

SOUTH HADLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX Sustainability Comm

Sustainability Commission - Recommended Action - 5/1/2013	Chapter-Goal	Goal or Land Use Objective	Priority Action	Timeframe				
				Immediate	Near Term (1-3 years)	Mid Term (3-6 years)	Long Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing
Incorporate sustainability strategies and measures into South Hadley's land use, transportation and economic development process.	ED-3	3-1-1			✓			
Use LEED or other 'green building' standards as guidelines for further development, bearing in mind the inter-play of different codes and requirements for redevelopment in South Hadley.	ED-3	3-1-2			✓			
Encourage use of LEED or other comparable green building standards for new residential development.	H-5	5-2-5						
Make sustainability principles part of standard procurement procedures.	MSF-1	1-1-7						✓
Incorporate LEED or other comparable green building standards into all municipal building projects.	MSF-1	1-1-8		✓				✓
Adopt regulations that encourage the use of LEED or other comparable green building standards for new construction.	MSF-1	1-1-9		✓				✓
Develop and present to the Selectboard a resolution on becoming a sustainable community, for potential formal adoption at Town Meeting.	MSF-2	2-1-2						✓
As a priority recommendation of this Plan, establish/designate a sustainability champion.	MSF-2	2-2-1			✓			
Involve staff and officials from all departments in developing a sustainability plan, with plan implementation, and subsequent training on its recommendations.	MSF-2	2-2-2		✓				
Adopt a set of sustainability principles, including but not limited to energy and water conservation, green building materials, use of alternative energy sources, and minimizing waste.	MSF-2	2-2-3			✓			
Review and evaluate the Town's current bylaws and policies for sustainability issues such as water, energy, materials, and waste, and identify steps to improve or amend these over time.	MSF-2	2-2-4	✓		✓			
Amend Town bylaws and policies to reflect the review/evaluation of sustainability issues.	MSF-2	2-2-5		✓				
Develop strategies to promote reduced consumption, such as a light bulb swap or the use of 'smart meters', reduced flow fixtures, reduced roadway asphalt.	MSF-2	2-3-1			✓			
Inventory the energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives completed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, SHELD and others, and communicate the results to the town.	MSF-2	2-3-2		✓				
Implement innovative projects that increase public awareness and support municipal leadership on sustainability issues.	MSF-2	2-3-3		✓				
Evaluate Town standards and requirements and recommend changes to promote energy efficiency and reduce energy demand.	MSF-3	3-1-4						
Assess options for alternative and renewable energy sources to be used within existing and new buildings and infrastructure.	MSF-3	3-1-5						
In new public building and renovation plans require meeting LEED or other green building standards.	MSF-3	3-2-1						
In planning for a new elementary school, require meeting LEED or other green building standards.	MSF-3	3-3-1						

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Utilize available resources (such as, state and federal programs) to establish appropriate evaluation standards.	NR-1	1-2-1		✓				✓
Evaluate environmental data to identify environmental issues and possible mitigation/resolution strategies.	NR-1	1-2-2		✓				✓
Develop a 5-year plan for environmental improvement and long-term sustainability using established standards.	NR-1	1-2-3		✓				
Use environmental quality indices to support enhanced recreation opportunities and economic development.	NR-1	1-2-4			✓			
Evaluate municipal water resources protection practices and recommend areas for improvement.	NR-4	4-3-1						
Participate in State or local programs that encourage the use of public transportation, ridesharing, or other transportation options such as <i>Mass Rides</i> .	Tr-2	2-2-3						
Create a promotional public education campaign that raises awareness about the benefits of utilizing public transportation, walking and bicycling.	Tr-2	2-2-4						
Study incentives for creation of commercial infrastructure (such as recharging stations, hydrogen fueling stations, etc.) necessary for support of new alternative powered vehicles.	Tr-2	2-3-1						

COMMENT: Subcommittees have been formed to tackle Bicycle and Walking Trails, Sustainability Indicators; and events such as Earth Day. No action on other recommended tasks.