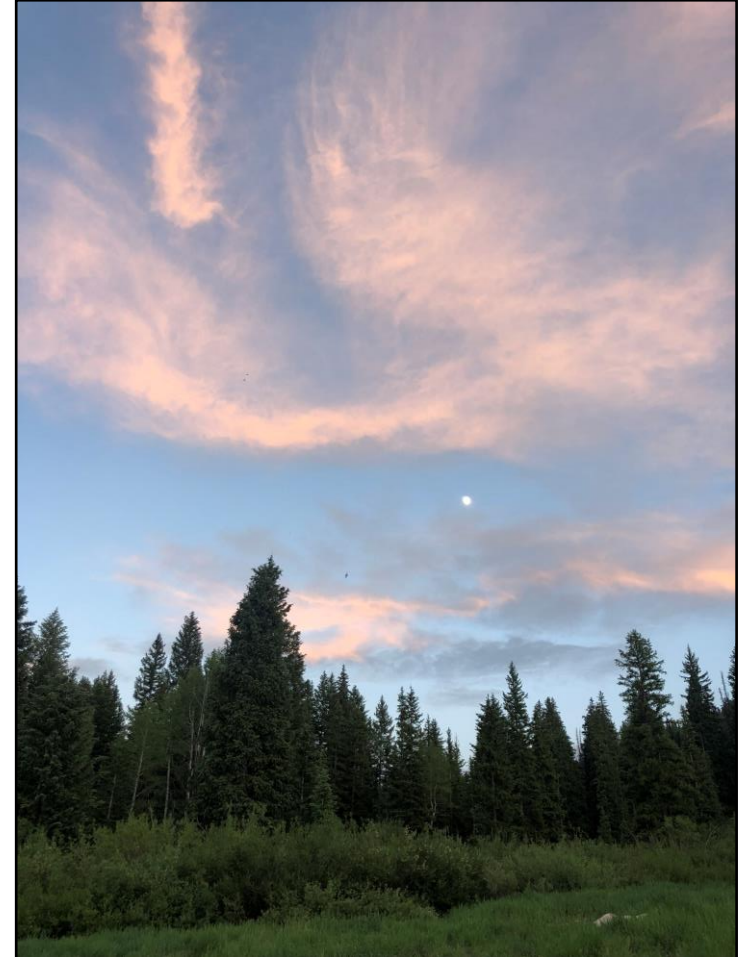
A scenic landscape photograph featuring a wide field of wildflowers. In the foreground, a dirt path winds through rows of purple lupines and yellow wildflowers. The middle ground is filled with more dense flower beds. In the background, a dense evergreen forest covers a hillside that rises towards a rocky mountain peak under a clear sky.

Sustainability Discussion

June 21, 2022

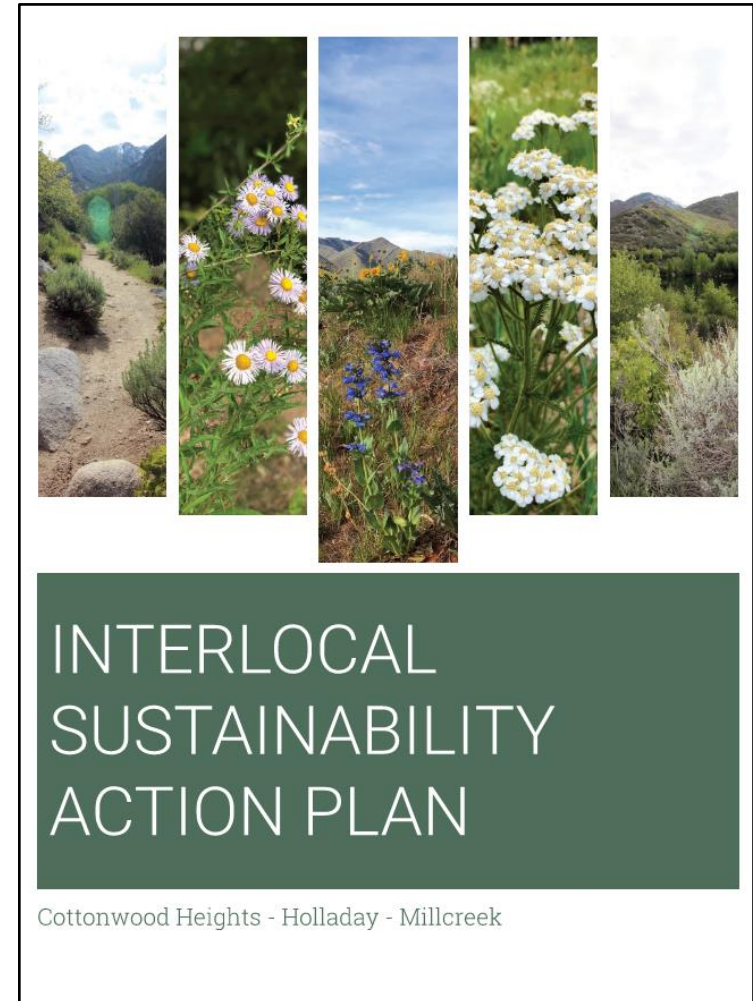
Sustainability History

- Sustainability has long been an area of focus for Cottonwood Heights:
“Environmental considerations must be part of community land use planning, recreational development, and the planning of large-scale developments”.
2005 Cottonwood Heights General Plan
- Early Sustainability Initiatives:
 - Glass Recycling
 - Tree Plantings
 - Anti-Idling Ordinance
 - Outdoor Lighting Ordinance
- 2019 Renewable Energy Resolution:
 - Paved the way for participating in the Community Renewable Energy Program
 - Highlighted the importance of setting additional goals in areas beyond energy use alone



Interlocal Sustainability Action Plan

- To outline a more widespread list of sustainability goals, the City Council adopted an Interlocal Sustainability Action Plan in 2021
- This plan identifies sustainability goals and associated strategies in categories of:
 - Development
 - Energy Use
 - Landscaping
 - Transportation
 - Waste Management
- This plan has been used as a guiding document for recent sustainability work



Moving Forward

- During the 2022 City Council retreat, interest was expressed in pursuing a general city-wide sustainability resolution
- Staff recommends the following approach:
 1. Council discussion and direction on a list of priority sustainability projects;
 2. If desired, adoption of a resolution in support of the priority project list and the Interlocal Sustainability Action Plan.
- Benefits of this approach:
 - A priority project list builds on the goals set within the Interlocal Sustainability Action Plan, and leads to implementation of the plan
 - A resolution used in tandem with a priority project list reiterates support for sustainability in a public-facing way



Staff Recommendation

1.

Create a List of Priority
Projects

City Council provides
feedback to staff on a list
of priority sustainability
projects from within the
Interlocal Sustainability
Action Plan for
implementation.

2.

Adopt a Resolution

Use a resolution in tandem
with a list of priority
projects to support the
project list and the
Interlocal Sustainability
Action Plan.

Next Steps

- If an approach of focusing on priority projects is agreeable to the City Council, next steps would entail:
 - Council discussion and preparation of preferred priority projects
 - Staff research of timeline, policy, and budgetary details for priority projects
 - If desired, City Council contemplates a resolution which affirms support for these projects
 - Council provides approval and/or budget allocation to implement priority projects



A landscape photograph showing a dirt path that splits into two directions. The path is surrounded by green grass and some small shrubs. In the background, there is a hillside covered in similar vegetation. The sky is filled with large, white clouds, and a bright light source, possibly the sun, is visible through a gap in the clouds, creating a soft glow. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Questions?



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