



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA
324 EAST PINE STREET
2ND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM**

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024
AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

1. May 2024 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

1. Arborist Presentation - Tree Removal Permits
2. Climate Action Plan Update

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public. Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The City of Tarpon Springs is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for access for the disabled. Anyone needing assistance regarding this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (727) 938-3711, fax a written request to (727) 942-5619, or email a written request to cityclerk@ctsfl.us at least two days prior to the meeting. For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at (727) 937-0017 or TarponCode@tspd.us

MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
May 16, 2024

THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET IN THE CITY HALL MEDIA ROOM, 324 E. PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THURSDAY, April 18, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

DENISE MANNINO	CHAIRPERSON
DR. CAROL MICKETT	MEMBER
DORY LARSEN	MEMBER
ROBIN SAENGER	MEMBER
SIOBHAN NEHIN	ALTERNATE #1

ALSO PRESENT: THOMAS KIGER DIRECTOR -PUBLIC SERVICES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denise Mannino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Thomas Kiger called roll.

1. MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2024 MINUTES:

MOTION:	DR. CAROL MICKETT
SECOND:	ROBIN SAENGER

Vote on motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2024 EARTH DAY MINUTES:

MOTION:	DORY LARSEN
SECOND:	DR. CAROL MICKETT

Vote on motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. Bobby Ortiz commented that he is new to the area and watched the last meeting online and is interested in Sustainability.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

3. A. Chair's Report on BOC Presentation – DENISE MANNINO

Chairperson Mannino provided an update on her presentation to the BOC in April 2024. The presentation was well received by the BOC, which provided additional support for the program. The committee thanked Chairperson Mannino for her excellent presentation and effort.

3. B. DISCUSSION OF EARTH DAY EVENT – DENISE MANNINO:

The event was successful. New attendees were present, and the event reached new interested citizens. Key themes for the discussion included building social connections, attendance, staff assistance, and engaging new people to become involved in sustainability.

3. C. COMMUNICATION GOALS – THOMAS KIGER:

The Committee engaged in a varied discussion of potential goals and staff provided a summary of emailed responses from the committee members. After sharing the various potential goals and items for discussion, the committee narrowed the focus down to several key themes: 1) Educate the Community on Local Environmental Issues, 2) Build a Stronger Sense of Community, 3) Integrate New Residents into the Community, 4) Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Potential strategies will be addressed by staff, but individual topics included Florida Friendly landscape, youth education, the Tampa Bay Estuary Program's Be a Floridian program, neighborhood communities, engaging with the local business community, and community events and messaging. The committee also discussed state priorities, climate change, and home rule issues vs state pre-emption.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM 3.C:

Commissioner Koulianos provided comment on this item on building a healthier and happier community and some of his future ideas for the City. Commissioner Koulianos desires to return again for detailed discussion at a future meeting.

3. D. VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN- THOMAS KIGER:

Thomas presented an update on the outcomes of the VAAP. Key themes were sea level rise projections, impacts to critical infrastructure, and storm surge projections. Staff provided an overview of the project status and methods of the study for modelling flooding events. Staff also presented on the development of Planning Action Areas, and strategies for future resiliency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM 3.D:

Dr. Bobby Ortiz provided comment on how the City plans for emergency operations during a hurricane.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Planned items for the next agenda included communication planning, discussion on tree removal, and a climate action plan update.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Thomas Kiger provided an update on recruiting for the new sustainability coordinator.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Committee members provided general comments on local publications and social media groups.

Adjournment:

MOTION: DR. CAROL MICKETT
SECOND: ROBIN SAENGER

Sustainability Advisory Committee

To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Vote on motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DENISE MANNINO
CHAIRPERSON

THOMAS KIGER
DIRECTOR –
PUBLIC SERVICES

CITY CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the recordings are kept on file in the City Clerk's office for the required retention period.

Tree Removal

City Ordinance vs. Florida Statute 163.045

Shannon Brewer
City of Tarpon Springs
Municipal Arborist
sbrewer@ctsfl.us



Tree Related Regulations

• §133.00 – 133.10 Tree Preservation and Protection

- Protecting general health and safety of the citizens
- Protect and preserve trees
- Ensure the adequacy of tree numbers
- Promoting and maintaining a healthy canopy
- Preserve ecological balance
- Administration and enforcement standards

§ 134.00 – 134.10 Landscape and Screening

- Improving the urban appearance
- Promoting a healthy and diverse ecosystem
- Establish minimum planting standards of trees, shrubs, and groundcovers
- Ensures buffers, retention/detention ponds, and parking lots have tree plantings
- Preservation of open spaces and native vegetation
- Establishes maintenance requirements and responsibilities

Snapshot of §133.00 – 133.10



CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE OF TREES CODES

§ 133.02 - Applicability and Maintenance of Trees for all Properties within the City

(A) The terms and provisions of this section shall apply to real property within the limits of the City.

(B) Owners of private property are responsible for the maintenance of trees on private property and in abutting rights-of-way unless otherwise provided in 133.00 through 133.10 of this Code. Where support staking and guying of vegetation is provided at the time of installation, the stakes and guys shall be removed no later than one year after installation to prevent damage to the vegetation. Owners of private property who are responsible for the maintenance of trees on private property and in abutting rights-of-way shall not be required to pay to remove and replant any tree that they can prove by substantial competent evidence was fatally damaged by any public utility company or as is otherwise provided in §§ 133.00 through 133.10 of this Code.

(c) Trees shall be maintained by the owner, tenant or their agent in good condition so as to present a healthy, neat and orderly appearance. All plant materials shall be maintained free from physical damage or injury arising from lack of water, chemical exposure, insects, to lack of water shall be made when water cons or local agencies.

§ 7-12. - FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE

The Florida Fire Prevention Code 6th Edition reference as if set out at length in its entirety in

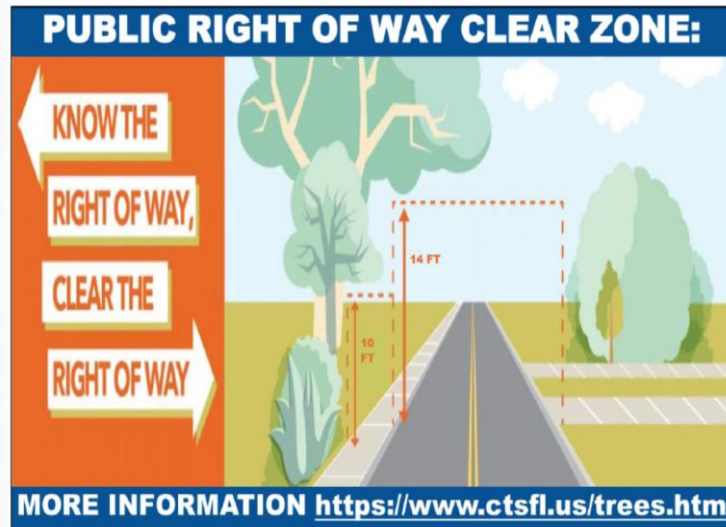
2015 edition of the Fire Code® (NFPA 1):
18.2.3.4.1.2 Fire department access roads shall (4.1 m).

§ 8-52. - PROHIBITIONS

(A) No person shall permit the excessive growth of materials, or the accumulation of debris, upon

(B) The owner of any real property abutting any right-of-way in a clean and sanitary condition at all kinds and by keeping the grass mowed at the property owner shall cut the grass in such a sidewalk, bicycle path, curb line or edge of pavement of any such property shall be required to over any sidewalk or improved right-of-way.

(C) Any owner or lessee of developed property trimmings, boxes or other household items, shall have the same cut into lengths no longer than four feet and removed at his or her expense. It will be the responsibility of the property owner or lessee to remove said items within ten days.



CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

PERMITTEE'S NAME:

DATE OF ISSUE: [PERMIT VALID FOR 6 MONTHS]

LOCATION / ADDRESS:

NUMBER & TYPE OF TREES APPROVED FOR REMOVAL:

REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS: [CHECK ONE]

- ☐ No replacement fees or plantings required per Section 133.06(F), LDC.
- ☐ One DBH inch for each DBH inch removed shall be planted on the site in accordance with Section 133.06(E), LDC. A tree planting plan has been approved for this site (copy attached). Trees shall be planted in accordance with the approved tree planting plan. Tree planting must take place within ____ days of removal for existing buildings or before issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for new construction.
- ☐ Replacement fees have been paid pursuant to Section 133.06(E), LDC. No replacement trees are being planted on site.
- ☐ The permit holder shall replace a portion of the DBH inches removed on the site and the replacement fees have been paid pursuant to Section 133.06(E), LDC for those DBH inches of trees removed but not replaced. A tree planting plan has been approved for this site (copy attached). Trees shall be planted in accordance with the approved tree planting plan. Tree planting must take place within ____ days of removal for existing buildings or before issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for new construction.

LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS: [CHECK ONE]

- ☐ A landscape plan has been approved for this site pursuant to Section 134.01(D), LDC. All landscape elements shall be planted in accordance with the approved landscape plan.
- ☐ A minimum of ____ approved trees shall be required on site pursuant to Section 134.04(B), LDC. See reverse for list of approved trees. Healthy trees left in good growing condition on the site may be counted toward this minimum number. Tree planting, if required, must take place within ____ days of removal or before issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

INSPECTOR'S COMMENTS:

PERMIT NUMBER:

INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:

For inspections please contact:
Development Services Department - Engineering Division
727-942-5608

Rev. 1/09



§ 133.00 – Tree Protection and Preservation, CTS Code of Ordinance

- 26 species are exempt from permitting
- Regardless of condition with a DBH of 4" or larger are protected
- Topped trees and trees destroyed by improper trimming require permitting and could be code enforced
- Mitigation- inch for inch replacement or fees in lieu based off DBH
- 7 conditions outlined to waive mitigation
- Vacant lot- tree removal permit is issued with Building permit, not before
- Violation of the Code- permit and replacement fees will be charged 4 times the regular fee

Criteria to Grant or Deny a Permit

- Safety hazard
- Diseased or weakened by age, storm, fire, or injury
- Good forestry practices
- Construct proposed improvements
- Subject to increased water runoff and other environmental degradation
- Visual screening (commercial or industrial)
- Preservation
- Welfare of the public



Mitigation Requirements

One DBH inch for each DBH inch removed

Single-family

- 4 to less than 10", \$10 per inch
- 10 to less than 20", \$20 per inch
- 20 to less than 30", \$40 per inch
- 30 and greater, \$50 per inch

All other developments

- 4 to less than 8", \$25 per inch
- 8 to less than 15", \$50 per inch
- 15 to less than 25", \$70 per inch
- 25 and greater, \$100 per inch

Code does allow waiving the requirements if one or more conditions is found



Why are so many neighborhoods having trees removed



§163.045 Fla., Stat. (2019) Tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property

(2) A local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on **residential property** if the property owner **possesses documentation** from an arborist certified by the ISA or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree poses an unacceptable risk to persons or property. **A tree poses an unacceptable risk if removal is the only means of practically mitigating its risk below moderate, as determined by the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices - Tree Risk Assessment, Section Edition (2017).**

(3) A local government may not require a property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.

(4) This section **does not apply** to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection pursuant to ss. 403.9321-403.9333.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2019-155.

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/>

§163.045 Fla., Stat. (2019) Tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property

Definitions were included in the 2022 rewrite:

- (a) “Documentation” means an onsite assessment performed in accordance with the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices- Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017) by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect and signed by the certified arborist or licensed landscape architect.
- (b) “Residential property” means a single-family, detached building located on a lot that is actively used for single-family residential purposes and that is either a conforming use or a legally recognized nonconforming use in accordance with the local jurisdiction’s applicable land development regulations.
- (c) “Moderate Risk” is defined in ANSI A300 (Part 9) - 2017.





Assessment Matrix

Matrix 1. The likelihood matrix used to estimate the likelihood of a tree failure impacting a specified target.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix showing the level of risk as the combination of likelihood of a tree failing and impacting a specified target, and the severity of the associated consequences.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

18 Parts of a Tree Risk Assessment Report

1. Objective of the assessment
2. The date of inspection
3. Identification of the assessor(s) and their qualifications
4. Identification and location of the specified trees(s)
5. Part(s) of the tree assessed
6. A description of the methodology used
7. Time frame for the assessment
8. Tree risk assessment data
9. Risk rating for the tree or tree part(s)
10. Risk mitigation option
11. Recommendation for additional assessments when appropriate
12. The residual risk for any recommended mitigation
13. Recommendations for monitoring and follow-up
14. A statement of the limitations of the inspection and assessment method
15. Level of inspection
16. Target, occupancy rates, likelihood of impacting the target and consequences
17. Site factors that were considered
18. Documentation of the likelihood of failure, such as a list of tree conditions, structural defects, and response growth that were observed; measurements of defects (size and shape) may be included

What compels ISA Certified Arborist to write reports a specific way?

The Oath we took
when we got
certified to follow the
ISA Code of Ethics

ANSI A300 (part 9)
version 2017

ISA Best
Management
Practices for Tree
Risk Assessment

ISA TRAQ Manual

Tree Risk
Assessment Report
have 18 parts



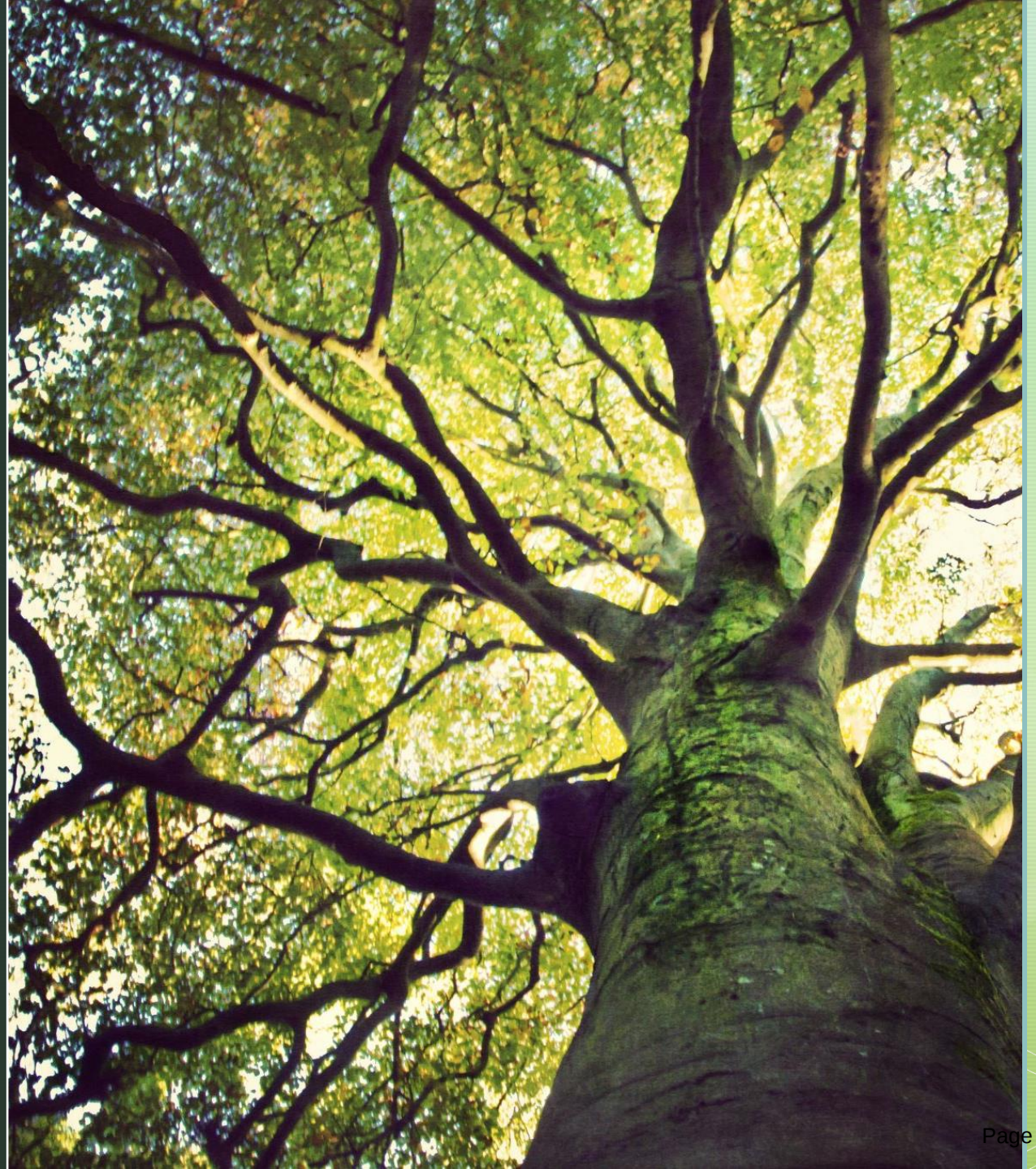
When does the statute NOT apply?

- Right tree wrong place
- Trees damaging homes – NOT addressed in A300
- Trees damaging sidewalks- NOT addressed in A300
- When the risk rating is LOW, and the client still wants to remove the tree
- When the tree is an inappropriate species for the site
- When the tree can no longer be maintained by the owner due to financial or physical limitations

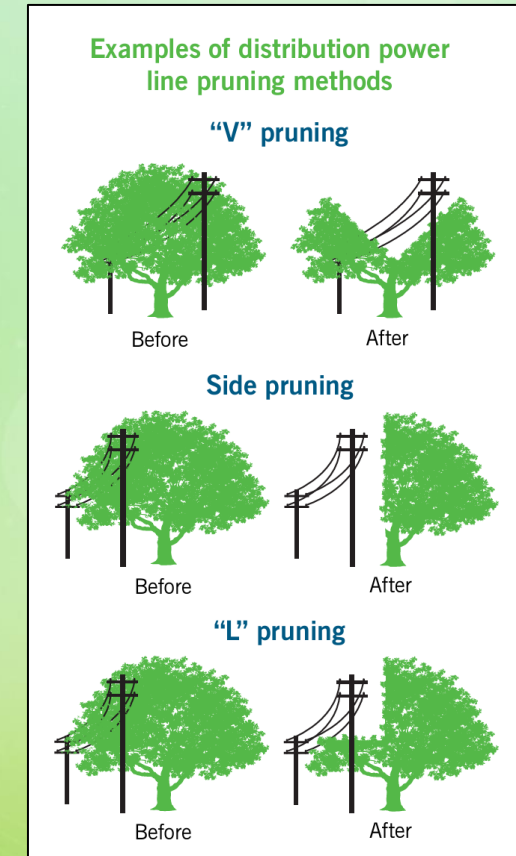
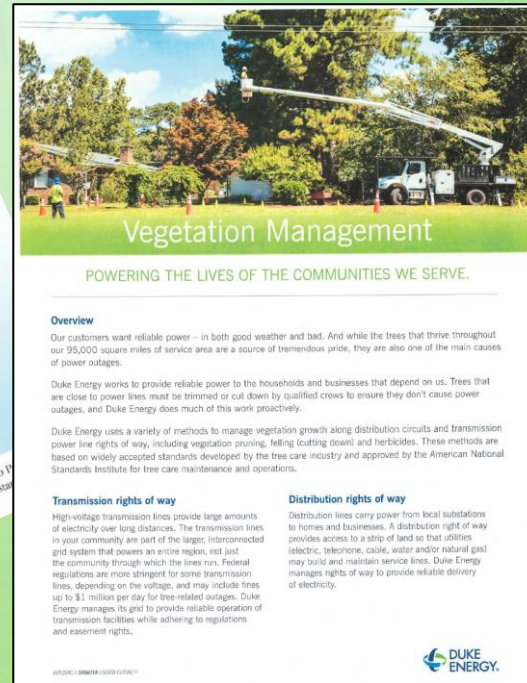
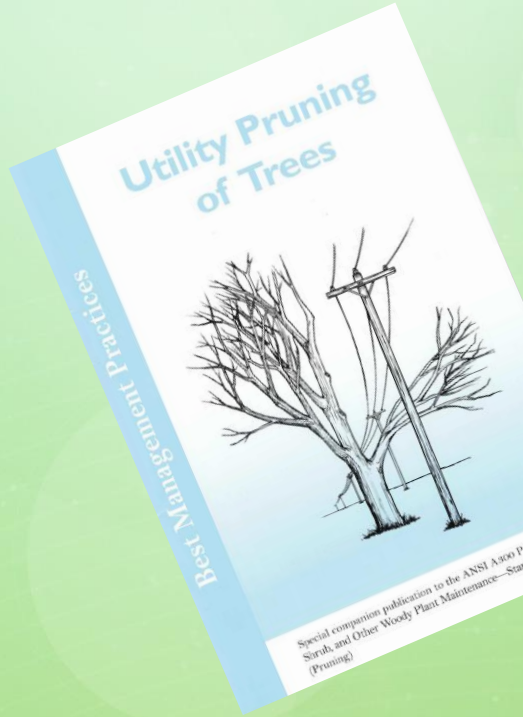


When the Florida Statute
does NOT apply,
What do we do with these
trees?

Apply for a permit!



Electric Lines and Vegetation Maintenance



<https://www.duke-energy.com/community/vegetation-management>



Florida Statute §163.3209

Electric Transmission and Distribution Line Right-of-way Maintenance

“After a right-of-way for any electric transmission or distribution line has been established and constructed, no local government shall require or apply any permit or other approval or code provisions for or related vegetation maintenance and tree pruning or trimming within the established right-of-way. The term “vegetation maintenance and tree pruning or trimming” means the mowing of vegetation within the right-of-way, removal of trees or brush within the right-of-way, and selective removal of tree branches that extend within the right of way...”

Section also discusses:

- Minimum 5 business day' advance notice
- Does not pertain work to resort service
- Work shall conform to ANSI standards
- Contractors must be supervised by qualified personnel
- Vegetation planted in the rights-of-way cannot achieve a height greater than 14 feet
- Establishes side clearance distances from which vegetation may not intrude

Resources

Community response to state legislation limiting local oversight of private urban tree removal in Florida

September 2020

DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.17634.56004](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.17634.56004)

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https://www.treesaregood.org/Portals/0/TreesAreGood_Why%20Hire%20An%20Arborist_0321.pdf

<https://www.fltreelaw.org/>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bills/2022>

Florida Tree LawHome



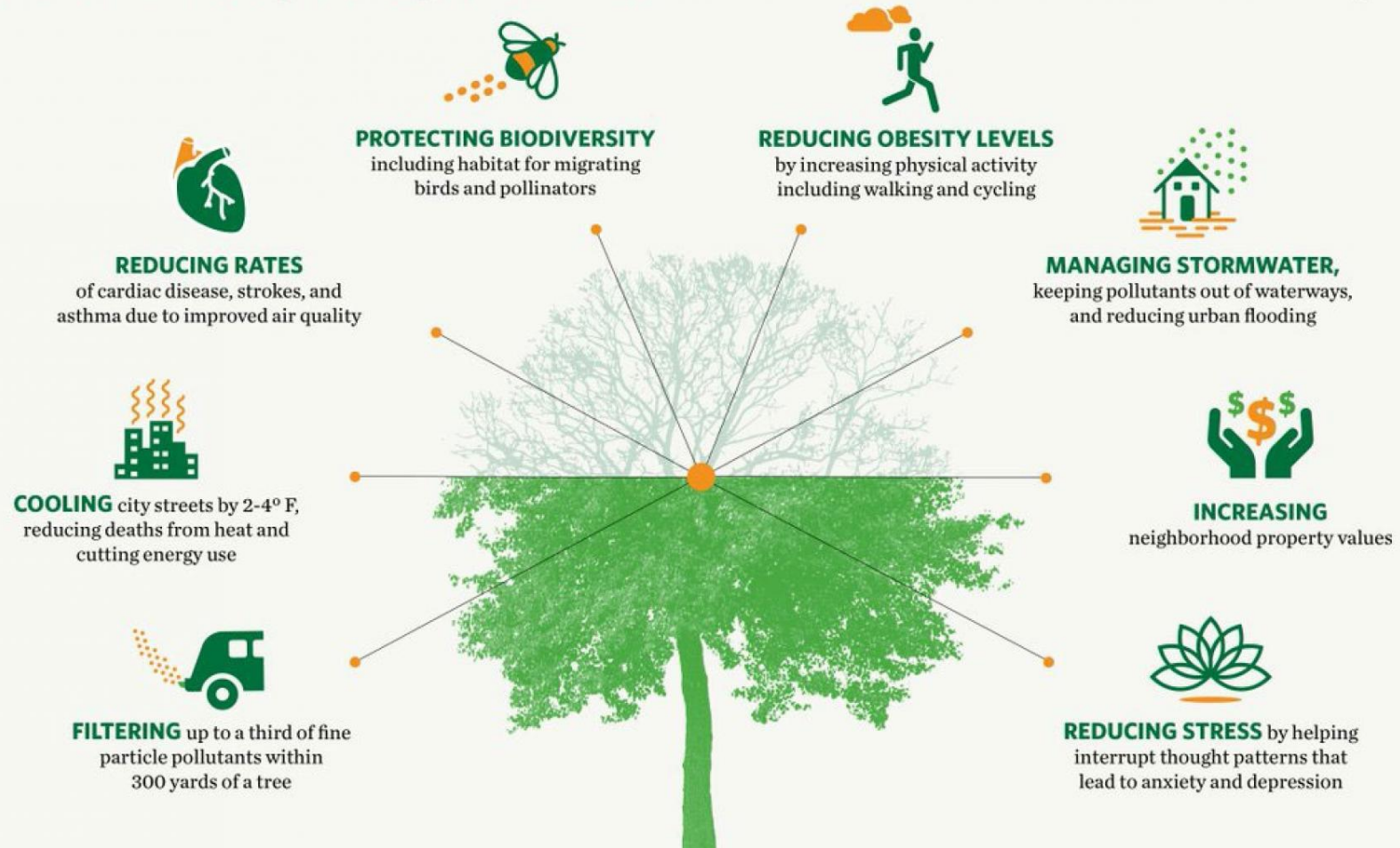
Do I need a Permit to Remove my Tree?:
A Decision Guide for Navigating Florida Statute
163.045

Questions?

Benefits of Urban Trees

Research has linked the presence of urban trees to...

The Nature Conservancy 



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND GREENHOUSE GAS TARGET

Prepared by the Public Services Department



6/17/24

HOW TO DO A GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY



Establish a Baseline- 2019



Collect Data on Energy Consumption: Fuel Purchases, Electricity Purchases



Convert Various Forms of Energy Use to Equivalent Tons of CO2 Emissions



Forecast Future Emission Based on Growth



Make a Plan with Goals to Reduce Emissions over Time



Monitor Energy Consumption and Emissions as Projects are implemented

ICLEI GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY TOOL

- 2022 City Staff used ICLEI Tool for GHG Inventory
- Two tracks:
 - Government Operations
 - Community Scale Track
- Tarpon Springs used the Government Operations track.

ICLEI USA
Local Governments for Sustainability

HOME ABOUT ICLEI GOVERNMENT TRACK COMMUNITY-SCALE TRACK SIGN OUT

Government Operations | Inventories

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Buildings & Facilities	Street Lights & Traffic Signals	Vehicle Fleet	Transit Fleet	Employee Commute	Electric Power Production	Solid Waste Facilities	Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Process & Fugitive Emissions
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Available Calculators

Pick a calculator to enter a new record.

- [Emissions from Grid Electricity](#) ⓘ
- [Emissions from Stationary Fuel Combustion](#) ⓘ
- [Steam and District Heating Purchases](#)
- [Emissions from Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Losses](#) ⓘ
- [Emissions and Removals from Trees Outside of Forests on Local Government Land](#) ⓘ
- [Emissions from Stationary Fuel Combustion \(User Supplied Emissions Factors\)](#) ⓘ
- [Purchased District Cooling](#) ⓘ
- [Heat and Power Purchases from Combined Heat and Power \(CHP\)](#) ⓘ

Inventory Records For Buildings & Facilities

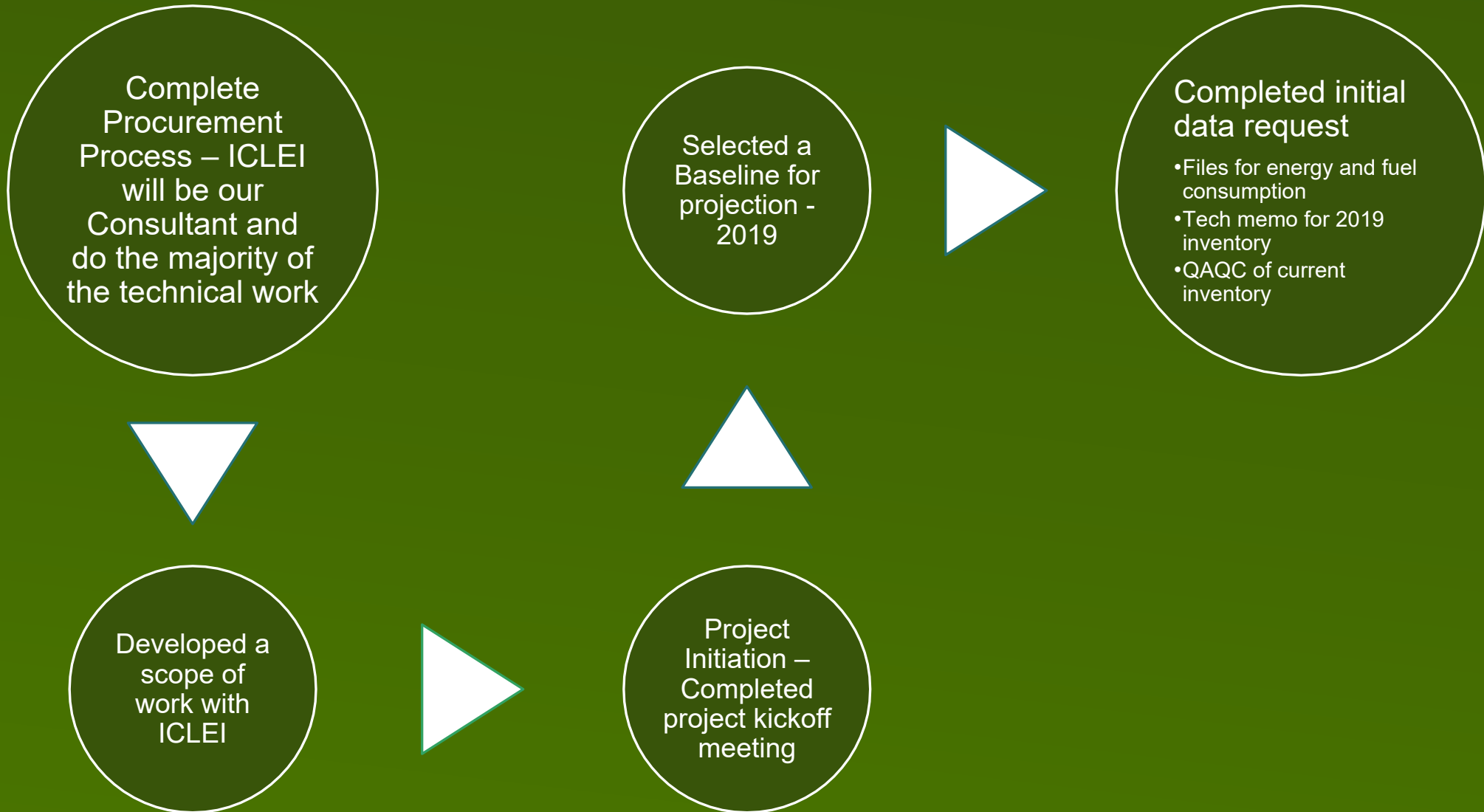
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Tarpon Trees	Edit Delete
Parks/Rec/Leisure/Cemetery	Edit Delete
Fire Dept	Edit Delete
Municipal Government	Edit Delete
Police	Edit Delete

CO2e By Record

Record	CO2e (metric tons)
Grid Losses- General Mu...	400
Parks/Rec/Leisure/Cemetery	550
Fire Dept	200
Municipal Government	350
Police	250

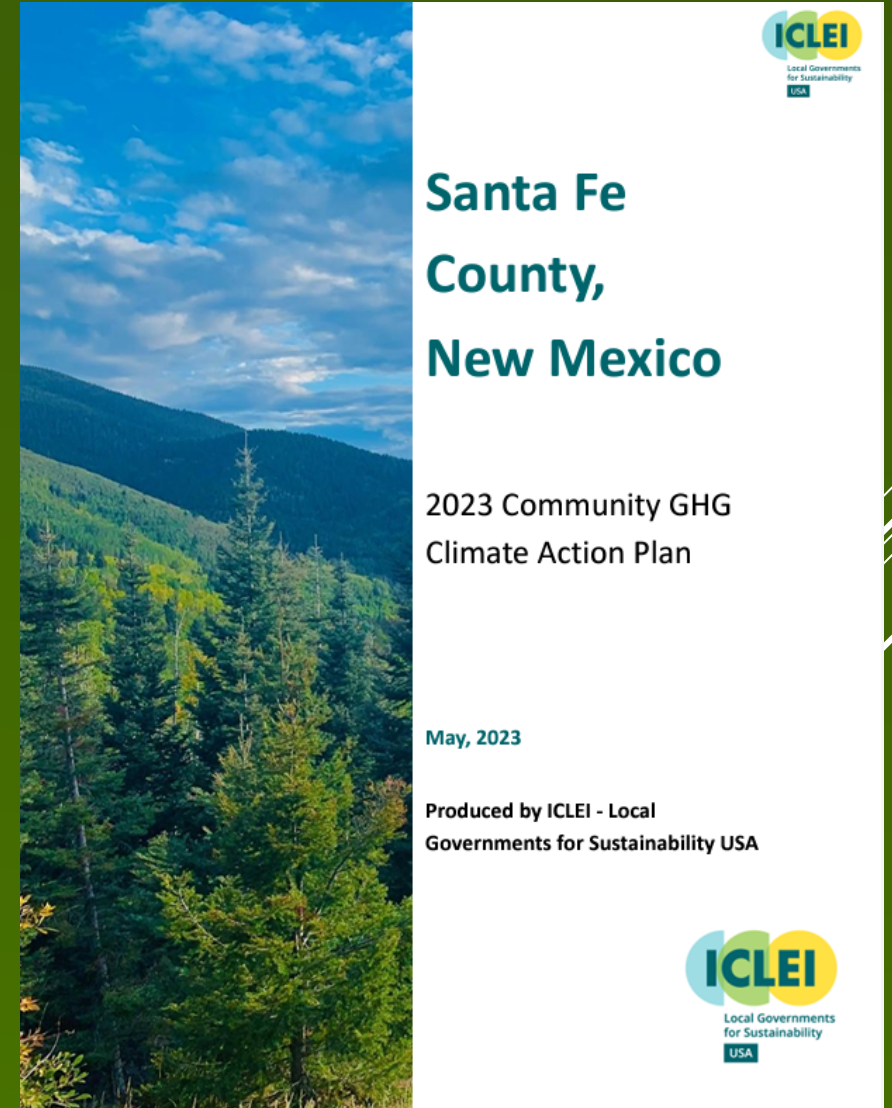
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CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – PROGRESS TO DATE



WHY CHOSE ICLEI?

- ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is the first and largest global network of local governments devoted to solving the world's sustainability challenges.
- ICLEI Software is the standard for local government GHG Accounting
- Experience: ICLEI has worked with numerous other local governments on GHG planning, including in Pinellas County and even Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Price: Total Cost of only \$9250
- Schedule – 22 Weeks to complete study

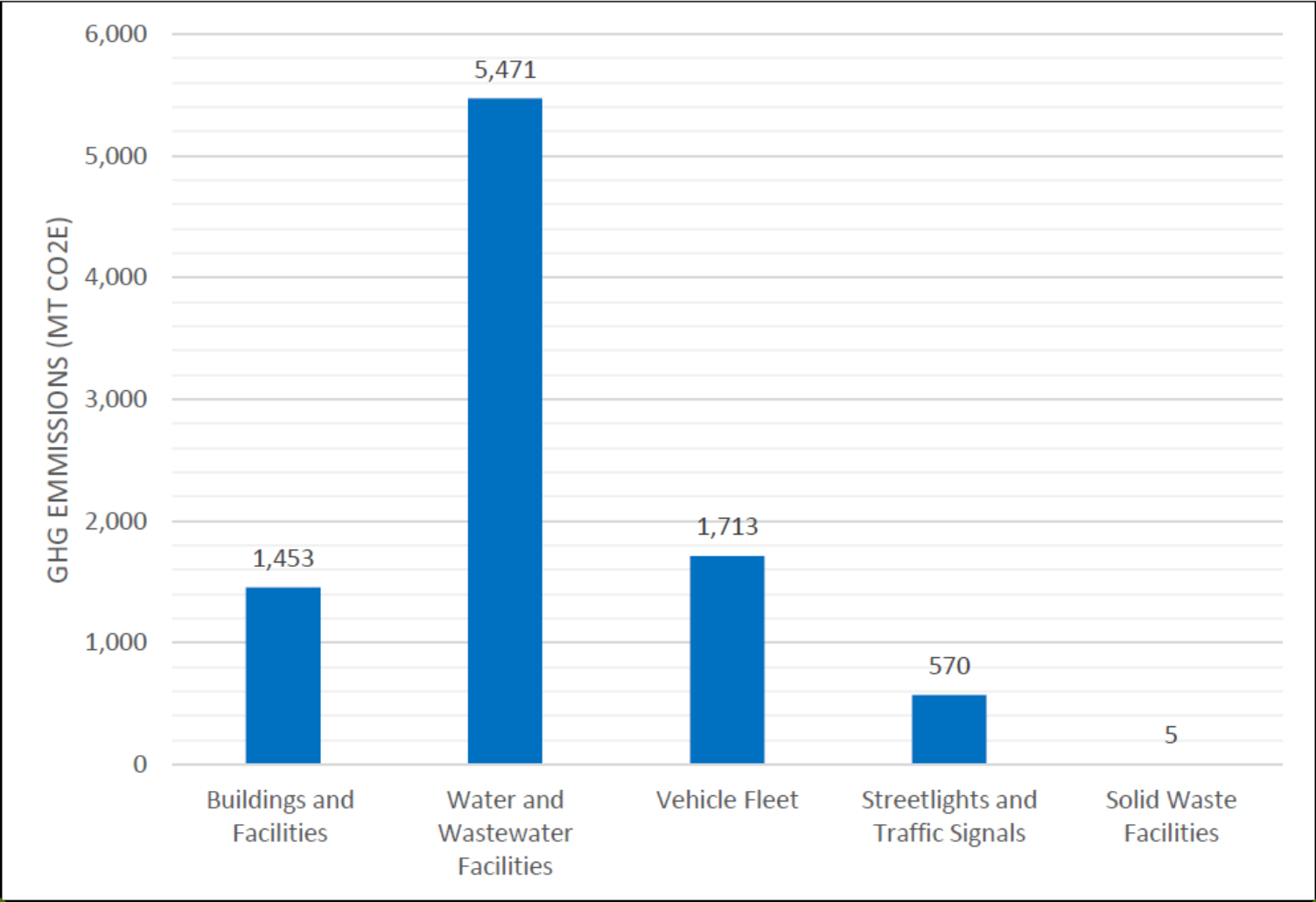


WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CAP?

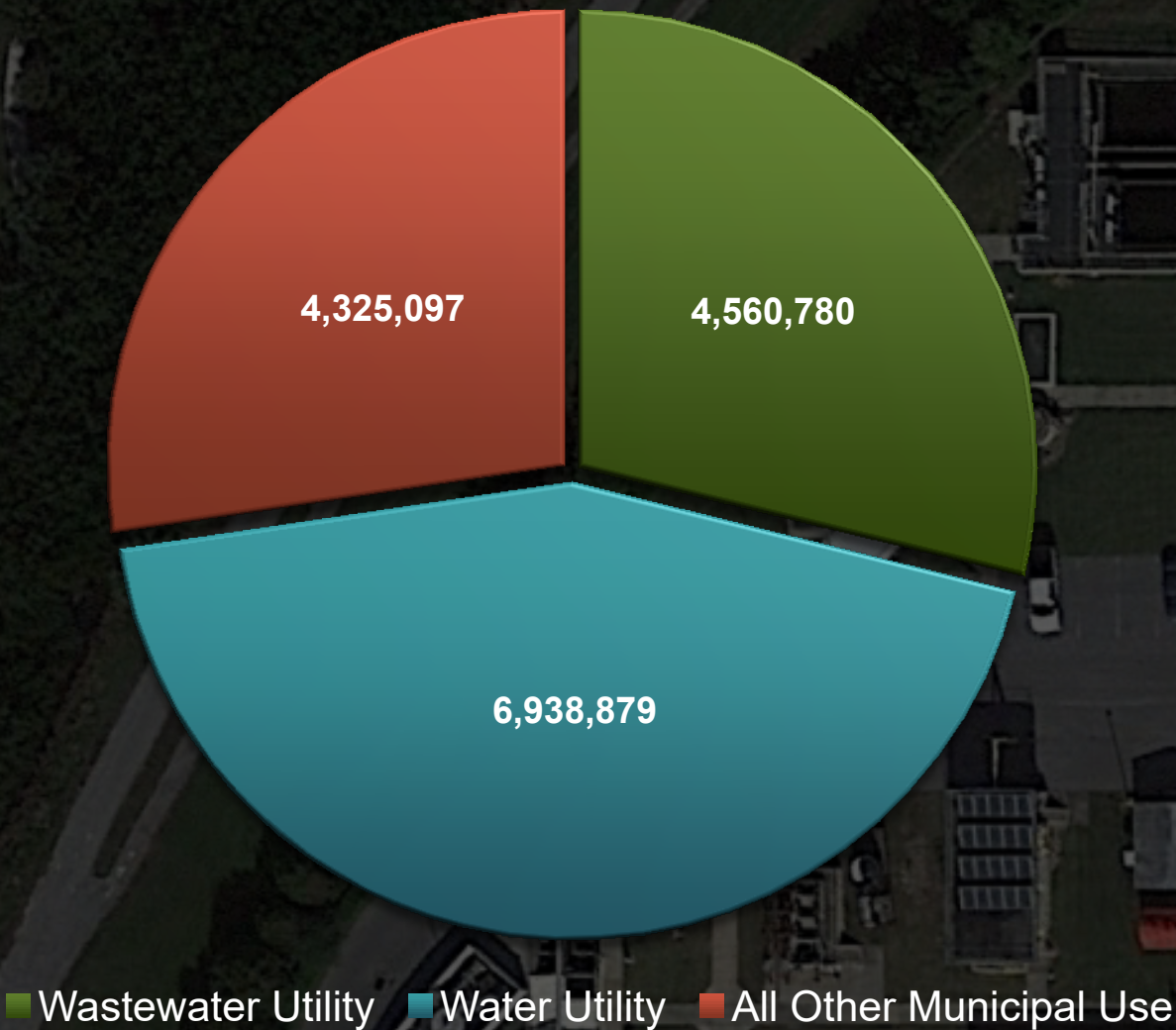
- ④ ICLEI will develop and provide a Local Government Operations (LGO) Climate Action Plan Report
- ④ Create a Business-as-Usual Forecast
- ④ Wedge Analysis: Achieving GHG Emissions Reduction Targets
 - ④ 5 Short Term policies
 - ④ 5 Mid-term policies
 - ④ 5 Long Term policies
- ④ GHG reduction planning (forecast) for various scenarios.
- ④ Research potential funding opportunities
- ④ Presentation to Sustainability Committee
- ④ Final Climate Action Plan Report with GHG Emissions goals for 2030 and 2050

