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Green Practices Commission Update to University City Council
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Sustainability

“Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

- UN Brundtland Commission, 1983
Mission

The mission of the Green Practices Commission of University City is to encourage sustainable practices and programs that improve the health and quality of life of our community; restore and protect our natural resources; and strengthen our economy.
Vision

Our vision for University City is to have a fully engaged community – city government, citizens, students, business owners, and patrons that integrate sustainability into every decision made, every action taken.
Values

Our values are three-fold.

• We believe there is a connection between economic, environmental and social well-being.

• We believe we must be stewards of our community; therefore, this compels us to use our knowledge to enhance the quality of life of future generations.

• We believe that local behavior and global development are linked: this requires that we think globally, as we act locally.
Sustainability Strategic Plan Categories

- Green Building Ecosystems/ Habitat
- Water/ Stormwater
- Air Quality/ Transportation
- Waste/ Resource Conservation
- Land Use/ Open Space/ Parks
- Energy
Updates, Action Items from July workshop

❖ River des Peres Master Plan
Updates, Action Items from July workshop

- Recycling
Updates, Action Items from July workshop

- Green Master Plan for the entire city
- Enhance & improve land use/ open space
- Planning & Zoning update/ upgrade
Updates, Action Items from July workshop

- **Energy action items:**
  - Energy reduction targets for City buildings
  - Update codes
  - PACE program
  - Renewable energy opportunities
  - Community energy system
  - Improve transportation energy use
  - Carbon use reporting & documentation
Updates, Action Items from July workshop

- Green residential building code
- Green commercial building code
- Green building rating system
Updates, Action Items from July workshop

- Develop seven subcommittees
- Education & marketing strategy
Publications and Reports

- Energy Audit Report
Publications and Reports

- Greenhouse Gas Inventory Analysis
Publications and Reports

- **Street Light Study**
  - Decommission 10% of poles and lamps
  - 50% savings in pole charge
  - Upgrade street light efficiency
  - Acquire street light infrastructure
Publications and Reports

- Energy Ordinance
Publications and Reports

- **Brochure**

The Green Practices Commission was formed to help University City residents, businesses, schools, and other community institutions reduce their carbon footprints and increase green practices.

Made up of an impressive list of community leaders with backgrounds in engineering, science, architecture, and sustainability, the Green Practices Commission’s primary responsibilities include:

- Acting in an advisory capacity to the University City Council in regards to all development projects and initiatives.
- Establishing and prioritizing sustainability goals and tracking their progress.
- Encouraging recycling, composting, and other sustainable practices that help improve the quality of life in University City, protect and restore its natural resources and strengthen its economy.

In 2008, University City’s City Hall became the first municipal building in the St. Louis region to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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Continuing the Legacy of Sustainability & Green Practices

Green Practices Commission Meeting Schedule
City Hall - 500 Room, Basement Level
4301 Deeming Blvd
University City, MO 63130
2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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