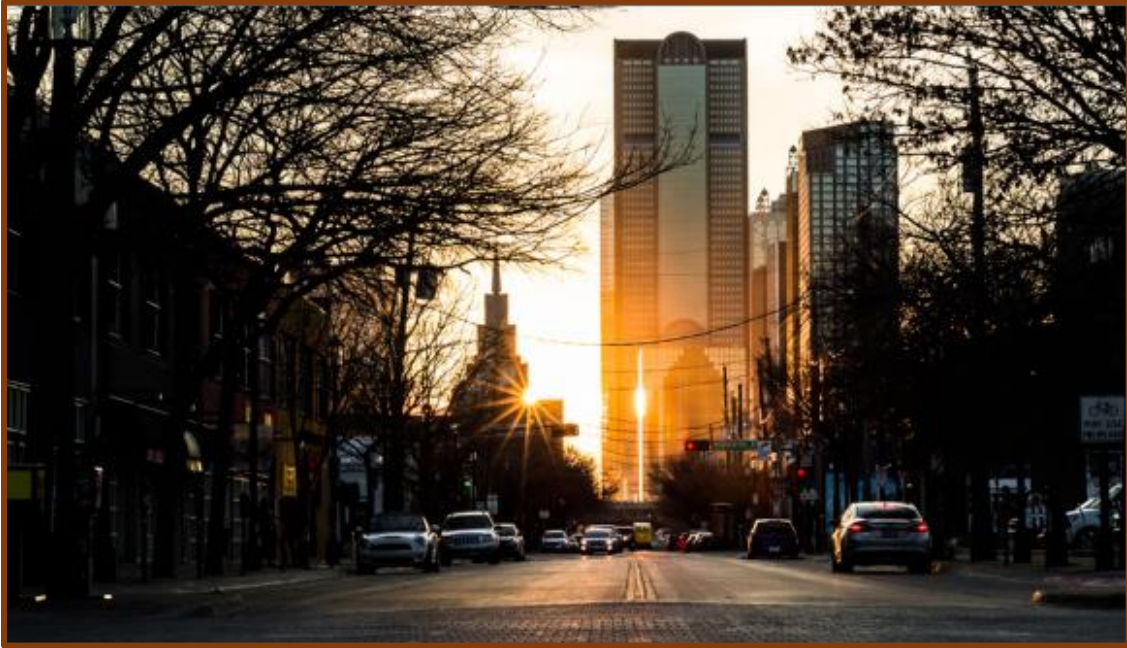


CECAP IMPLEMENTATION WORK PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026



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Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Implementation Work Plan

I. Introduction

This Implementation Work Plan (IWP) provides an overview of efforts planned under the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP), during the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26). The CECAP proposes solutions that will improve our natural environment, our educational and economic outcomes, the affordability of our housing stock, and our transportation systems. The IWP outlines continued efforts that collectively maintain the City of Dallas as a leader in reducing emissions and sets the path forward towards addressing climate and environmental risk with effective and common-sense solutions.

Building on the success of the previous years, the sixth year of CECAP implementation continues with 130 milestones and 73 actions led by 16 participating City departments.

II. Adaptive Management

Adaptive management is essential to the success of Dallas' CECAP, as it enables the City to respond to new data, emerging technologies, and evolving community needs. By using a flexible, evidence-based approach, Dallas can refine its strategies to achieve the greatest impact in reducing emissions and building resilience.

In FY25, OEQS conducted an assessment of the CECAP Implementation Work Plan (IWP) to evaluate the efficiency and productivity of each milestone. This assessment established a more structured and strategic framework for integrating both new and ongoing milestones into future IWPs. Departments were asked to provide budget information, describe how progress is measured, identify the lead for each effort, and indicate whether milestones include measurable metrics. When metrics were lacking, departments were asked to assess the feasibility of revising them to be more outcome-oriented. Potential constraints were also discussed.

The assessment aims to strengthen milestones by aligning them with SMART goal criteria—Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound—ensuring they are realistic, actionable, and capable of driving meaningful impact.

For the FY26 CECAP Implementation Work Plan, insights from the FY25 assessment will guide planning, prioritize actions, and identify opportunities for improvement. Milestones should be clearly defined and data-driven to ensure that progress can be accurately tracked, outcomes are measurable, and accountability is maintained across departments.