Citywide Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Figure 1: City of Tarpon Springs Greenhouse Gas Emissions



City-Wide Electrical Consumption (kWh)



BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Figure 2: City of Tarpon Springs Relative Electrical Consumption

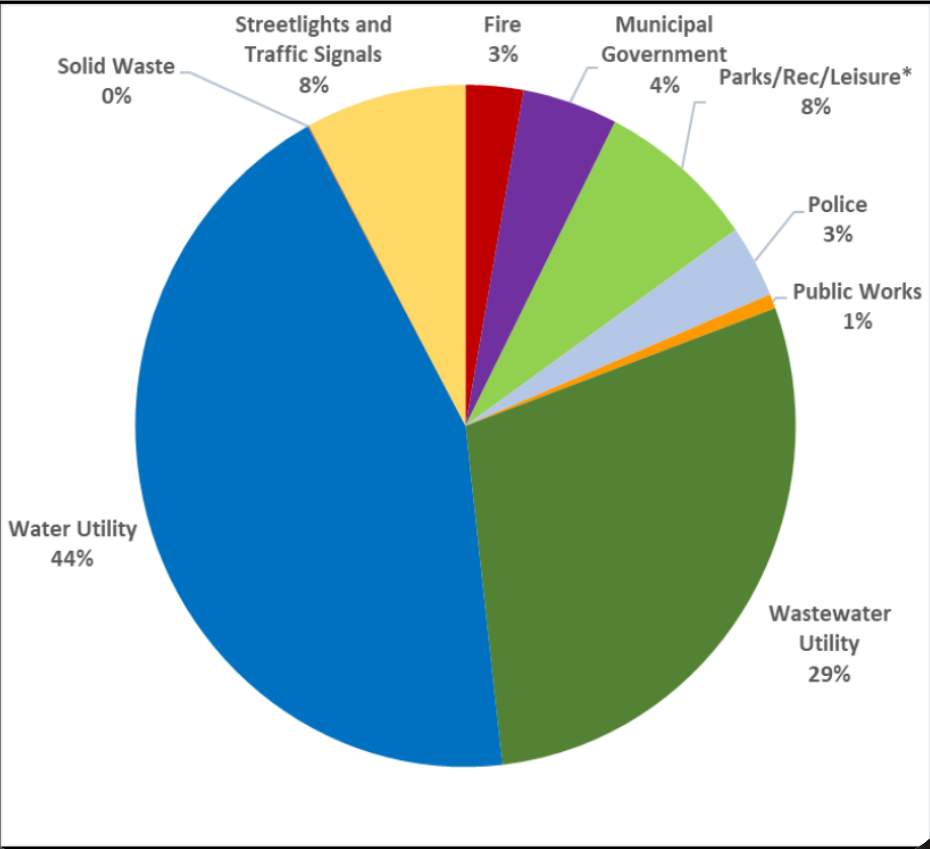
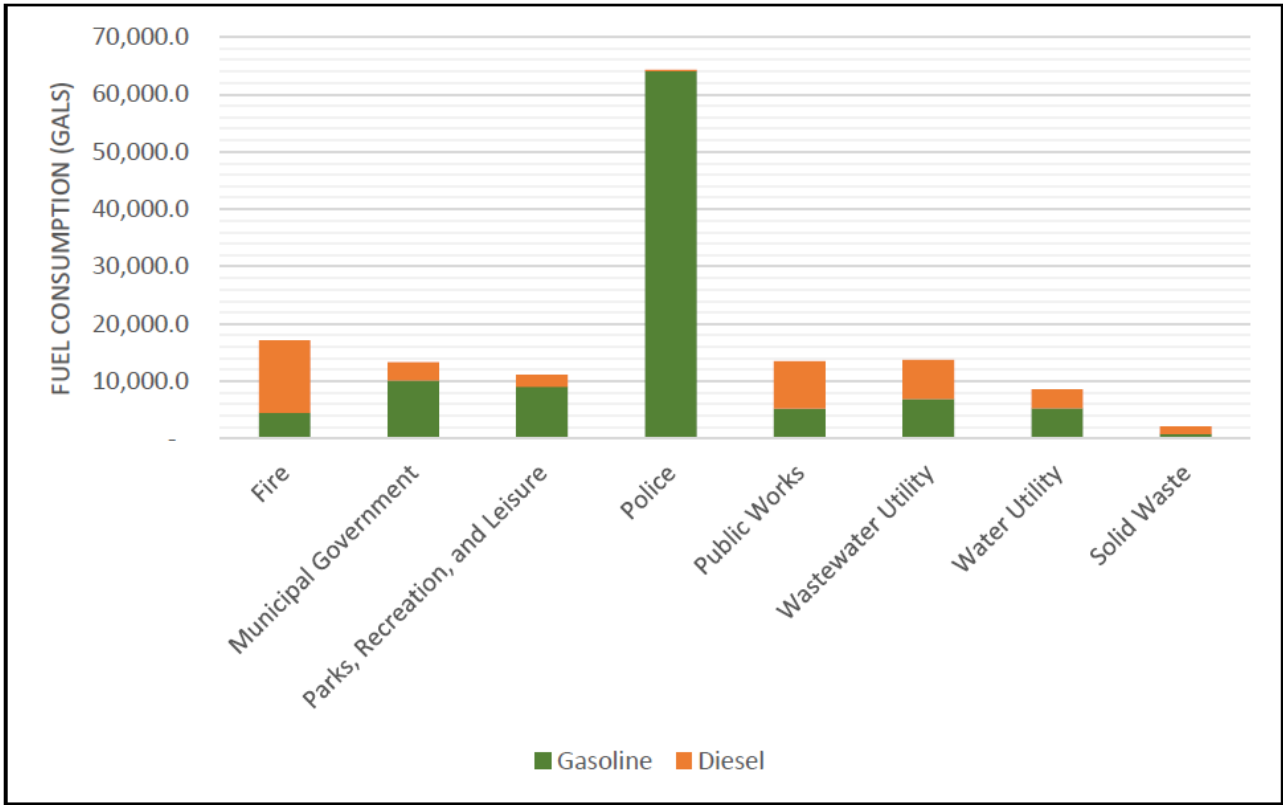
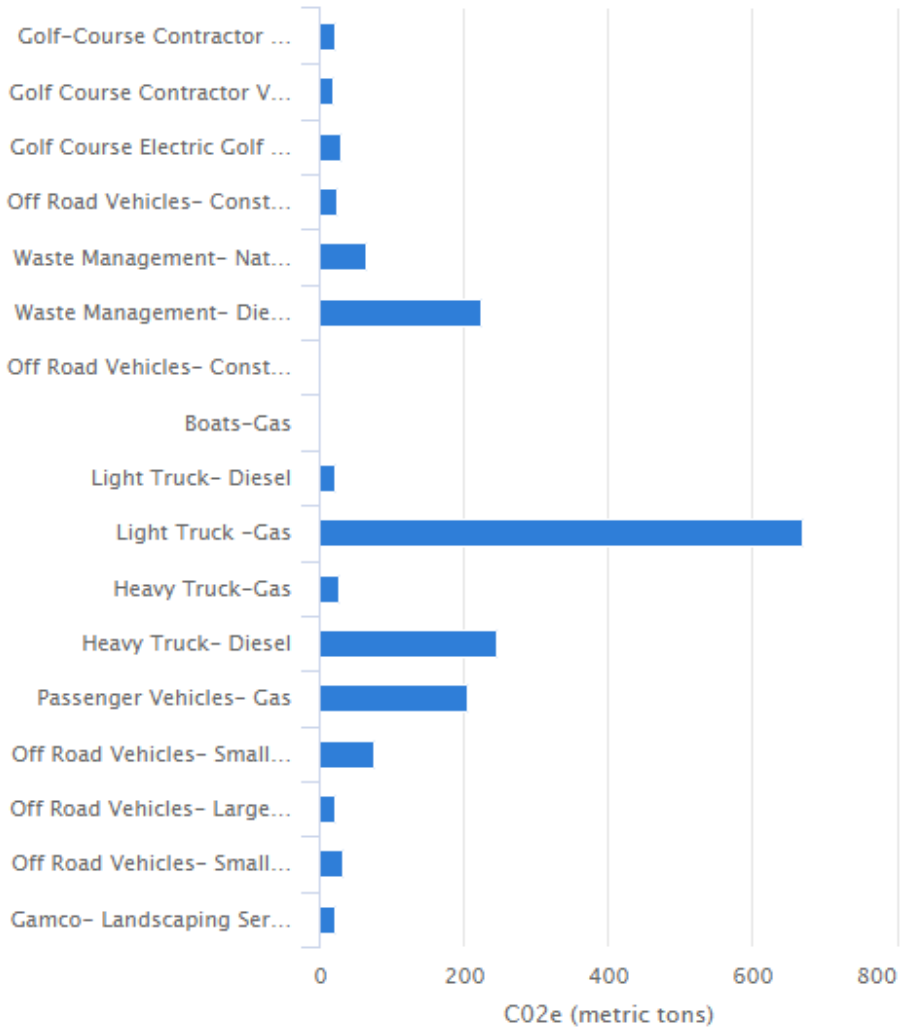


Figure 4: City of Tarpon Springs Vehicle Fleet Fuel Consumption



CO2e By Record



EXAMPLES FROM SANTA FE COUNTY

Figure 13: Results of low-effort implementation of strategies

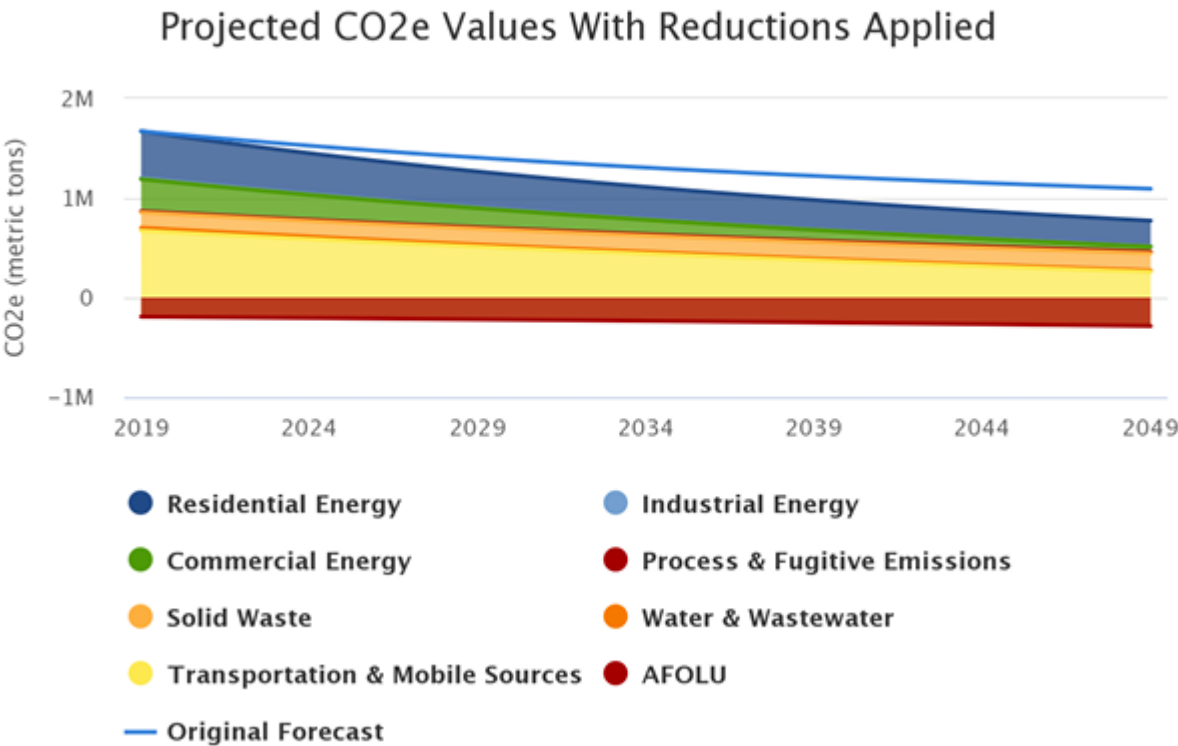


Table 5: Baseline and projected emissions in a business-as-usual scenario (MTCO2e)

Strategy	Low Effort	Medium Effort	High Effort	Unit
Replace gasoline vehicles with electric vehicles	1	6	10	% vehicles each year

Increase commercial building efficiency	1	2	3	% efficiency increase per year
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QUESTIONS?

June 20, 2024

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support
Beckett Bridge Project Application - Bridge Investment Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the City of Tarpon Springs Sustainability Committee for consideration of the Beckett Bridge project to be selected for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation for the 2023 Bridge Investment Program. The project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a new low-level bascule bridge on the same alignment as the existing bridge. Beckett Bridge connects coastal areas along Whitcomb Bayou to downtown Tarpon Springs and provides access for coastal residents during hurricane evacuation. The bridge also provides access for emergency vehicles, including police ambulance and fire.

The existing bridge has reduced capacity due to ongoing deterioration and is classified as structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. The bridge is currently posted for legal loads limited to 12-ton Single Unit trucks and 15-ton Combination trucks, and also lacks sidewalks which meet modern standards for bicycle and pedestrian access. Recent reevaluation of the bridge condition resulted in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) substructure rating of 4 (poor condition) on a scale from 0 to 9 and Sufficiency Rating of 18.1 on a scale of 0-100.

The proposed new bridge will meet all current safety standards and provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Improving bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the City is an important element of the City's Sustainability Plan and this project will support that goal. Resiliency is also a major theme for the City sustainability program, and this project will improve the resiliency of aging critical transportation infrastructure for hurricane evaluation and eliminate the need for frequent repairs. This project also includes elements to improve stormwater management in the area, which is currently affected by coastal flooding due to sea level rise.

The Tarpon Springs Sustainability Committee confidently supports investing in the longevity of the Beckett Bridge and its surrounding critical infrastructure. Investing in this infrastructure will improve the safety, connectivity, and sustainability of our City.

Sincerely,

Denise Manino
Chair – City of Tarpon Springs Sustainability Committee