

# DEVELOPING THE AGENDA



Putting people at the heart of the Sustainability Action Agenda.

Over the past 12 months, we heard from over 6,800 Detroiters to understand their vision for a more equitable, prosperous, and environmentally sustainable city. We hired 14 **Sustainability Ambassadors** to talk face-to-face with their neighbors and attend community events.

We created a **Sustainability Advisory Commission** to guide the development and implementation of the Agenda. We convened an **Interdepartmental Working Group** of 29 City departments, which met monthly to help shape the Agenda and will continue to meet as part of our implementation.

We used the coUrbanize digital platform to reach Detroiters online, and provide accessible, transparent information to residents. We distributed online and in-person surveys in five languages to understand people's concerns, priorities, and needs.

We hosted four Town Hall meetings, held seven focus groups with populations that are historically underrepresented in planning processes, and attended more than 100 community events to meet residents in their neighborhoods.

The Agenda represents the type of collaboration and shared effort that is critical to our collective success.

## SURVEY SAYS...

**“** I have seen community come together to clean up, but there are still abandoned houses and empty school buildings that should be torn down.”

**“** Living in District 6, clean air is always a concern of mine because we're so close to the plants - you can feel the harmful effects of the bad air quality in the area.”

**“** We need a network of multi-modal transportation options including bike paths. Our community needs to be more walkable with safe crossings and streets.”

**“** We have a lot of youth hanging out when school is not in session. We need more youth programs and jobs to prepare the youth for their future.”

**“** Create job pipelines for students in sustainability careers, beginning in middle school.”

**“** 57% said City government wasn't addressing food access issues well enough.”

**“** Over 95% said access to parks/green space is important to community health.”

To get involved and learn more about the Sustainability Action Agenda, please visit: [detroitmi.gov/sustainability](http://detroitmi.gov/sustainability)

**6,800**  
DETROITERS  
ENGAGED

**1,600**  
SURVEYS  
COLLECTED

**1,200**  
ONLINE  
COMMENTS

**100+**  
COMMUNITY  
MEETINGS

**50+**  
ORGANIZATIONS

**14**  
SUSTAINABILITY  
AMBASSADORS

**7**  
FOCUS  
GROUPS

**4**  
TOWN  
HALLS



# DETROIT SUSTAINABILITY ACTION AGENDA

2019

**One city for all of us.** That is the principle that drives all of our work in Detroit.

Our city has come a long way in just a few years as we've improved City services, secured balanced budgets, upgraded the City's credit rating, and moved out from state financial oversight. From the demolition of thousands of blighted properties, to expanded bus service, to 43 miles of new bike lanes, to 40 revitalized neighborhood parks, we're seeing the positive results of this work in our neighborhoods across this city.

But we still face significant challenges, including aging infrastructure, neighborhood blight, housing affordability, environmental pollutions, and a changing climate.

This Agenda outlines a strategic roadmap to create a more sustainable Detroit where all Detroiters thrive and prosper.

To achieve this, the Agenda includes 43 actions to achieve four outcomes:

- Healthy, Thriving People
- Affordable, Quality Homes
- Clean, Connected Neighborhoods
- Equitable, Green City

The agenda is focused on helping to deliver our vision, and is intended to complement, not supplant other City efforts. It also builds on the significant work undertaken by community groups, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and residents who have worked tirelessly to improve our city.

**Together, we can build a more sustainable city for all Detroiters.**

Mike Duggan  
Mayor, City of Detroit

## 10 GOALS



### Healthy, Thriving People

1. Increase access to healthy food, green spaces and recreational opportunities
2. Improve air quality and reduce exposure to pollution
3. Advance equity in access to economic opportunity



### Affordable, Quality Homes

4. Reduce the total cost of housing, including utilities
5. Improve the health and safety of existing and new housing



### Clean, Connected Neighborhoods

6. Transform vacant lots into safe, productive, sustainable spaces
7. Reduce waste sent to landfills
8. Make it easier and safer to get around Detroit without a personal vehicle



### Equitable, Green City

9. Enhance infrastructure and operations to improve resilience to climate impacts
10. Reduce municipal and citywide greenhouse gas emissions

# DETROIT SUSTAINABILITY

# ACTION AGENDA FRAMEWORK

## Vision

All Detroiters thrive and prosper in an equitable, green city; have access to affordable, quality homes; live in clean, connected neighborhoods; and work together to steward resources.

Our vision serves as the foundation for the 4 outcomes, 10 goals, and 43 actions in the Sustainability Action Agenda.