Recommendations for future IWPs focus on two key strategies to enhance the effectiveness of CECAP implementation. First, milestones should be carefully aligned with the broader CECAP actions to ensure that they contribute directly to each goal's targets. Second, to foster greater collaboration and support, the CECAP Team can strengthen engagement with LEAF departments by coordinating periodic one-on-one meetings with department representatives, in addition to the regular quarterly LEAF meetings. These individual meetings would allow for more focused discussions and a clearer understanding of department-specific challenges, progress, and needs.



III. FY25-26 Actions and Milestones

The FY26 Implementation Work Plan builds on the foundation set in the first five years of implementation. This section provides a list of each of the 130 milestones scheduled for implementation in FY26 and includes activation of 73 CECAP actions. Milestones will be completed through the combined efforts of 16 City departments, including:

Aviation (AVI)	Office of Arts and Culture (OAC)
Bond & Construction Management (BCM)	Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS)
Code Compliance (CCS)	Office of Housing and Community Empowerment (OHCE)
Convention & Event Services (CES)	Park and Recreation (PKR)
Dallas Water Utilities (DWU)	Planning and Development (PDD)
Economic Development (ECO)	Procurement Services (POM)
Equipment & Fleet Management (EFM)	Sanitation Services (SAN)
Facilities and Real Estate Management (FRM)	Transportation and Public Works (TPW)

Each department will be responsible for tracking and quarterly reporting on its assigned milestones.



GOAL 1: DALLAS' BUILDINGS ARE ENERGY- EFFICIENT AND CLIMATE RESILIENT.

Why it matters? Homes and places of work can be protected from the impacts of climate change through structural and operational improvements. Energy efficiency improvements to existing residential and nonresidential buildings and to appliances can reduce overall emissions and utility bills. Ensuring that all new construction is built in an energy efficient way will reduce future 'carbon lock-in' in the building stock.

Total actions underway: 11

Total milestones: 16

Table 1: FY25-26 Goal 1 Buildings Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
B1: Demonstrate leadership in developing a carbon neutrality plan for municipal operations.		
B1	OEQS	Plan and implement multi-sector, multi-media, multi-target outreach and engagement program for businesses, education and community stakeholders
B1	OEQS	Update OEQS Website to support greater reach for outreach and engagement on CECAP efforts
B1	OEQS	Plan and hold Annual North Texas Climate Symposium
B1	BCM	For non-CECAP Bond Resolution related projects, obtain Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for materials in or near public areas—such as concrete, steel, aluminum, handrails, and approximately 10 other materials.
B2: Achieve Level 3+ Airport Carbon Accreditation at Love Field for carbon neutral operations and maintain accreditation for DFW, and pursue for Dallas Executive Airport.		
B2	AVI	Advance efforts to meet Level 4+ ACA at Love Field Airport
B3: Develop clear and comprehensive educational program for building owners and tenants about existing energy efficiency programs.		
B3	OEQS	Promote Whole Home Dallas, and provide ongoing environment and sustainability targeted outreach and education in order to raise awareness of benefits of home weatherization, energy efficiency, and weatherization upgrades
B3	OHCE	Conduct workshops for building owners and real estate professionals to convey benefits of energy efficiency programs
B5: Identify new financing mechanisms to accelerate energy efficiency improvements in existing buildings.		
B5	ECO	Expand participation in the City's existing PACE financing program
B5	BCM	New or replacement critical facilities over 10,000 square feet are required to achieve LEED Gold certification as part of the CECAP Bond Resolution.
B6: Establish a building efficiency and electrification program (for existing buildings) to replace appliances and systems with other efficient and cost-effective options.		
B6	OEQS	Explore feasibility of launching a citywide Energy Conservation Kit Program
B7: Increase participation and scope of the Dallas Green Business Certification Program.		
B7	OEQS	Promote and increase participation the Green Business Certification Program



B11: Update the building code to require wiring conduits for solar photovoltaics and electric vehicle charging infrastructure in new construction.		
B11	OEQS	Review SolSmart program for consideration of SolSmart Bronze Designation
B12: Evaluate and consider a Zero Net Energy (ZNE) code for all new buildings and substantial renovations by 2030.		
B12	OEQS	Develop engagement strategy to encourage building and industry stakeholders to explore environmental sustainability options
B13: Establish urban greening factor requirements for new developments that quantify how projects contribute to urban greening for reduced stormwater runoff and urban heat island improvements.		
B13	PDD	Define Urban Greening Factor. Then Leverage EVC SPI to explore private sector incentives to accelerate adoption.
B14: Promote passive building design (e.g., orientation, shading devices) through the City's zoning ordinance and design standards.		
B14	OEQS	Incorporate passive building design standards into the renovation plans for the Dallas Convention Center to enhance energy efficiency and occupant comfort.
B15: Evaluate potential city-owned properties for the creation of resilience hubs.		
B15	OEQS	Evaluate funding opportunities for creation of resilience hubs



GOAL 2: DALLAS GENERATES AND USES RENEWABLE, RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY.

Why it matters? Dallas primarily relies on electricity that has been generated by fossil fuels (22% is generated from coal and 50% from natural gas). Although Texas is the largest producer of wind in the country, renewable energy only provides 19% of the grid electricity mix. The renewable energy market is growing globally, as technologies (particularly photovoltaic panels and batteries) become more affordable and adaptable. With an average of 234 days of sunshine per year, Dallas has the potential to take much more advantage of solar technologies.

Total actions underway: 8

Total milestones: 8

Table 2: FY25-26 Goal 2 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
E1: Maintain a high degree of reliability in the electric delivery grid through cooperative actions between the City and public utility companies.		
E1	OEQS	Explore funding opportunities to launch a City community solar project.
E2: Evaluate the potential for the City to make investments in energy storage technologies for both resilience and renewable energy development purposes.		
E2	FRM	Continue construction process to implement pilot solar + battery energy storage technology at Bachman Recreation Center
E3: Continue partnership with public utility companies on an incentive program on renewable energy options.		
E3	OEQS	Update PUC renewable energy and solar installation assistance programs on the Whole Home Dallas resource hub
E4: Invest in programs through local community colleges to train and establish a local workforce that is focused on renewable energy technologies.		
E4	OEQS	Explore workforce development opportunities to include in Dallas' Green Job Skills Program
E5: Build a regional strategic partnership to promote adoption of renewable energy.		
E5	OEQS	In collaboration with Solar United Neighbors, raise awareness of the residential rooftop solar group-purchasing opportunity in the DFW region.
E7: Extend City efforts to develop more renewable energy projects on City facilities.		
E7	OEQS	Support FRM in developing renewable energy projects on city facilities as appropriations allow
E8: Continue to implement Green Energy Policy for City facilities.		
E8	FRM	Continue to implement current green energy policy under the existing utility contract for procuring 100% renewable energy and associated renewable energy credits
E10: Advocate for renewable energy policies at the state and federal levels.		
E10	OEQS	Advocate for renewable energy policy at the state and federal level, with support of Government Affairs.



GOAL 3: DALLAS' COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE, AFFORDABLE, TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.

Why it matters? Dallas County fails to meet federal air quality standards for ground level ozone, which is produced when nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) combine with heat, which is a direct result of gasoline burning engines. Using active and public transportation, transportation demand management (TDM), and transition towards the use of electric vehicles have high potential to reduce emissions and improve air quality.

Total actions underway: 14

Total milestones: 17

Table 3: FY25-26 Goal 3 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
T1: Work with City of Dallas, DISD, and DART to transition the bus and light duty fleet to 100% electric by 2040.		
T1	EFM	As recommended in the Fleet Electrification Feasibility Study, continue installing charging stations at various City facilities to support fleet vehicle electrification
T1	EFM	As recommended in the Fleet Electrification Feasibility Study, continue to grow the Alternative Fuels Options for the City
T1	EFM	As recommended in the Fleet Electrification Feasibility Study, continue the purchase electric vehicles and evaluate pooling of resources
T1	OEQS	Support NCTCOG's Clean Cities efforts to promote vehicle electrification, and utilize the results from OEQS' 2024 EV charging infrastructure siting study as guidance and support for the installation on City properties.
T4: Establish a comprehensive incentives package to help accelerate electric vehicle use.		
T4	OEQS	Convene with the internal City EV Working Group to deploy electric vehicle infrastructure on municipal property and promote the transition to electric vehicles
T5: Support and expand recommended Travel Demand Management strategies identified in the Strategic Mobility Plan.		
T5	TPW	Promote Connect Dallas' principles.
T7: Secure resources to implement the existing bicycle network masterplan.		
T7	TPW	Implement bicycle facilities and lanes, depending on City Council annual appropriations.
T8: Evaluate infrastructure to support city policy that ensures fair and balanced distribution of micromobility services.		
T8	TPW	Implement the Shared Dockless Vehicle Program that regulates rental micromobility devices in Dallas (i.e. scooters).
T9: Increase bus service across the City by adding new routes, shortening headways, and overall increasing service reliability and customer experience.		
T9	PDD	Implement Forward Dallas 2.0 Transit-Oriented Development and Connectivity goals (such as the I-30 & I-345 Project) to advance safe, compact, and walkable mixed-use development around DART stations and other transportation nodes to further increase accessible connectivity to housing, job opportunities, and neighborhood amenities for all residents.



