

Recommended Sustainability Priority Projects

MILLCREEK CITY

JULY 2022



INTERLOCAL SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

Cottonwood Heights - Holladay - Millcreek

Background

- Millcreek City Council adopted the Interlocal Sustainability Action Plan (ISAP) in Summer 2021, alongside Holladay and Cottonwood Heights.
 - *Development, Energy Use, Landscaping, Transportation, & Waste Management*
- The ISAP features a high-level scope in order to apply to all three communities, with the recommendation that each city dive deeper into the topics that they find most relevant.
- To determine which topics to focus on, sustainability staff will provide ongoing recommendations on potential projects for each community to consider prioritizing.

Recommended Projects: Two Categories

1.

Continuation of
Existing Goals

2.

Consideration of
New Goals

Continue Participating in the Community Renewable Energy Program

ISAP Reference: “*Continue to engage with Utah’s Community Renewable Energy Program.*” (Energy Use Section)

Reducing emissions is a key sustainability goal for communities to work toward.

With what we know so far, staff considers the Community Renewable Energy Program to be the most practicable approach for the city to reduce emissions on a large scale.

Participation should be continually evaluated as the program is further developed, with the potential for this program to ultimately serve as a viable pathway for Millcreek to meet its renewable energy goals.

Continue working toward an updated qualifying water conservation landscaping ordinance.

ISAP Reference: “Coordinate with agencies to educate the community on existing low-water incentive programs, and consider city-initiated incentives to fill gaps as needed.” (Landscaping Section)

- The potential to reduce water use via landscaping design is emphasized in the newest section of *Utah’s Coordinated Action Plan for Water*, with the state committing to strengthening rebate programs such as Flip Your Strip and Locascapes Rewards, which provide financial incentive for turf removal and waterwise plantings.
- As of this Summer, all Salt Lake County residents are eligible to apply for these rebates, but this eligibility will expire unless their communities pass qualifying water conservation landscaping ordinances that require water efficient irrigation, lawn maximums, and other design elements for all new development.
- In coordinating with regulatory agencies, they expect that this requirement will not be lifted.

Continue working toward sustainable design decisions for Millcreek City Hall.

**ISAP Reference: “Encourage the use of quality construction techniques and durable materials, including recycled and sustainably-sourced materials when feasible. Incentivize the use of fixtures and systems which conserve water, exceed energy performance, or otherwise reduce environmental impacts.”
(Development Section)**

- As is feasible, continue to consider sustainable design for new city facilities.
- Beyond the design process, consider sustainability in determining policies for the operation of these facilities.
- Potential policies could include turning off lights when leaving facilities, shutting off faucets while lathering hands or scrubbing dishes, enforcing no-idling in parking lots, instituting a sorted recycling system in break rooms, etc.

Update City-Owned Public Landscaping with Waterwise Design and Pollinator-Friendly Species

ISAP Reference: *“Serve as an example of low-impact landscaping through the use of xeriscaping and stormwater management solutions at city-owned properties.” (Landscaping Section)*

- Public spaces can serve as great examples to the community in terms of waterwise landscaping’s benefits and beauty.
- Potential project sites range in scale from park-strips to plazas to parks.
- Waterwise landscaping retrofits should still prioritize the health of trees and large shrubs, in order to contribute toward the community character and ecosystem benefits of urban forests.

Institute a Telecommuting Policy which Encourages Remote Work on Poor Air Quality Days

ISAP Reference: “Consider telecommuting or adjusted work-week policies to reduce employee commute impacts.” (Transportation Section)

- COVID-19 lockdowns provided indication that telecommuting is feasible for most industries, much of government work included.
- Although not its main intent, pandemic telecommuting had a positive impact on air quality by reducing the number of commuting vehicles.
- UCAIR recommends remote work policies as a key strategy for mitigating air pollution in the Salt Lake Valley. They suggest encouraging telecommuting on days when the Division of Air Quality’s air quality action alert shifts from voluntary or mandatory, although other mechanisms can be used to trigger this policy.

