



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission  
**FROM:** Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager  
**DATE:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
**RE:** Staff Report

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### Climate Action Plan Phase 2 Progress

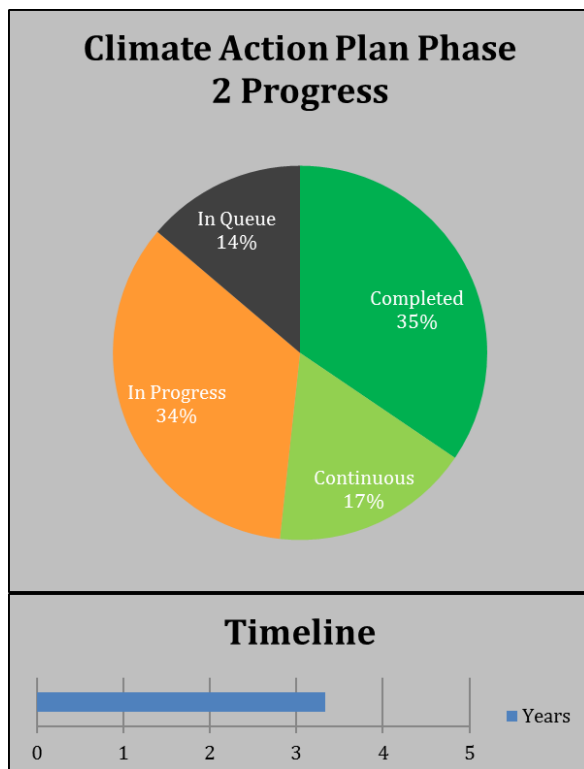
#### Goal 3 Action 4: Propose strategies to improve the local onsite renewable energy market

Solar Urbana-Champaign 3.0 will launch a bulk purchase and a power purchase agreement program for solar installations in Champaign County on March 16 at 6:30pm at the Independent Media Center and in Piatt County on March 17 at 6:30pm at the Monticello Municipal Building. Visit

<http://solarurbanachampaign.com/> for more Solar Power Hour dates and information.

#### Goal 4 Action 4: Reduce tree species, genus, and family preponderance to 5%, 15%, and 30% respectively

The Arbor Division celebrated a partnership with Urbana Rotary and residents Dr. Holly Rosencranz, and Warren Lavey to provide the City of Urbana with over \$10,000 for 85 new trees to line the streets of Urbana. This will be undertaken through the Urbana Cooperative Tree Planting Program and will be part of 209 new trees targeted for spring 2018 planting. An April 27<sup>th</sup> event recognized the participants in the partnership and commenced the City's tree planting season. When ordering trees for this year's plantings, the Arbor division order diverse species types with no single species accounting for more than 5% of the total order.



**Public Engagement** Staff worked with a University High School class on the Low Carbon Diet. Staff participated in presentations to an Urbana realtors' tour describing the sustainability services provided to the community. Staff presented at the League of Women Voters meeting regarding energy and climate topics. Staff spoke at a Planning in Action class at the University of Illinois regarding sustainability planning.

**U-Cycle**

U-Cycle staff and Park District staff will be conducting a workshop on implementation and best practices for backyard food scrap composting.

The community's electronics recycling event on May 19 is fully booked through our online registration system. Registration ensures little or no wait time. If residents were not able to get a time slot in this event, please check back to the City website often for announcements regarding future electronics recycling events.

**Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting**

June 5 at 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers