

# ANNUAL WORK PLAN

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

FY 2026

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## INTRODUCTION

The EAB's proposed FY 26 work plan aligns with the Council-adopted Community Climate Action Plan, with the main goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address equity, and build community resilience to the impacts of climate change. The work plan is designed to focus on high-impact strategies within the City's control and to support other major planning efforts, including the current Comprehensive Plan update.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The EAB is an all-volunteer board created by the City Council in 2006. The City Council deemed it in the public interest and affirmed the importance of protecting the environment by creating the board that provides the Council with expert and comprehensive advice on various matters related to environmental quality and safety.

## ISSUES AND GOALS FOR FY 2026

The Board's work plan for the coming year includes two main parts.

First, the board will continue to manage and host the City's annual Environmental Awards and ceremony. The awards celebrate and raise awareness of environmental champions and work that happens across the community.

Second, the board will explore and potentially make recommendations on a range of topics related to Raleigh's Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and related sustainability issues. A specific list of topics is below.

### **FY26 Work Plan**

*The Board will:*

1. Review strategies for continuing to implement the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP), including CCAP's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emission 80% by 2050, addressing social impact and access, and building community resilience to the impacts of climate change. These include:
  - a. Review Transportation's Active Mobility Plan recommendations and relationship to reducing vehicle miles traveled and creating accessible transportation options.
  - b. Receive an update on the past EAB Solid Waste Recommendations. Review the City's process for handling various growing waste streams including:
    - i. materials and waste on renovations and construction and demolition projects.
    - ii. electronic waste (E-waste).

- c. Learn about the affordable housing pilot projects and review opportunities for sustainability features such as energy efficiency, solar power, green infrastructure, and clean transportation.
2. Manage and host Raleigh’s annual Environmental Awards process and ceremony, which recognizes environmental champions across the community and highlights examples of impactful environmental action.
3. Manage and host a public education event on the topic of Forever Chemicals, which will help the community understand the situation with PFAS/PFOS and Raleigh’s efforts to keep our community safe.

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The Environmental Awards, mentioned above, is the EAB’s major activity for education and outreach. The awards involve extensive outreach and education.

The outreach component involves working with the community on potential projects for consideration and communicating with residents, businesses, students, and more to encourage them to apply – and to educate on ways to consider incorporating more sustainable principles in projects generally. The education component involves lifting up the winners, who serve as examples of leadership in local environmental action.

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