



Environment

.....FY2016 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:

- Becoming a model environmental community in how it manages solid waste, energy, water and air;
- Leading by example by practicing environmental stewardship in City operations and facilities as directed through the Internal Environmental Operations Plan;
- Seeking and supporting collaborative and regional solutions to environmental problems;
- Applying technologies to develop “smart city” solutions to our environmental goals.

Specific initiatives to support these goals include:

FY2016 Initiatives	Key Indicators – Community
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards 100% achievement of waste diversion from landfill
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards achieving carbon neutral footprint for the community
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards reducing potable water use per capita • Develop baseline towards making all Charlotte waterways swimmable and fishable
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards achieving 50% tree canopy • Develop a baseline towards 100% of households located within a 5 minute walk of a transit option by 2050
Smart City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the Happiness Index for Charlotte

FY2016 Initiatives	Key Indicators – City Organization
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards achievement of 100% waste diversion from the landfill
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards achievement of carbon neutral footprint for City operations • Develop baseline toward 100% LEED certified or equivalent government
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards using water as efficiently as possible
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards increasing alternative fuel and vehicle technology use
Smart City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop baseline towards creating an engaged and connected workforce