



SUSTAINABILITY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



Community engagement was critical in creating the Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP). Our goal is to continue that relationship through ongoing updates on progress and opportunities for involvement:

A New Age of Climate Action

A new era of climate policy is arising. Major shifts in federal and state policy are creating room for broad climate action. Federally, the new Biden/Harris administration has centered climate action as a core priority, voicing the need to take a 'whole-of-government' approach and rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement. California continues to be a leader in state-level climate policy. Several key climate bills are currently in process, including SB 30, SB 31, and SB 32, which advance building decarbonization; AB 534, which would ban single use plastics; and key legislation on land use. These proposed laws echo the climate priorities set forth in the Oakland Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP), and would provide additional resources and momentum to expand our green economy and build climate resilience into our economic recovery. An area of particular focus for Federal and State governments and the City of Oakland is the role that creating and sustaining green jobs will play in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Federal, State, and local levels are seeking ways to

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work collaboratively to deliver a better economic future for Oaklanders. As we implement the 2030 ECAP, Oakland is illustrating the unique capacity and leverage of local government to move our communities towards a more just and sustainable future.

MLK 40 Days of Service

This year showed us that even in unprecedented times, Oaklanders show up to improve the environment and support the community. A big thank you to all the volunteers who participated in Oakland MLK 40 Days of Service from Jan. 15 - Feb. 28th!

Results of the volunteer efforts over the MLK 40 Days include:

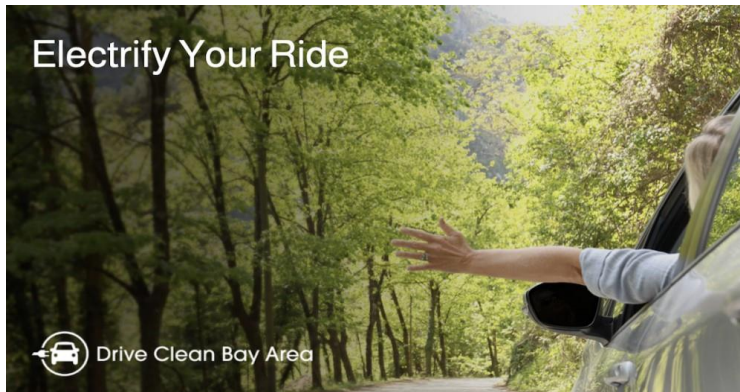
- 86 projects throughout Oakland
- 1,331 volunteers
- 4,047 total volunteer hours
- 72,478 gallons of trash bagged and removed
- 13,460 gallons of weeds & green waste

Volunteers also restored native plant habitat, painted a large mural, and conducted food giveaways. Do you still need to report your volunteer results? [Report your actions for MLK 40 Days of Service](#).

Click [here](#) to view upcoming City Council meetings and see how to make public comments.

TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE

Vision: Access to safe, reliable, and affordable public transit and mobility options for every Oaklander enable an equitable transition away from cars. Auto use is minimized, and all remaining vehicles on Oakland roads are electric.



Drive Clean Bay Area Webinars

The City of Oakland is partnering with DCBA to make electric vehicles affordable and accessible to all. Sign up for a Drive Clean Bay Area [Electrify Your Ride](#) webinar to learn EV basics like charging at home and on the road, incentives, and total cost of ownership. Sign up [here](#).

Share Your Thoughts on Flex Streets in Oakland

Oakland small businesses operate under County Health Orders, the City streamlined permit processes for use of

sidewalks, parklets, streets and more for outdoor dining, retail sales and personal services. As we look to the future, we want community feedback on the Flex Streets Initiative. Read more about Oakland's Flex Street Initiative [here](#).

Take a brief online survey at <https://bit.ly/3bzWQ0Q> or text FLEX to (510) 380-7360.



SURVEY: Oakland's Zero Emission Vehicle Charging Stations Map

Where would you like to see Electric Vehicle chargers in Oakland? Let us know using this [Interactive Map](#) to explore where existing chargers are located and identify locations where you'd like to see more. This map will help the City understand Oaklanders' charging needs and priorities as we develop the City's first Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan. Visit the

City's [Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan webpage](#) to learn more.

BUILDINGS + ENERGY

Vision: Leveraging a clean electric grid, all buildings in Oakland have equitably transitioned away from onsite fossil fuel use, creating safe and healthy indoor spaces that are resilient, efficient, and support the housing and community needs of all Oaklanders.

Get Cooking With Induction: EBCE Virtual Cooking Lesson

To promote climate-smart cooking, East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) has partnered with local chef Reem Assil in a video showcasing her amazing Shakshuka recipe, utilizing induction burners. Watch the video, learn more about the benefits of induction cooking, and find cost saving rebates at ebce.org/induction.



make our communities more resilient. This free event is open to all. [Register here today.](#)

Responding to Climate Changes: Energy Efficient Homes in a Wildfire Prone Region

In the past year, wildfires and smoke have affected the entire Bay Area. How can our built environment respond to these challenges while also reducing contributions to climate change? This half-day forum will explore how fire resistance can work together to



In the News: You're Thinking About Home Heating Wrong

[An article in the Atlantic](#) explains why getting a heat pump is one of the easiest ways for homeowners to fight climate change. At least 7 percent of U.S. fossil-fuel energy is used for residential space and water heating. Making relatively smaller, cheaper,

and easy changes to home heating in America could reduce fossil-fuel use nearly as much as taking half of all private vehicles off the roads.

MATERIAL CONSUMPTION + WASTE

Vision: Oakland has eliminated the disposal of organic materials to landfill and strengthen edible food recovery. In creating a system for the repair and reuse of existing materials, Oakland boosts the local

economy and reduces the need for the high carbon consumption of new materials.

Attention nonprofits and businesses preventing waste in Alameda County!



\$475,000

Available in
Grant Funding

- Up to \$20k per grant
- Apply by March 15

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2021 Waste Prevention Grants

Deadline: March 15th

Do you know a business or nonprofit in Alameda County that has innovative ideas to prevent waste? StopWaste is offering grants with total funding up to \$475K for projects that focus on preventing waste in Alameda County and supporting local communities in these categories:

Grants up to \$20,000: Repair & Reuse; Food Waste Prevention

Grants up to \$10,000: Surplus Food Donation Equipment (nonprofits only);

Reusable Transport Packaging

Both businesses and nonprofits are eligible for funding, unless noted otherwise. For details visit www.StopWaste.org/Grants.



Cut Your Clothing Waste!

According to CalRecycle, 4% of landfill waste comes from textiles. Clothing and other fabric are the 6th most prevalent item thrown away in CA. Keep clothes out of the landfill by shopping for new-to-you clothes or selling your unwanted clothes. You can also recycle clothing and textiles that are too loved for reuse.

[Search](#) for local secondhand,

consignment, and vintage stores in Oakland as well as on-line options to shop or sell from the convenience of your couch. Local textile recycling options are also listed.



We're proud to be part of
the West Coast Voluntary
Agreement to Reduce
Wasted Food!

JOIN US IN CUTTING WASTED FOOD
IN HALF BY 2030 #PCCLEADS

pacificcoastcollaborative.org/food-waste



In 2019 the City of Oakland joined the [Pacific Coast Collaborative](#)'s Reducing Wasted Food Initiative with jurisdictions across the West Coast to reduce wasted food 50% by 2030. Oakland's team kicked off work this year with large grocery store chains including Kroger Foods (Foods Co.) and Albertson's (Safeway) to identify ways to reduce food waste in their operations, including donation for any remaining food they cannot sell. Read more about the region-wide program launch [here](#) and Oakland's announcement [here](#).

URBAN GREENING + CARBON REMOVAL

Vision: In addition to reducing the amount of carbon dioxide we produce, carbon removal efforts draw down existing carbon from the atmosphere to help slow climate change. These efforts aim to work with and enhance existing natural systems, leading to healthier streams, trees, agriculture, and communities along the way.



Oakland is celebrating our 27th Earth Day in 2021 with volunteer activities throughout the month of April. Individuals, households and small groups are invited to clean up your neighborhood streets, parks and waterways with litter removal, habitat restoration and other beautification projects. Check the [website](#) for updates including a new "Acts of Green" pledge that you can do from home.

