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Environmental Task Force

2022 Year in Review and 2023-2024 Goals



2022-2023 ETF Accomplishments

Policies, Ordinances, and Proclamations

- ETF subcommittees pursued priority items identified by City Council: Leaf Blowers, Building Electrification, and Single-use Food Ware. Developed draft ordinances for each.
- Recommended Council adopt the [EV Charging Ordinance](#) to offer universal charging access at new construction multi-family housing and commercial developments - adopted October 2022
- Recommended Council adopt city-wide [resolution declaring Lafayette as an idle-free city](#) – adopted October 2022
- Interviewed and appointed applicants to eliminate vacancies. Reduced the number of required ETF members from 9 to 7 positions to increase efficiency and continue with public meetings in-person. Currently working to fill one vacancy.

2022-2023 ETF Accomplishments

Events and Education

- Coordinated an Earth Day [webinar](#) on Building Electrification and created [webpage](#) for public education, staffed a booth at Sustainable Lafayette's Earth Day Festival, and conducted an [online public survey](#) on Building Electrification for residents and businesses – April 2022
- Partnered with Lafayette Chamber on a [webinar](#) for the restaurant community about reducing waste and adopting reusables – May 2022
- Conducted walking restaurant survey along Mt. Diablo Blvd to provide information on single-use food ware accessories (AB 1276), compostable produce bags, and reusable food ware. Incorporated CA Legislative updates to proposed Single-use Food Ware Ordinance – July 2022
- Coordinated with City of Piedmont for an electric leafblower demonstration for City of Lafayette staff to encourage Lafayette staff to switch from gas-powered equipment – November 2022

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Community Initiatives

- With \$5k in funding from Council, collaborated with Parkes, Trails & Recreation Department to establish a community education and lending program at the Community Center. Residents may register to rent an [electric leaf blower](#) or [portable induction cooktop kit](#) for up to two weeks for free - implemented March 2023
- Recommended the City Council partner with Sustainable Contra Costa at the Champion Level (\$2k). Initiated new subcommittee to set goals and implements the Lamorinda Sustainability Challenge and [Lamorinda Zero Waste Challenge](#) on the [Cleaner Contra Costa](#) platform – March 2023
- Monitored residential waste diversion rate to be 68%, and monitored recycling in public areas downtown through the use of BigBelly receptacles
- Monitored use of public EV chargers downtown

ETF 2023-2024 Action Items

1. Finalize draft **Building Electrification Ordinance** for Council adoption (goal: July 2023)
 - Also seek to incorporate “reach” requirements into the municipal code.
 - Pursue outreach efforts through hosting informational events and creating resources on IRA and BIL incentives/rebates
2. Finalize draft **Gas Leaf Blower Ordinance** for Council adoption (goal: July 2023)
 - Significant community input on this topic.
3. Finalize draft **Single-Use Foodware Ordinance** for Council adoption (goal: July 2023)
 - Continue to seek feedback from stakeholders, engage community & restaurateurs.
 - Coordinate with Lafayette Chamber Green Committee to promote green business practices.
4. Select recipients for **Green Awards** (goal: October 2023)
5. Promote **Lamorinda Sustainability Challenge** and Cleaner Contra Costa Platform (ongoing)
 - Let's beat Moraga and Orinda!

ETF Future Priorities

1. Identify priority projects to address **Water Conservation**
 - Consider strategies to implement non-potable irrigation
2. Explore and identify opportunities to improve access to **public EV charging**
3. Update City's **Environmental Action Plan** (last edit 2017)
4. Conduct another **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory** (last was 2015)
 - Identify funding sources
5. Increase collaboration between ETF and other commissions and committees to **promote sustainability**
 - Monitor drafting of General and Specific plan development for opportunities to contribute
6. Increase public awareness that Lafayette is an **idle-free city**