Host a Community Recycling Event which Targets Hard-to-Recycle Materials

ISAP Reference: “Provide community members with information on where to drop off items that cannot be processed via curbside service.” (Waste Management Section)

- Curbside recycling is an important offering but is still limited in what materials can be processed via curbside bin pickup. Many materials must be taken to offsite drop-off locations instead, which is inconvenient and can discourage recycling.
- Communities can help fill the gap with an annual recycling event that provides one-stop drop off for many hard-to-recycle items, in coordination with waste management providers.

Transition Future City Fleets to Electric Models

ISAP Reference: “As is financially practicable, consider purchasing electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, or other low-impact alternatives to traditional fuel models.” (Transportation Section)

- Electric fleet options are another tool to reduce emissions from city operations. An ongoing transition to a more sustainable fleet is more feasible than ever, with more widespread market availability for electric vehicles and electric off-road equipment (lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc.)
- Adding more electric fleet options can coordinate well with the Community Renewable Energy Program, as once this Program is launched, participating communities will be able to charge their electric vehicles and equipment with net-renewable electricity.

Institute Additional Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Throughout the Community

ISAP Reference: “Conserve energy through implementing strategies such as efficient appliances, gap sealing, weatherization techniques, efficient lighting, strategic heating and cooling, solar infrastructure, and electric vehicle chargers.” (Energy Use Section)

- The more charging stations that are available throughout a community, the more feasible a transition to electric models is, both for community members and city operations.
- With most drivers traveling outside their own city boundaries, a robust charging network also supports regional community members.
- Significant grant funding is available through the DEQ and Rocky Mountain Power for charging station installations, making this project a timely option to consider.

Work Toward a More Robust Active Transportation Network

ISAP Reference: “Continually maintain existing pedestrian and cycling paths. Identify connectivity gaps and prioritize transportation connections in these areas.” (Transportation Section)

- Encouraging active transportation is another avenue for communities to reduce their emissions through, as well as for residents to enjoy public health benefits and a greater sense of community involvement.
- To make active transportation more approachable and desirable, communities can work to close connectivity gaps in bike lanes, sidewalks, and paths, as well as add safety mechanisms such as buffers, crosswalks, and adequate lighting.
- Cities can also encourage active transportation through wayfinding projects that clarify existing routes, and community outreach that provides safety tips and expert tricks.

Provide Sustainability Outreach and Community Engagement

ISAP Reference: *“Although some sustainability work can be achieved through the sole efforts of city staff and officials, other initiatives benefit from multi-stakeholder participation. In terms of municipalities, this entails community engagement with residents, business owners, service providers, and other community partners. Research has shown that projects which incorporate community engagement are more effective than those without.” (Community Engagement Section)*

- Sustainability can be daunting, confusing, and overwhelming for all of us.
- One of the most effective ways to strive toward a more sustainable city is to simplify and clarify sustainability topics for community members via newsletters and social media feeds.
- Potential areas of focus include energy efficiency, water conservation, habitat preservation, etc.

Recommended Goals to Continue

1. **Continue** Participating in the Community Renewable Energy Program.
2. **Continue** working toward an updated qualifying water conservation landscaping ordinance.
3. **Continue** working toward sustainable design decisions for Millcreek City Hall.

Recommended New Goals

1. Update City-Owned Public Landscaping with Waterwise Design and Pollinator-Friendly Species
2. Institute a Telecommuting Policy which Encourages Remote Work on Poor Air Quality Days
3. Host a Community Recycling Event which Targets Hard-to-Recycle Materials
4. Transition Future City Fleets to Electric Models
5. Institute Additional Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Throughout the Community
6. Work Toward a More Robust Active Transportation Network
7. Provide Sustainability Outreach and Community Engagement

Suggested Next Steps

- Request direction from City Council on which sustainability projects to prioritize.
 - Direction on this list of recommendations?
 - Direction on other projects you've considered?
- Staff will take list of priority projects and provide detailed research on cost implications, timeline, grant funding opportunities, etc.
- City Council can use this detailed research to decide whether to move forward with the projects or not.

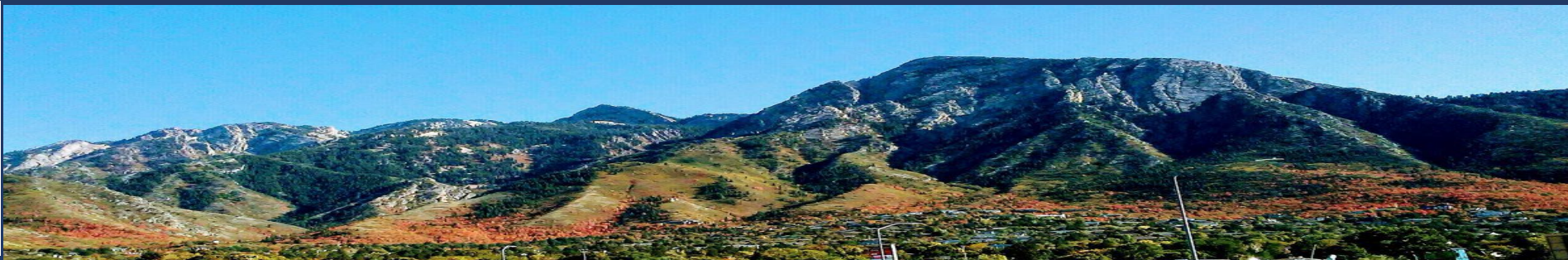
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Unified Police Department
Millcreek Precinct
Millcreek City Council Meeting

July 2022



June 2022	
Calls for Service:	2860
Total Cases:	994
Citations:	435
Booking Arrests:	41



June 2022

Assault: 32

Burglary: 17

Drug Offense: 30

Family Offense: 85

Larceny: 99

Robbery: 2

Sex Offense: 5

Stolen Vehicles: 24



Graffiti Investigations

- Millcreek C.O.P. Detectives investigated a case of extensive graffiti at Scott Avenue Park, 872 E. Scott Avenue. The entire north and west wall was covered in graffiti, prior to a Venture Out activity.
- The graffiti was cleaned by the UPD Graffiti Removal unit.
- There are no suspects in this case.

Illegal Encampment Abatement

- COP assisted Salt Lake County Health Department with clean up & removal of two camps located at 3900 south West Temple and Scott Avenue Park (3475 South 800 east). Occupants were provided with available alternative resources for assistance.



ILLEGAL FIREWORK CALLS FOR SERVICE

- On July 3rd, from 8pm to 2am, Dispatch took 18 calls for service in Millcreek. 6 of those calls were for illegal fireworks in a restricted area.
- On July 4th, from 8pm to 2am, Dispatch took 54 calls for service in Millcreek. 21 of those calls were for illegal fireworks. 6 other calls were for two fires that resulted from illegal fireworks.





Millcreek 4TH of July Parade



Night Out Against Crime

- Next Tuesday Aug 2nd 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- BIG COTTONWOOD PARK 4300 South 1100 East
- Stroll & Roll Car Show for UPD's Night Out Against Crime
- FREE EVENT
- Meet Local Police & Fire, Free Snow Cones, Food Trucks, Music, Games, Classic Car Show, UPD Mascot & more !



Memo

To: Council Member Cheri Jackson

From: Laurie Johnson – HR/Finance Director

cc:

Date: July 22, 2022

Re: July 26, 2022 - Treasurer's Report

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- As of July 22, 2022, the balance of the Series 2019 Bond Construction Fund is: \$0.00 (Millcreek Common City Center)
 - As of July 22, 2022, the balance of the Series 2021 Bond Construction Fund is: \$35,174,538. (City Hall)
 - As of July 22, 2022, Millcreek's PTIF account balance is: \$35,070,016.45.
 - As of July 22, 2022, 106.74% FY22 property taxes have been received in the amount of \$11,821,827.70. Last year at this same time, Millcreek had received \$11,750,904.04.
 - As of July 22, 2022, 88.77% of FY22 sales tax (updated projection) have been received in the amount of \$13,315,278.48. Last year at this same time, Millcreek had received \$11,829,877.85.

Thank you,