

# Sustainable Water Management Plan

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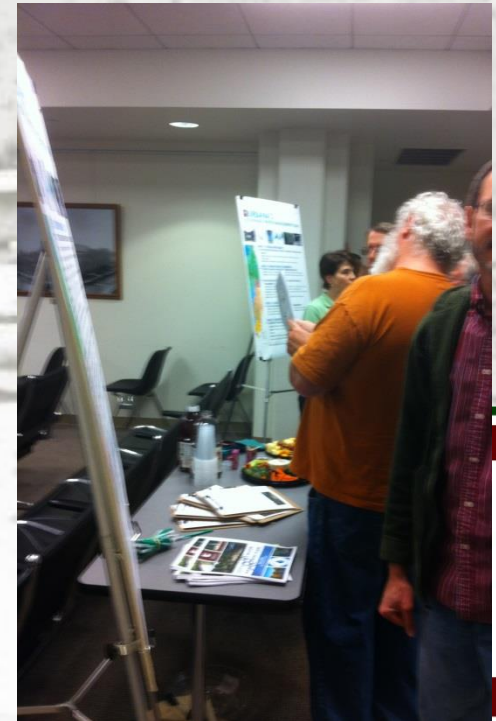
2013-2020  
City of Urbana, Illinois



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# Considerations

- Open house
  - Approximately 10 visitors



# Considerations

- Total
- Via online form
  - 7 comments
- Via email
  - 7 comments



# Emailed and Verbal Public Comments

- Add footnotes and reformat storm utility graphs
- Addressing abandoned wells
- Redundant photo subjects
- Collaborate with Public Health District
- Change 'declared brownfields' to 'recognized brownfields'
- User friendly
- Address aquifer recharge
- Appropriateness of Drought Index graphic
- Define what sustainable means for this plan



# Webform Questions

- 1. Describe any strategies from any of the sustainability plans or programs that you strongly support and/or strongly oppose?
  - Strongly support all
  - Pursue sole source aquifer status
  - Promote practices to reduce potable water use for irrigation
  - Rain barrel sale
  - Banning fracking and PCB dumping near Mahomet Aquifer
  - Selling effluent is worrying



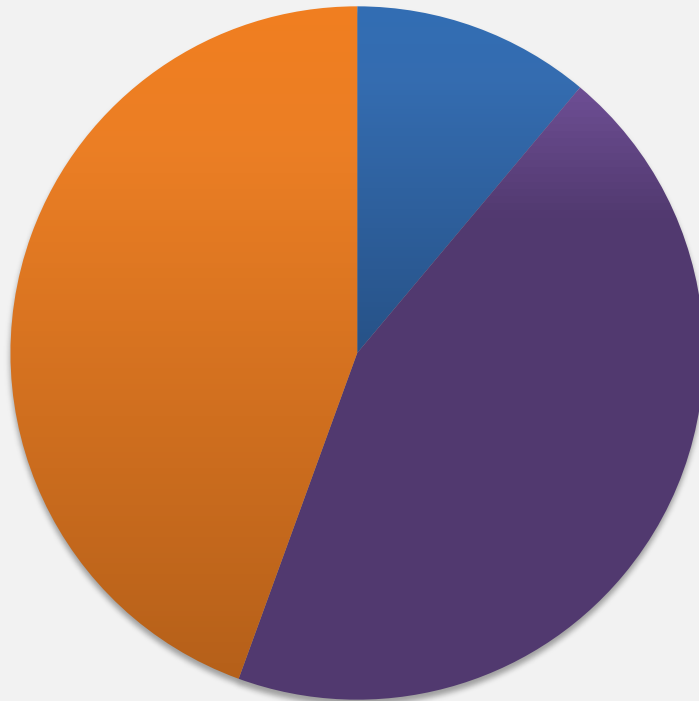
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- 2. Describe a feasible strategy that you think is missing and should be incorporated into any sustainability plan or program.
  - Limited city resources is challenge
  - Address flooding across Coler into Busey Woods
  - Better inform what to do with hazardous wastes
  - Recognize leasing companies that use Storm Water Utility Credits or environmentally friendly landscaping
  - Better coordination with other communities that get drinking water from Mahomet Aquifer.
  - Minimum effluent flow standards



# Webform Questions

- 3. What barrier(s) prevent you from increasing energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling at your home?

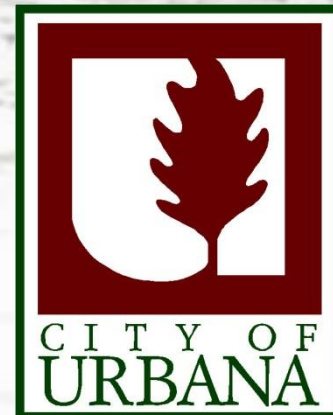


- a. I don't have enough information on how to do this
- b. I don't know anyone else that is doing this
- c. I forget to do this
- d. I don't have enough money available to do this
- e. I'm not concerned about this
- f. Other



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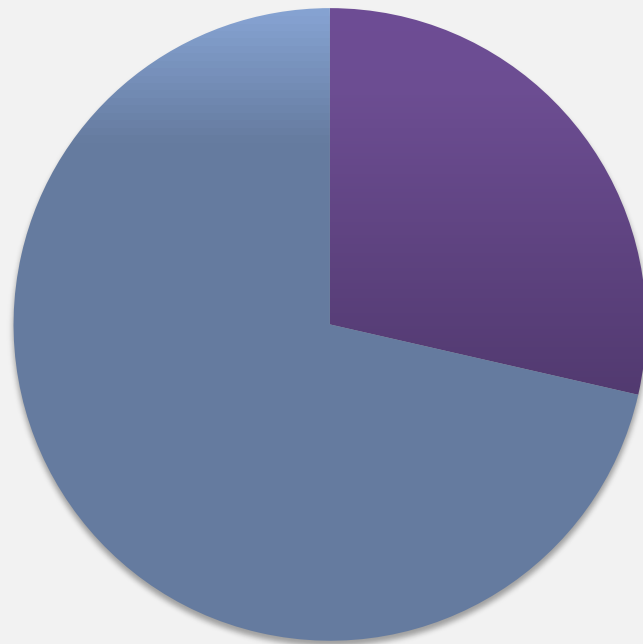
- 3. What barrier(s) prevent you from increasing energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling at your home?
  - Money
  - Renting/little control





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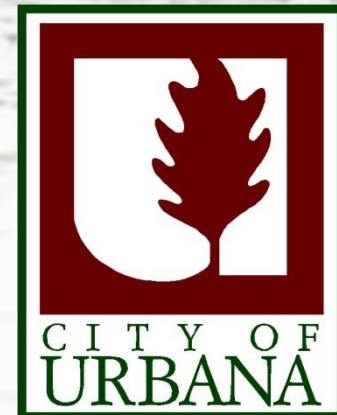
- 4. What barrier(s) prevent you from increasing energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling at your business?



- a. The business doesn't have enough information on how to do this
- b. The business doesn't know anyone else that is doing this
- c. We forget to do this
- d. The business doesn't have enough money available to do this
- e. I'm not in charge and I don't think the person who is would be concerned
- f. I'm not concerned about this
- g. Other

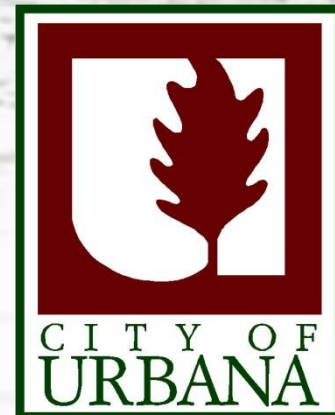
# Webform Questions

- 4. What barrier(s) prevent you from increasing efficiency, water conservation, and recycling at your business?
  - Other comments
    - Work at home
    - Don't live in Urbana
    - Money
    - University is trying



# Webform Questions

- 5. What do you see as advantages of increasing energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling?
  - Planet
  - Future generations
  - Resource scarcity
  - Public health
  - Save money
  - Quality of life
  - Fun



# Webform Questions

- 6. What do you see as disadvantages of increasing energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling?
  - None
  - Auto/bicycle conflicts
  - Cost
  - Inconvenience



# Webform Questions

- 7. How much control do you have over increasing energy efficiency, water conservation, and recycling?



- a. Total control
- b. Significant control
- c. Some control
- d. Little control
- e. No control

# Webform Questions

- 9. If you could ask the City of Urbana government to do one thing differently to increase energy efficiency, water conservation, and/or recycling, what would it be?
  - Regional collaboration
  - Address rentals
  - Sustainability book club

