



Environment

FY2015 Strategic Focus Area Plan

“Charlotte will become a global leader in environmental sustainability, preserving our natural resources while balancing growth with sound fiscal policy.”

The City of Charlotte recognizes that environmental stewardship is fundamentally important to quality of life and essential to maintaining a vibrant economy. Protecting our natural resources, promoting conservation, and improving the environment all enhance the City's mission to preserve its citizens' quality of life.

Charlotte will become a global leader in environmental sustainability by:

- Promoting and participating in the development of an environmentally sustainable community;
- Leading by example by practicing environmental stewardship in City operations and facilities;
- Seeking and supporting collaborative and regional solutions to environmental problems;
- Facilitating the growth of the clean energy industry, including the alternative energy sector.

Specific initiatives in the Economic Development and Transportation Focus Area Plans relate directly to Charlotte's environmental goals.

FY2015 Initiatives	Key Indicators
Promote and participate in the development of a sustainable community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced residential waste • Protected and expanded a healthy tree canopy • Maintained water quality in lakes and streams as well as ensured safe and adequate drinking water supply • Continued reduction in ozone emissions across the City • Engaged community to cooperatively reduce impacts of waste and energy use to air, water, and land quality
Lead by example by practicing environmental stewardship in city operations and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced energy use from City operations, facilities, and fleet • Reduced ozone emissions from City operations, facilities, and fleet
Seek and support collaborative and regional solutions to environmental problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated and participated in public and private sector partnerships to positively impact air quality, energy efficiency, water resources and reduction of waste
Facilitate the growth of the clean energy industry, including alternative energy sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with partners to attract and grow the clean energy industry sectors in Charlotte
Become globally recognized for community sustainability efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified global benchmarks with which to measure City progress • Engaged with stakeholders across the region to move towards global-level distinction