T10: Adopt a target corridor, district, or city-wide mode split goals to help reinforce policies aimed at reducing single-occupancy vehicle use.		
T10	OEQS	Support regional air quality improvement efforts to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips through Try-Parking It
T11: Develop a new comprehensive land use strategy in the upcoming comprehensive plan update to pair with the SMP and CECAP goals, adopt policy to reduce transportation related GHG emissions.		
T11	PDD	Implement Forward Dallas 2.0
T12: Expand upon the DART transit-oriented development (TOD) guidelines to collaborate on a new proactive TOD and housing strategy with DART.		
T12	PDD	Implement Forward Dallas 2.0 goal to increase attainable housing options throughout the city, particularly near job centers and transit-oriented locations, to meet the diverse housing needs of all people in Dallas.
T14: Adopt a revised parking ordinance strategy that supports new mode split goals and land use strategy that minimizes available parking in transit-oriented districts.		
T14	PDD	Implement the 2025 Parking Reform for flexible parking in Dallas
T15: Implement green infrastructure programs that specify design and performance standards that treat the right-of-way as both a mobility and green infrastructure asset.		
T15	PDD	As noted in Forward Dallas 2.0, integrate Urban Design Standards and Guidance into the Development Review Process and Future Planning Efforts.
T16: Convert all traffic lights and streetlights to LEDs.		
T16	TPW	Initiate conversion of streetlights to LEDs, where feasible; All new lighting projects require LED whether City-owned, Oncor-owned or TxDOT-owned (also with Office of Integrated Police Solutions)
T17: Work with DART to improve bus station shelter amenities that reduce the impact of weather on rider comfort and usability.		
T17	OEQS	Explore partnerships with DART or academic stakeholders to improve bus station shelter amenities.
T19: Encourage businesses, commercial entities and institutions to electrify fleet, including but not limited to local and regional delivery trucks and heavier vehicles		
T19	OEQS	Participate in Texas EV Alliance working to address EV transition and supporting infrastructure across North Texas



GOAL 4: DALLAS IS A ZERO-WASTE COMMUNITY.

Why it matters? Focusing on the principles of Zero Waste: refuse, reduce, reuse (including repair!), recycle and rot, will reduce quantity of waste and result in a cleaner City. Climate change will also impact both the operations and infrastructure assets in the waste sector. Increased temperatures will impact the health and safety of waste collection workers. Extreme weather events may lead to the unexpected need to deal with the collection and disposal of large amounts of debris. GHG emission reductions in the waste sector can also be achieved through actions that increase the efficiency of waste collection and continuing the capture of landfill-generated gas.

Total actions underway: 7

Total milestones: 16

Table 4: FY25-26 Goal 4 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
SW1: Actively promote source reduction, recycling and composting to the Dallas Community.		
SW1	PKR	Divert brush from the landfill by generating compost and mulch through the Treecycling program, as part of City operations.
SW1	OAC	Implement an Artist Residency program in Dallas recreation centers that promotes CECAP goals and waste reduction
SW2: Develop a comprehensive green procurement plan for city operations and establish a sustainable procurement policy.		
SW2	POM	As part of the green procurement plan, develop a total cost of ownership (TOC) model for use in analyzing the cost of a good or service
SW3: Improve solid waste, recycling, and brush/bulky waste collection efficiency.		
SW3	SAN	Annually evaluate collection routes for efficiency
SW4: Explore potential for electric waste collection trucks.		
SW4	SAN	Continue to monitor technological advancements and viability
SW5: Update and implement the Zero Waste Management Plan.		
SW5	SAN	Implement the revised Local Solid Waste Management Plan
SW6: Expand efforts to reduce illegal dumping by implementing recommendations identified in the “Litter and Illegal Dumping Assessment Study.”		
SW6	SAN	Continue to facilitate BOPA collection events
SW6	SAN	Provide staff support at Community Trash Off Events
SW6	CCS	Continue collaboration with Dallas Marshal’s office to issue citations and arrests
SW6	CCS	Continue marketing campaign to educate public on illegal dumping (how to report, what it is, and measures being taken to counteract it)
SW6	CCS	Continue same day abatement via illegal dumping abatement team



