



Sustainable Erie

*Living Today and
Growing Tomorrow
....a vision*

***Sustainability Advisory
Board Update***

August 24, 2021



Agenda

- 1)Where we have been
- 2)Where we are going

Purpose: As directed by Ordinance 14-2018, 3-5-6-(B), provide an update of the Erie Sustainability Advisory Board

Sustainability Advisory Board

- Anna Clark (April 2022)
- Tom Doyle, Chair (April 2022)
- Berenice Garcia Tellez (April 2024)
- JP Manza (April 2024)
- Tyler Kesler, Sustainability Manager, Staff Liaison
- Christiaan van Woudenberg - Board of Trustees Liaison
- Sara Loflin - Board of Trustees Liaison Alternate
- Rose Murphy (April 2024)
- Vacancy (applicant to be approved at 8/24 BOT Mtg)
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Erie's Sustainability Vision

As the Town of Erie grows and expands, we will become a leader in sustainability by providing outreach and leadership alongside inclusive and accessible opportunities that support the growth of our economy and engage the community while protecting our natural environment.

Master Plan Overview

- SAB Master Plan Approved Dec 2019

Focus Areas
for the
Sustainability
Master Plan

Energy Use in
Buildings

Transportation

Waste,
Recycling, and
Composting

Education and
Outreach

Where We Have Been

Erie Town Fair Booth



- ▶ Distributed Xcel Energy kits of LED light bulbs
- ▶ Passed out education material and answered questions
- ▶ Many compliments on Erie's sustainability focus
- ▶ Most questions were regarding curb-side composting and recycling

Where We Have Been

Earth Day 2021



- ▶ Hosted virtual Sustainability event
- ▶ Answered questions on Erie Sustainability master Plan
- ▶ Discussed Erie's progress toward a more sustainable future

Where We Have Been

Water Conservation

- ▶ Provided support to Town's great progress on education and outreach for water conservation
- ▶ Provided posters and advertising for "Simple Steps"
- ▶ Provided Spanish translation to advertising to ensure reach across cultures



Where We Have Been

Community Gardens



ERIE COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDE

Establishing and Managing a Garden for Fresh/Healthy Vegetables and a
Vibrant Erie Community

- ▶ Created Erie Community Garden Guide
- ▶ Researched local community garden structures and interviewed organizations for *Best Practices*
- ▶ Looked at opportunities to provide Community Garden Program in Erie

Where We Have Been

Green Business & HOA Certification Program

Town of Erie Launches State's First Green HOA Certification Program

Arapahoe Ridge HOA first to
be recognized in the program

- ▶ Supported Town Staff with Arapahoe Ridge and Erie Village HOA Boards to complete Green HOA Certification
- ▶ Assisted Tacos El Rey 2 to complete the Green Business Certification



Where We Have Been

Approval to add Youth to SAB



- ▶ Requested Board of Trustees to amend Ordinance to allow for youth to join the Sustainability Advisory Board
- ▶ Thank you!!
- ▶ Our first youth team member is on your agenda this evening for approval!!

Where We Have Been

Community Solar



- ▶ Coordinated several tours of the Lafayette Community Solar Site
- ▶ Worked with Eire community volunteers who work in the industry to better understand location opportunities and next steps
- ▶ Recently started working with OSTAB on combining efforts for community solar in Erie

Note: Being very ambitious in adding clean energy generation is critical to our sustainability as a community. This should include Utility-scale solar, Community solar and Residential solar. O&G sites as well as Open Space should be considered now to get Erie moving in this direction.

Where We Are Going

- Focusing on our duties by Ordinance 14-2018, 3-5-6-(B)
 1. **Advise** the Board of Trustees specific to Town Master Plan Priorities
 2. **Educate** the Community on Sustainability
 3. **Research and development** as requested by the Board of Trustees

Where We Are Going

Advise the Board of Trustees

We requested the Town to provide the top three sustainability priorities from the Sustainability Master Plan for the year. We will focus on these priorities to advise the BOT.

1. ENERGY USE SECTOR: Energy efficiency and renewable energy implementation
2. EDUCATION & OUTREACH SECTOR: Green Business & HOA Certifications
3. WASTE, RECYCLING, AND COMPOSTING SECTOR: Trash, Recycling, and Composting Action Plan

SAB members will break into sub-teams for each of these areas for research and recommendations

Where We Are Going

Educate the Community

We will continue to focus on outreach to inform the community on sustainability efforts and what they can do to be more sustainable considering events that have the most opportunity for larger audiences

- Erie Town Fair
- Earth Day
- Library Series (NEW)
- Annual Fall Clean-up
- Annual Spring Clean-up
- Leaf & Holiday Tree Composting Events

SAB members will volunteer for at least two events per year and assist in finding additional volunteers to help with these critical outreach events

Where We Are Going

Sustainability Research & Development

As requested by the Board of Trustees, the SAB will research specific topics and/or sustainability development opportunities and bring recommendations to the Board and the Town Administration. This could include:

- Facilitating Community Study Sessions
- Conducting Surveys
- Consulting with sustainability professionals
- Connecting with local county and/or state agencies
- Partnering with neighboring counties and/or municipalities

We appreciate your collaboration and support



Thank You!