## Novi Environmental Sustainability Committee

**December 16, 2024** 

**Council Presentation** 



## What is Environmental Sustainability?

Sustainability is based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations.



# Novi's Current Commitment to Sustainability

Awarded \$100K Community Energy Management Grant in Summer 2024 Bee City USA designation Spring 2024

**Arbor Day** 

LED lighting + other facility upgrades

**Educational programs** 

Annual tree plantings and seedling giveaways



# **Environmental Sustainability Committee Vision and Mission**

#### Vision

Create a sustainable and resilient Novi to ensure a verdant, thriving future for all generations

### Mission

Committed to advancing environmental stewardship and sustainability in Novi through community engagement, innovative policies, and sustainable practices that protect our natural resources and improve the quality of life for all residents.

## **Environmental Sustainability Committee Pillars**









**Clean Energy** 



**Environmental Preservation** 



**Community Engagement** 

### **Discussion + Outreach**

Stewards
Sustainability
Leadership
Institute (SSLI)

Royal Oak + Ann Arbor Sustainability Managers

Northville Sustainability Team **HOA Breakfast** 

Oakland
County
Community
Conversations



### **Next Steps + Recommendation**



Expansion of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to include four additional resident members



Work with City staff on the creation of a Enviornmental Action Plan



Education is key for building the awareness and trust of the committee and its mission, leverage the existing City events for this, at least once every quarter. (Arbor Day, Superhero Showcase, HOA breakfasts, etc.)



Introduce the Solarize Pilot Program for Novi



### **Additional Committee Members**

#### **Committee is recommending four additional members**

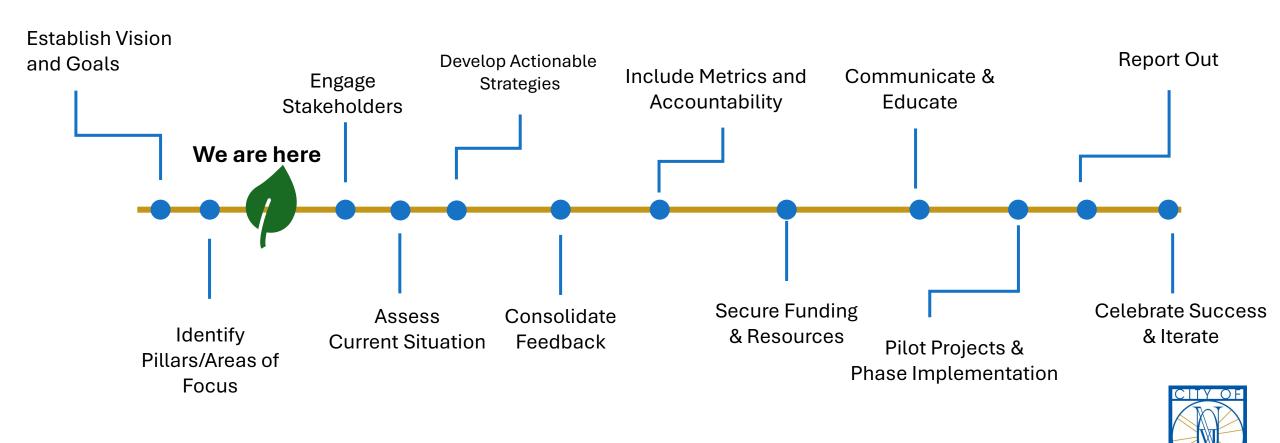
- Comprised of Novi residents representing a variety of skillsets related to sustainability
- · Term proposed for one year
- A resolution to expand the committee would be on an upcoming Council agenda

#### Next committee application deadline is January 31

- · Applicants interviews held at a February Council meeting
- Council-voted appointments likely in February as well



## **Environmental Action Plan Approach**



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