

Development of Austin's Environmental Investment Plan

April 16, 2024



Environmental Investment Plan

City Council passed a [resolution](#) on Feb. 15th, 2024 directing the City Manager and the Joint Sustainability Committee to develop recommendations for an Environmental Investment Plan that will provide funding to achieve the city's environmental goals

Projects Considered From City Plans

Project ideas *may* come from one or more of these city plans

- [Austin Climate Equity Plan](#)
- [Austin Water Forward](#)
- [Watershed Protection Strategic Plan](#)
- [One Austin: Climate Resilience Action Plan](#)
- [Austin Strategic Mobility Plan](#)
- [Austin Resource Recovery Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan](#)
- [Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan](#)
- [Austin Parks and Recreation Land Management Plan](#) (Recommended Land Management Strategies and Climate Vulnerability Analysis)
- [Austin/Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)
- [Central Texas Regional Air Quality Plan](#)
- [Austin/Travis County Food Plan](#) (in development)

Analysis should identify options for fulfilling all or specific elements of these plans before their current target date

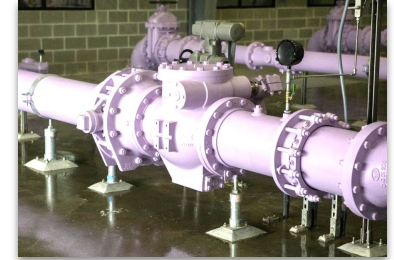
Identify capital improvements or programs

Prioritize options that:

- Reduce carbon emissions
- Decrease water usage and improve water quality and detention
- Advance the sustainability of City operations
- Improve community resilience

Potential funding mechanisms

- Utility base rates
- General fund expenditures
- Grants
- General obligation / Revenue bonds



Timeline

- March 27th – First public forum to generate ideas & collect community input
- April – JSC, staff, working groups pull draft recommendations together, analyses and cost estimates
- April 24th – Draft presentation of recommended projects
- **May 1st – Final list of JSC recommendations due to Council**
- May 30th – Council public hearing to consider the Plan
- June to August – Matching programs to funding mechanisms

Opportunities to provide input to the plan

Community Input:

- Written suggestions via [this form](#) or scan QR code
- JSC Regular Meeting April 24th
- JSC Special Called Meeting April 30th
- City Council Public Hearing May 30th

RMC Input:

- Potential to support relevant recommendations via commission action at May 21st meeting



thank you