



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager
DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2015
RE: Staff Report

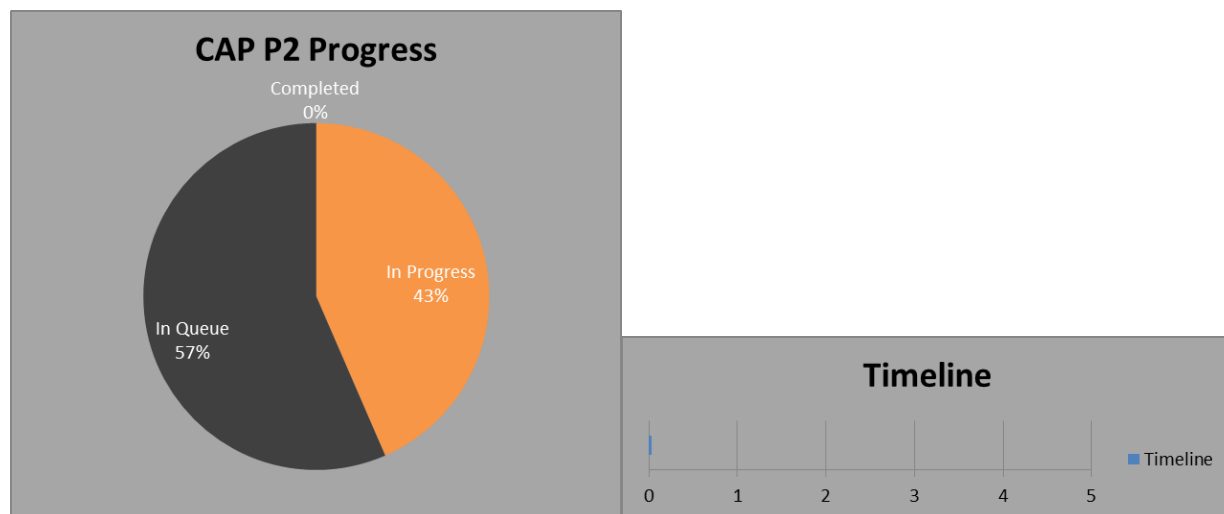
Climate Action Plan Phase 2 Progress

Goal 5 Action 1 Partner with existing energy efficiency programs and community groups

Urbana has been named as a finalist in the Georgetown University Energy Prize. The City in partnership with several community groups will compete for two years to reduce energy consumption in the residential sector. Their website is www.guep.org.

The Regional Planning Commission completed a study of electric vehicle charging station efficacy. See attached document.

Staff has contacted the Champaign County Association of Realtors to request consideration of incorporating energy and water saving attributes of buildings in their Multiple Listing Service (MLS) used to share information about real estate for sale. The MLS that serves the Chicago area provides a good example of environmental features that can be included in the listings.



City Green Team

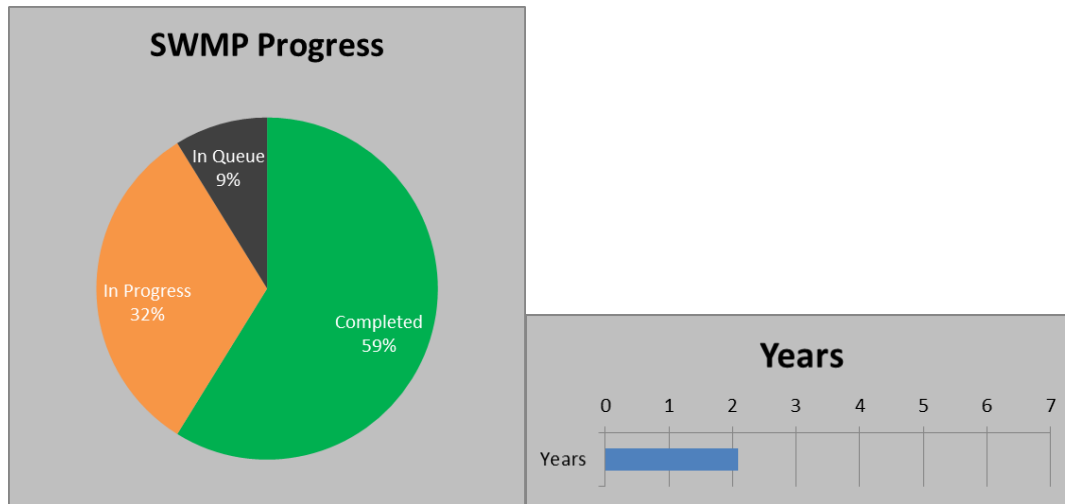
The Urbana City Building is currently in third place in the Illinois Green Office Challenge behind the Army Corps of Engineers and Peoria Charter Coach. The Challenge encourages friendly competition amongst office buildings to achieve energy and water conservation and waste reduction. The competition runs from November 2014 to April 2015.

Public Engagement

Staff gave talks on recycling at Clark-Lindsey Retirement Village and on energy and climate at UP 466 Energy, Planning & the Built Environment at University of Illinois.

Sustainable Water Management Plan

The City is working with the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium on promotional activities for Fix a Leak Week. Lowe's has agreed to host a leaky toilet repair demonstration.



U-Cycle

The City of Urbana has been awarded the 2014 WasteWise Local Government Partner of the Year Award by the US Environmental Protection Agency for achievement in waste reduction, tracking, and reporting. Other awardees include:

Kohl's Department Stores - 2014 WasteWise Very Large Business Partner of the Year Award
Commonwealth Edison Company - 2014 WasteWise Large Business Partner of the Year Award
Frito-Lay - 2014 WasteWise Midsize Business Partner of the Year Award
Madison Precision Products - 2014 WasteWise Midsize Business Honorable Mention Award

Next SAC Meeting

March 3rd at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers