



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager
DATE: Tuesday, September 2, 2014
RE: Staff Report

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Goal 1: Action 1

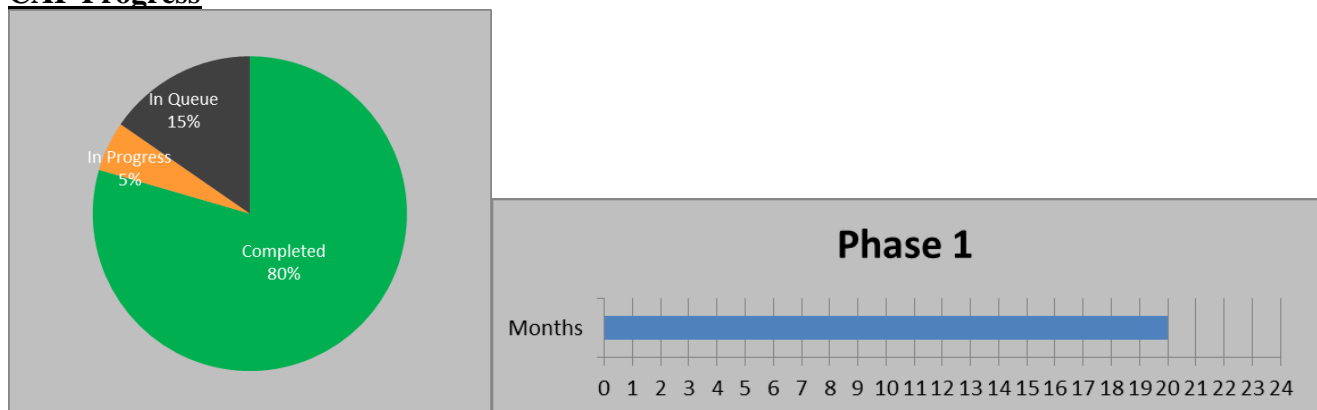
There are currently 68 buildings registered for the U-C ENERGY STAR Challenge. There are currently 41 buildings that have submitted a 2013 Benchmark. Staff made a webinar presentation about the Challenge as part of Ameren's regular webinar series for their commercial customers. Staff also applied for an American Planning Association Illinois Chapter award for the Climate Action Plan.

Urbana has advanced to the quarterfinals of the Georgetown University Energy Prize. At this stage our team must refine program plans and secure a commitment from Ameren Illinois to provide monthly gas and electric data aggregated for the City. A main feature of our program, a dramatic performance entitled Pester Power, has already been piloted last weekend. The play highlights the roles of youth and adults to address energy efficiency and global warming. The event and the competition earned media on WCIA.

Goal 3: Action 2

The Champaign County Economic Development Corporation has sent an energy efficiency survey to the participants in the recent industrial energy efficiency meeting and tour.

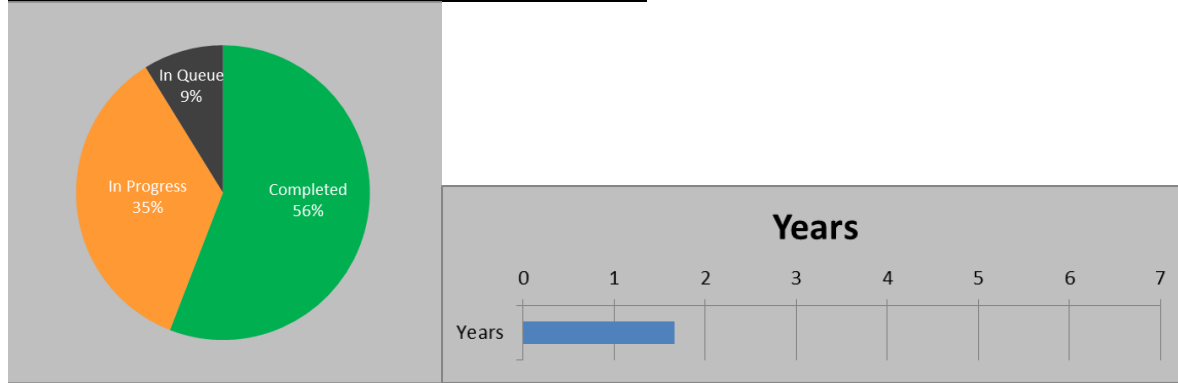
CAP Progress



Sustainable Water Management Plan

The Illinois Sustainable Technology water conservation grant is currently being implemented. Irrigation controls are installed and should be wired for power this month.

Sustainable Water Management Plan Progress



Urbana Climate Action Plan Phase 2 Drafting Tentative Schedule

Sept. 2	Draft Agreed by SAC
Sept. 3	Draft for public comment posted, Draft given to Tree Commission
Sept. 4	Submitted for comment at Plan Commission
Oct. 3	Public comment closed
Oct. 14	Public / Plan Commission comment reviewed at SAC
Oct. 28	Submitted for comment at BPAC
Nov. 4	BPAC comment reviewed at SAC
Nov. 10	Final draft at COTW
Dec. 2	COTW comments at SAC
Dec. 8	Final draft at COTW
Dec. 15	Final draft at Council

U-Cycle

August outreach and education focused on new apartment dwellers (brochures were delivered to about 12 apartment complexes for new resident move-ins). The Sweetcorn Festival marked the largest effort with outreach this month. U-Cycle information and giveaways were distributed to residents, and several residents signed up for a U-Cart. The U-Cycle tent was very popular with children as we had two children’s games – recycling toss (Toss Against Trash) and a recycling sort game. Children learned about what could be recycled and were given a prize. Our new promotion, “Caught Recycling” was a success. Student volunteers surprised patrons that were recycling with U-Cycle water bottles and backpacks. Volunteers said the patrons were very surprised and excited! We distributed around 25 prizes to patrons that were “caught” recycling.

Next SAC Meeting

For discussion in New Business. Tentatively Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers