

**CITY OF CORVALLIS**  
**COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL**

**POLICY AREA 1 - GENERAL**

**CP 2010-1.12      Community Sustainability**

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**1.12.010      Purpose**

To achieve a more sustainable community. This Policy supports development of community practices, plans, and programs that promote a balance of environmental, economic, and social equity values (known as the "triple bottom line").

**1.12.020      Goals**

It is anticipated that the Corvallis community desires to achieve the following overall sustainability objectives:

- 1.12.021      Encourage and develop connections between environmental quality, economic vitality, and social equity.
- 1.12.022      Inspire and promote public action to address the needs of all citizens while furthering sustainability goals.
- 1.12.023      Equitably distribute the costs of improving sustainability.
- 1.12.024      Use resources efficiently and reduce demand for natural resources (such as energy, land, and water) as a first alternative to expanding supply.
- 1.12.025      Prevent additional pollution through planned, proactive measures, rather than only corrective action, and focus on solutions, rather than symptoms.
- 1.12.026      Act locally to reduce adverse global impacts of rapid population growth and consumption, such as ozone depletion and climate change.
- 1.12.027      Be a model of sustainable activities for other communities.

1.12.030      Definitions

Three relevant definitions from the Corvallis Comprehensive Plan appear here.

1.12.031      Sustainable – ability to be maintained or continued indefinitely.

1.12.032      Goal – a statement of intention expressing community values intended to provide a guide for action by the community.

1.12.033      Policy – a decision-making guideline for actions to be taken in achieving goals and the community's vision.

The following definition is from Council Policy 04-1.08 Organizational Sustainability.

1.12.034      Sustainability – using natural, financial and human resources in a responsible manner that meets existing needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

1.12.040      Policy

The community has demonstrated its concern for a sustainable community through the *Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement*. In pursuit of that, this Policy envisions that the community will:

1. Participate actively in public involvement processes to ensure a community dialogue on sustainability;
2. Develop practices to achieve a more-sustainable community through plans and programs that promote a balance of environmental, economic, and social equity values;
3. Use planned, proactive community solutions to sustainability problems; and
4. Consider long-term and cumulative consequences when making sustainability decisions.

1.12.050      Implementation

This Policy anticipates that current and future City Councils will prioritize one or more sustainability-related topic areas for which to develop community policy guidance and implementation direction.

1.12.051 Energy and Transportation

The *Community Energy Strategy: A 2020 Framework*, approved by the City Council on January 4, 2010, provides guidance to the community and future City Councils on achieving a more secure and resilient Corvallis in the areas of energy and transportation.

1.12.052 Implementation direction for other sustainability-related topic areas may be added to this section of the Community Sustainability Policy in the future.

1.12.060 References

"Compilation of Existing City Energy Sustainability Policies," Energy Strategy *ad hoc* Committee, December 21, 2009.

"Community Energy Strategy: A 2020 Framework," Energy Strategy *ad hoc* Committee.

1.12.070 Review and Update

The Public Works Director will prepare the Council Policy review every two years for City Council approval.