

13 KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT

1. Race & Equity Initiatives

- 23% complete with evaluation of town policies, practices, and procedures
- Added space on agenda cover sheets for compliance with Council policies: race and equity, climate action plan, and Comprehensive Plan

2. Community Climate Action Plan

- Finalizing agreements for Green Neighborhoods Grant Program grants; several grantees have initiated project work
- Holding Solarize 2023 outreach events; program has reached lowest pricing tier; sign-up deadline is 9/30; contract deadline 12/30
- Implementation of Energy and Climate Protection Plan: Installation of solar arrays finalized on Fire Station 1 and Public Works Facilities
- Fleet Study is underway; kickoff, Department Head, and biweekly meetings held; facility site visits scheduled for October
- Staff working to update Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund; held staff meetings; performed research on similar municipal funds
- Continue to refine municipal and community greenhouse gas emissions inventories
- Climate Action Intern working to update webpages and design multifamily composting pilot
- Several pollinator events held throughout the summer, including two with Public Works staff
- Collaborated with other local jurisdictions and Central Pines Regional Council to submit a proposal for EV charging stations through the Inflation Reduction Act

3. Zoning amendments

- Beginning to scope project to allow greater density near transit and greenways (reflected on implementation schedule)
- Draft parking amendment and PUD density amendment to come forward Oct 24, 2023
- RFP went out for Downtown Area
 - Scope to include buffer around commercial area, or combination of commercial area and Jones Ferry Corridor

4. Connectivity, Bicycle, Pedestrian

- Design for Jones Ferry Road - out to bid
- Working on design for S Greensboro St
- Four projects identified in the bike plan were submitted for inclusion in the CIP are scheduled to get underway in FY23 and FY24. This includes:
 - Priority #1 Homestead Rd Side path w/ signalized crossing - Beginning design
 - Priority #2, enhanced bicycle infrastructure on Shelton Street
 - Priority #5, a protected westbound bike lane

5. Comprehensive Plan

- Manager's Office and PZI coordinated update to the Council on September 26, 2023. See relevant materials in agenda

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6. Safety Task Force

- Information on mental health support - Orange County two-year grant – to be presented November 2023

7. Affordable Housing

- Initial assessment of town-owned properties due to be under contract with firm in September/early October; public announcement of firm selection to follow; assessment of 2 sites to be conducted within 90 days of start date
- Currently in the planning stages for home weatherization, utilizing \$500,000 of dedicated ARPA funds. Current project support through AHSRF and with Orange County Home Preservation Coalition

8. Develop/Achieve Operational Efficiencies

- Town Manager's Office is working with N-Focus and staff on process recommendations.

9. Strategic Plan/Performance Management

- Currently reviewing internal performance measurement plans in prior budgets

10. Town Building Renovations

- A Request for Qualifications has been drafted to seek the services of a design-build firm to begin analyzing options for a Town Hall renovation. Tasks will be focused on developing different cost options for the renovation project for the Town to consider.

11. Infrastructure Improvements

- Working with SWAC and contractor on residential incentive program. Planning to begin publishing retrofit tools in Q2 FY24
- Condition assessment work underway and relevant to flooding and erosion concerns. Preparing to submit NCDWI LASII grant. 319 grant addressing erosion concerns in Bolin Forest neighborhood.

12. Economic Development

- In the planning stage for three different BIPOC business support projects.
- In the planning stage for parking enforcement; Analysis stage for paid parking policy

13. 203 Project

- Construction is approximately 50% complete and the building is on schedule to open summer 2024.