Site Coordinator Meeting:
Wednesday, March 31st, 6-7pm

Please join us for our 2021 Earth Day Project Coordinator Meeting. The Project Coordinator Meeting will cover: volunteer safety protocols, waivers, and tool lending during COVID-19 in accordance with Alameda Co. Health Orders for April 2021 Earth Month. Additionally, learn how to use our new volunteer reporting tools, in the ESRI Hub link! Register [here](#) in advance. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Oakland Student Action Spotlight

Last autumn the OUSD Environmental & Climate Change Literacy group hosted [workshops with the Rose Foundation](#) about the West Oakland Tree Mapping Project. Following that workshop, several classrooms hosted presentations about this work and the process of community-centered tree mapping and planting. On January 30, Rose Foundation New Voices Are Rising Fellows and other OUSD students planted 10+ new trees in West Oakland.



Be #OaktownPROUD

Help Prevent and Report Illegal Dumping in your Neighborhood

The City of Oakland launched #OaktownPROUD, a campaign for and by Oaklanders, to reduce unlawful dumping and improve our neighborhoods. Access free Oaktown PROUD programs and services such as annual bulky pickup, safe hazardous materials disposal at 2100 E. 7th Street, reporting to OAK311, and more. For additional information, visit www.oaktownproud.com



Adopt A Drain Today!

The rainy season is here. Help reduce flooding and keep trash out of waterways by adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood and keeping it clear of debris. Go to adopta-drainoakland.com today.

"Clear the drain before the rain"

and report storm drain maintenance needs to Oak311.



Adopt a Spot

Report your volunteer activities on our new [community engagement Hub](#)!

New volunteers to the ArcGIS Hub will first need to register as volunteers (enter email and create password) to report activities.

COVID Protocols for Volunteers

Review and follow [Volunteer Guidelines & Waiver with COVID-19 safety requirements](#), available in English, Spanish and Chinese.

[Be safe & follow Alameda County Health Orders](#) whenever venturing outside!

**Stop the spread of germs
that can make you and others sick!**



Wash your
hands often



Wear a mask



Cover your coughs
and sneezes



Keep **6 feet** of space
between yourself &
others

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Vision: Alongside Oakland's efforts to slow and reverse climate change, emergency preparedness, resilient infrastructure, and risk reduction measures are all being taken to prepare for immediate and foreseeable climate risks to health and safety, particularly in frontline communities.

City Emergency Preparedness Updates

- Join us on Wednesday, March 24th at noon for the [Citywide Emergency/Disaster Communications Drill](#)
- Oakland's Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) is now available! Read more about the CERT program [here](#) and [sign up](#) for the second session of Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT).

ADDITIONAL NEWS



OUSD Moves Forward With Climate Policy

In October 2020, the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) School Board passed a Climate Emergency Action Resolution, establishing the goal of eliminating fossil fuels from District operations by 2040. Based on the resolution, OUSD is creating a community-led OUSD [Sustainability](#) .

[Advisory Council](#) and District-led [Interdepartmental Task Force](#). These two groups will collaborate to draft and present a holistic district-wide climate action and sustainability policy, grounded in principles of equity and justice. The policy will focus on various aspects of District operations including: energy, water, solid waste, transportation,

facilities, schoolyards, purchasing, curriculum integration, climate adaptation, and the creation of a sustainability revolving fund. Stay tuned for future updates on OUSD's climate actions!



Local Green Jobs Available!

EBCE is looking to fill Clerk of the Board and Power Resources Associate or Senior Power Resources positions. See job details [here](#).



Solar Spark Collegiate Conference

Thursday, April 1st – Sunday, April 4th

GRID Alternatives is excited to be hosting Solar Spark, a virtual collegiate conference focused on environmental equity and sustainability that will be put on by students, for students! Are you a college student? Get involved and [learn more](#).

If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at climate@oaklandca.gov.

We'd love to hear from you! For Questions or comments contact climate@oaklandca.gov