SW6	CCS	Maintain illegal dumping hotline
SW6	CCS	Coordinate community trash off events
SW6	CCS	Continue to support the Keep Dallas Beautiful affiliation
SW6	CCS	Continue to implement the Strategic Illegal Dumping Plan
SW8: Continue to capture gas and expand capacity from landfill for reuse and evaluate for city operations.		
SW8	SAN	Annually evaluate need for gas collection system expansion



GOAL 5: DALLAS PROTECTS ITS WATER RESOURCES AND ITS COMMUNITIES FROM FLOODING AND DROUGHT.

Why it matters? The water/wastewater sector includes water supply, sewage treatment, water quality, stormwater management, flood management, water conservation and drought management. This sector contributes less than 1% of Dallas' GHG emissions; however, access to clean water is foundational to public health and quality of life. Between 2020 and 2070, Dallas' existing water reserves are expected to decrease due to sedimentation and increased evaporation of reservoirs. This is a result of anticipated temperature increases. For the City to protect water resources, actions must be taken by private entities, residents and businesses and the City of Dallas.

Total actions underway: 12

Total milestones: 32

Table 5: FY25-26 Goal 5 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
WR1: Continue investment in public awareness campaigns to increase knowledge of the value of water and importance of conservation.		
WR1	DWU	Continue City Leadership and Commitment Grant Program to City of Dallas departments for improvements promoting Water Conservation efforts
WR1	DWU	Continue to offer public education, including Environmental Education Initiative, and outreach opportunities to promote water conservation in an effort to resourcefully manage the City's GPCD
WR1	DWU	Continue to evaluate and improve Water Conservation social media strategies
WR1	DWU	Evaluate and participate in local, regional, national water conservation associations for public awareness activities
WR1	DWU	Continue the regional "Water is Awesome" public awareness campaign with Tarrant Regional Water District
WR1	DWU	Continue the 'Save Water. Nothing Can Replace It.' local public awareness campaign, and maintain SaveDallasWater.com website, promoting local conservation programs and educational opportunities for DWU customers
WR1	DWU	Plan and hold the North Texas Regional Water Conservation Symposium, in partnership with local agencies.
WR1	DWU	Continue water conservation outreach efforts to support retail customers
WR2: Continue investment in leak detection and expand programs to reduce overall water loss through the conveyance systems.		
WR2	DWU	Continue to offer public-facing rebate and incentive-based programs to promote water conservation in an effort to resourcefully manage the City's annual GPCD
WR2	DWU	Leverage existing field data to optimize the leak detection program by prioritizing efforts based on system risk and water loss.



WR2	DWU	Continue requesting and tracking TWDB Annual Water Conservation Reports for wholesale customer cities, which include 5- and 10-year water conservation targets
WR4: Encourage businesses and residents to plant drought-tolerant and native vegetation or xeriscape to reduce irrigation water use.		
WR4	DWU	Continue ongoing education and outreach programs, such as Water-Wise Landscape Tour, to promote best management practices that recognize landscape design that reduces water consumption
WR4	DWU	Continue to offer free automatic irrigation system evaluations and promote best management practices on outdoor watering
WR4	CCS	Enforce City of Dallas Lawn Watering Schedule
WR5: Continue to monitor and protect water quality and implement improvement projects in the watershed.		
WR5	DWU	Actively participate as a stakeholder in regional Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs) to support ongoing water quality monitoring and protection efforts.
WR5	DWU	Participate with USGS and other local entities in stream flow and water quality sampling, watershed protection, and special studies that include the Zebra Mussel Monitoring Program, Upper Trinity River Gain/Loss Study, and Reservoir Water Quality Study
WR5	DWU	Continue Stormwater Quality Monitoring Program to include other surface water bodies and expand upon parameters monitored
WR5	DWU	Continue exploring the feasibility of a site-specific TMDL Plan for White Rock Creek to protect public health.
WR6: Continue to protect and monitor water quality by tracking emerging contaminants that may impact public health.		
WR6	DWU	Initiate a containment of emerging concerns monitoring program at the Water Treatment Plants.
WR7: Use FEMA Community Rating System to educate and protect communities from flooding.		
WR7	DWU	Use rating system to educate flood-prone communities
WR8: Complete the implementation of major planned and ongoing drainage infrastructure projects to improve community resilience to flooding.		
WR8	DWU	Continue construction of Mill Creek Drainage Relief Tunnel scheduled for completion in 2028
WR8	DWU	Continue acquisition of parcels for the Dallas Floodway Extension
WR8	DWU	Continue to support the USACE design process for Dallas Floodway Extension (DFE)
WR8	DWU	Continue to support design builds efforts of Dallas Floodway (DF)
WR9: Implement Comprehensive Storm Drainage System assessment and planning process.		
WR9	DWU	Complete comprehensive storm drainage assessment activities that will identify resources and organizational needs, assess infrastructure condition, identify critical projects, and evaluate stormwater utility funding needs
WR11: Continue monitoring, evaluating, and updating the Drought Contingency Plan.		
WR11	DWU	Continue to monitor and evaluate effectiveness of the Drought Contingency Plan



WR12: Continue contingency planning to protect and maintain service of key water infrastructure facilities from extreme weather events.

WR12	DWU	Complete revised Risk & Resiliency Assessment Report and ICP Update
WR12	DWU	Update Continuity of Operations Plan DWU Annex as necessary
WR12	DWU	Complete Biogas Enhancement and Beneficial Reuse Study and Revisit Existing Contracts for Southside WWTP

WR14: Evaluate new or improved operational strategies and technologies to optimize the use of chemicals and reduce energy usage at water and wastewater treatment facilities.

WR14	DWU	Initiate study to optimize chemical treatment processes and identify improvements to reduce residual waste, energy use, and distribution system impacts.
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WR15: Continue investment in sewer collection system to reduce inflow/infiltration (I/I) to improve water quality and reduce energy usage.

WR15	DWU	Continue aggressive wastewater internal inspection, cleaning, and repair activities
WR15	DWU	Implement activities in the SSO initiative and report to TCEQ annually



GOAL 6: DALLAS PROTECTS AND ENHANCES ITS ECOSYSTEMS, TREES, AND GREENSPACES THAT IN TURN IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Why it matters? Increased temperatures and droughts have dire impacts on urban ecosystems, trees, and green spaces. In 2011, the drought killed approximately 5.6 million trees in urban areas across the state. Open spaces such as parks, urban forests, and prairies can deliver multiple benefits including reducing the urban heat island effect, sequestering carbon, reducing air pollution and managing flooding, as well as providing benefits to urban and migrating species in the form of habitat protection and biodiversity. Dallas can significantly reduce the urban heat island effect by preserving and expanding the urban forest, in combination with increased use of light-colored materials in the urban realm.

Total actions underway: 7
Total milestones: 23

Table 6: FY25-26 Goal 6 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
EG1: Increase and improve access to green spaces particularly within vulnerable communities to reduce impact of urban heat island, localized flooding, and improve public health.		
EG1	PKR	Track acquisition of land
EG1	PKR	Track development of parks
EG1	PKR	Track development of trails
EG1	OEQS	Utilize the Dallas Urban Heat Island Mapping data to develop a Heat Intervention Guidebook
EG1	OEQS	Participate in the Resilient Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program led by the Smart Surfaces Coalition
EG1	OEQS	Implement the City's Brownfield Program to address existing sources of pollution, increase potential redevelopment and economic growth in previously under-invested areas through investments in the Community-wide Assessment Grant and the Revolving Loan Fund Grant.
EG1	OEQS	Coordinate and lead quarterly Brownfields workshops for stakeholders.
EG3: Increase tree canopy in both private and public realm to complete implementation of recommendations from the Urban Forest Master Plan.		
EG3	PDD	Utilize Reforestation Funding to increase tree coverage in high-priority zones.
EG3	PKR	Conduct a comprehensive citywide public tree inventory performed by Davey Resource Group, Inc.
EG3	TPW	Continue MOWmentum program to work with HOAs and Neighborhood Associations and encourage them to adopt a median and beautify by planting trees
EG4: Continue ongoing programs to collaborate with community organizations to promote tree planting efforts, protection of trees and prairies, and drought tolerant landscapes.		
EG4	PKR	Increase the tree canopy through tree planting events (like Branching Out) and track participation and quantity of trees planted.
EG4	PKR	Conduct tree assessments, as part of the Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan, to mitigate the adverse effects of the EAB and other destructive wood boring pest.



