



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission  
**FROM:** Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager  
**DATE:** August 22, 2013  
**RE:** July Staff Report

### Climate Action Plan (CAP)

#### Goal 1: Action 1

Ameren has agreed to support an Energy Star Challenge for commercial buildings. We will discuss details with them soon. A tentative launch is October 2013

#### Goal 2: Action 3

We've determined our standing with the IL Electric Vehicle Advisory Council Report and we have set goals to address the recommendations. See attached.

#### Goal 3: Action 1

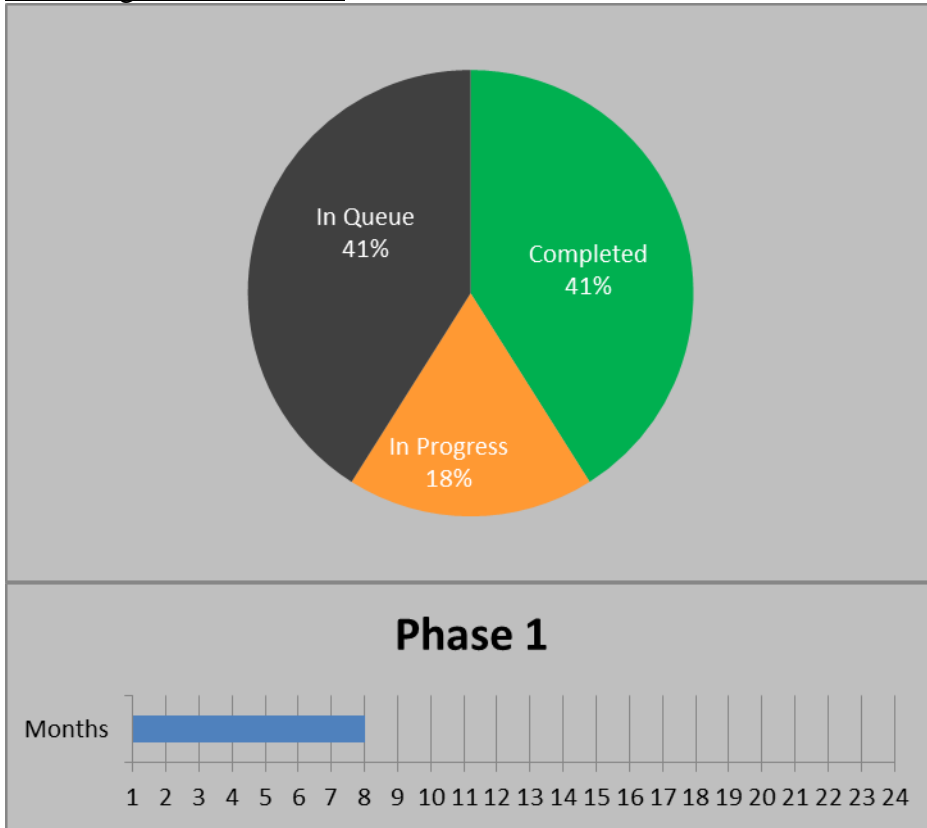
We are working with a property manager to distribute programmable thermostat reminder magnets to tenants. The City will survey the test group and a control group to determine if the magnets effectively prompted tenants to program their thermostat setback points. See attached.

Information for accessing incentives and technical assistance for energy efficiency in the commercial sector was added to the Business Sustainability page on the City website in accordance with the Rental Properties Task Force recommendations.

#### Goal 5: Action 4

I've reached out to UHS after school program to explore offering a bicycle safety or transit ed. course as part of their after school offerings. They did not have a staff person for that program at the time.

CAP Progress as of 8/9/13



**Municipal Electric Aggregation**

We are halfway through a two year aggregation contract. The latest quarterly report is attached.

**Sustainable Water Management Plan**

This plan passed unanimously with one amendment from council and one amendment added by staff. Council asked for payback periods to be listed for the city facilities retrofits proposed. Additionally, staff learned that water conserving toilet retrofits would have to be contracted out significantly increasing the cost and payback period estimates. All changes were on page 18, attached. The City Council asked for a payback period on the city retrofits listed in the plan. Staff amended the costs for retrofitting water-saving urinals after determining that this work would have to be contracted out.

Aspect 1:

Goal 1: Action 6

I've discussed collaborating on messaging and policies across the Mahomet Aquifer at an MAC meeting. It was recommended I attend their Stakeholders meeting 9/13 in Decatur.

Goal 2: Action 1, 2, 4

We think we can retrofit aerators and the server room this year. Any urinal retrofits will have to wait until next budget year.

Aspect 2:

Goal 2: Action 2

The County is conducting a needs assessment for establishing a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility. We will be collaborating on a request for a state funded one-day collection.

Aspect 5:

Goal 1: Action 1

Andrew Levy with the Regional Planning Council has conducted GIS analysis of public access to recreational waters in Urbana. He is available to present to SAC in September.

**Next SAC Meeting**

September 3 at 7pm, Executive Conference Room.