EG4	PKR	Develop best management practices for improving/maintaining prairie health, for example, initiate species-specific herbicide for Johnson grass
EG4	PKR	Continue partnership with Texas Trees Foundation during the Branching Out events to increase community engagement, tree plantings, and irrigation installation.
EG4	PKR	Support partnerships and initiatives, like the Adopt-A-Prairie Program, that protect and expand Blackland Prairies.
EG4	DWU	With City-Wide Task Force, including DWU, Parks and Rec, Public Works and Development Services, work with community-based organizations on land stewardship programs that educate residents and businesses and that plant and maintain trees in areas subject to heat island impacts
EG4	DWU	Continue Branch Out Dallas, Branching Out Dallas, and Reforestation Program
EG4	PDD	Launch of the 2026 Dallas Forestry Summit, fostering interdepartmental collaboration, education, and community engagement to support sustainable urban forestry practices.
EG5: Update city park operations and maintenance procedures to include comprehensive ecofriendly and sustainable best management practices.		
EG5	PKR	Update city park operations as new ecofriendly and sustainable practices emerge, with a focus on tracking the use of organic chemicals."
EG6: Partner with local universities, schools, and NGOs and launch projects for community members to help inventory urban trees.		
EG6	PDD	Identify and designate trees under Article X Historic Tree status
EG8: Improve the quality of urban ecosystems in Dallas through the sustainable appropriate design, creation, and planting of urban habitats.		
EG8	PKR	Continue the following programs: Blackland prairie restoration, wildflower areas, pollinator gardens, invasive removals
EG8	PKR	Continue to meet criteria for the Bird City Texas program and the 27 practices that must be done to achieve this certification
EG9: Support public and private partnerships using nature-based solutions to address public health challenges.		
EG9	PDD	Provide informational resources on funding opportunities and financing options to nonprofits



GOAL 7: ALL DALLAS' COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY, LOCAL FOOD.

Why it matters? The region's food is heavily dependent on food suppliers from outside of Texas and the United States. Extreme weather events can lead to power outages, and damage to transportation infrastructure, which may lead to supply chain vulnerability and food spoilage. Communities who already face food insecurity become more vulnerable to the above-mentioned impacts. Local food production reduces emissions related to 'food miles' and stimulates local economic development and green jobs.

Total actions underway: 10

Total milestones: 13

Table 7: FY25-26 Goal 7 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
FA1: Increase access to information on sustainable agriculture, best practices, and the benefits of healthy and local foods.		
FA1	OEQS	Collaborate with UA stakeholders to host regional summit.
FA1	OEQS	Create clear, accessible documents that educate City of Dallas residents about relevant regulations and resources for starting and operating both commercial and community UA
FA1	OEQS	Continue Growing Wellness, holistic educational workshops to increase familiarity with residents of health and locally produced products. Outreach campaigns, materials, and coursework are currently available in both English and Spanish.
FA2: Create a Food Advisory Council.		
FA2	OEQS	Formalize and maintain a Urban Agriculture Advisory Council/UAPEN that represents a range of UA stakeholders in the City of Dallas
FA3: Develop a Dallas Comprehensive Food and Urban Agriculture Plan.		
FA3	OEQS	Develop annual Comprehensive Urban Agriculture Implementation Work Plan
FA3	OEQS	Update the Dallas Development Code per recommendations noted in the CUAP Appendix A to reduce the regulatory barriers in the urban agriculture landscape.
FA4: Facilitate partnerships between schools and nonprofits to develop neighborhood-based growing initiatives and kitchen gardens in neighborhoods with low food access.		
FA4	ECO	Continue to support Healthy Food Dallas Initiative
FA5: Support nonprofits solving food justice issues in Dallas with grant writing and developing creative financing options.		
FA5	OEQS	Complete the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program that provides community farm assistance to community gardens in historically disadvantaged communities
FA8: Support the creation of food related green jobs in production, processing, storage, distribution, and waste management.		
FA8	OEQS	Support OEI's Growers Education & Workforce Development Grant Program as needed



FA9: Establish a local food procurement plan to encourage local food purchasing at city-sponsored events.		
FA9	POM	Explore the development of a pilot local food procurement procedures to support policy development
FA12: Identify opportunities for controlled-environment agriculture to increase local food production that are less energy and water intensive and protected from climate extremes.		
FA12	OEQS	Collaborate with UA stakeholders to host regional summit.
FA13: Collaborate with organizations that are working to divert surplus food from grocery stores and markets to reach communities in need.		
FA13	CES	Continue to identify food diversion organizations and host a roundtable to identify synergies and opportunities for city-sponsored collaboration
FA14: Adopt a special events ordinance that encourages procurement of locally sourced food, recycling of waste generated, and compost bins at special events.		
FA14	CES	Support sustainability efforts during the 2026 World Cup



GOAL 8: ALL DALLAS' COMMUNITIES BREATHE CLEAN AIR.

Why it matters? Increases in temperature exacerbate poor air quality, putting vulnerable population further at risk. Dallas County consistently fail to meet federal air quality standards for ground level ozone. In the American Lung Association's "State of the Air 2023" Report, Dallas- Fort Worth ranked 18th out of the 25 *Most Ozone-Polluted Cities*.

Total actions underway: 4

Total milestones: 5

Table 8: FY25-26 Goal 8 Actions and Milestones

Action	Dept	Milestone
AQ1: Work with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to install additional air quality monitoring stations across the city.		
AQ1	OEQS	Maintain regulatory air monitoring and sampling programs in coordination with TCEQ. TCEQ can then make the data available to the public.
AQ2: Partner with nonprofits and schools to develop and implement non-regulatory monitors in neighborhoods.		
AQ2	OEQS	Convene regional air quality monitoring summit with local entities implementing air quality monitoring programs to assess state of the science, and opportunities for data sharing
AQ2	OEQS	Make data from neighborhood air quality sensors available to the public
AQ3: Continue to support and expand on the Air North Texas campaign to raise public awareness and improve air quality.		
AQ3	OEQS	Continue to support Air North Texas Campaign and expand where feasible
AQ4: Ensure new industries are an appropriate distance away from neighborhoods.		
AQ4	PDD	Update Development Code to address Batch Plant and other Industrial Site uses in and near neighborhoods



IV. Tracking and Accountability

Environmental and climate action planning is a cyclical and iterative process. The City of Dallas Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) collaborates with other City departments to track and publish quarterly progress reports summarizing CECAP activities. The City remains committed to transparently tracking and publicly reporting the implementation of actions and milestones. This information is shared through a public-facing dashboard at dallasclimateaction.com and in the monthly Budget Accountability Reports (BARs). The BARs monitor progress on budget performance measures aligned with the City's seven Foundational Structures. These data are used to evaluate progress toward meeting greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets and to expand trend analyses, helping determine whether additional actions are needed to accelerate progress toward the goals of the Paris Agreement.

V. Stakeholder Engagement

Successful implementation of the CECAP involves several internal and external stakeholder groups. These different groups provide input on CECAP implementation and report regularly on progress throughout the year. Work with these groups will continue in FY26 and include:

Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee (PTE) was established by Mayor Johnson to ensure Dallas is a global climate leader through creation and implementation the City's Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan.

Environmental Commission is an advisory board comprised of 15 voting members and 8 non-voting technical experts—one per CECAP goal. The Commission has also established a number of subcommittees to address key focus areas.

Leading Environmental Action Forward (LEAF) is the internal CECAP implementation coordination group with key departments who have roles in implementing various actions and goals within the CECAP. The LEAF members serve as subject matter experts to aid in the implementation of CECAP action items and assist in collecting related performance measures.

Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition is a collaboration of North Texas governmental and quasi-governmental organizations working together to reduce harmful emissions, share best practices, lessons learned and resources to support collaboration on regional sustainability and environmental initiatives.



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