



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO_005_230417_Climate

SUBJECT: [Climate Change & Sustainability](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE: [April 21, 2023](#)

CITY OF STAMFORD EXECUTIVE ORDER ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

PURPOSE: Addressing climate change, promoting sustainability and reducing carbon footprint for Stamford is essential to protect our city and our environment.

WHEREAS, climate change is a global crisis that affects the environment, public health, public safety and the economy, posing significant challenges for cities and their residents;

WHEREAS, Stamford, a City of 136,309 people, has a responsibility to act on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with state, national and international goals;

WHEREAS, it is essential for the city to prioritize sustainability and resilience to ensure a healthy, prosperous, and safe future for all citizens;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that cities take bold actions to reduce climate change to protect the environment for current and future generations;

WHEREAS, cities are responsible for 75 percent of global CO2 emissions, with transport and buildings being among the largest contributors, cities have a responsibility to take action and be part of the solution to reduce their carbon footprints,

WHEREAS, Stamford is a coastal city and is at risk of rising sea levels caused by climate change that could negatively affect residents impacted by flooding,

WHEREAS, it is important to advance environmental justice initiatives and recognize the adverse impacts of climate change on disadvantaged communities,

NOW THEREFORE, I Caroline Simmons, as Mayor of the City of Stamford, by the executive and administrative powers vested in me by the Charter of the City of Stamford, hereby issue the following Executive Order, directing my Administration and all applicable City Departments and Agencies, as follows:

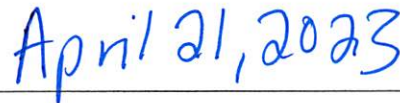
- Require the Director of Administration and budget team to include sustainability guidance to internal and external agencies for future capital projects.
- Require the City's Grants team to continue to pursue federal and state grant opportunities to support sustainability and resiliency goals, with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion and advancing environmental justice.
- Require the Director of Operations to consider and seek to implement ways to include sustainability guidance in their review processes.
- Require the Director of Operations to establish a comprehensive electric vehicle (EV) strategy and develop a green fleet plan, including the installation of EV charging infrastructure, with key goals and metrics and report annually to the Mayor's office on the status of the plan.
- Require the Director of Operations to continue to implement a food waste reduction strategy, with the goal of diverting food waste from landfills through the City's Food Scraps Recycling Program and other programs and report annually to the Mayor's office on the status of the program.
- Require the Director of Operations to work to promote and enhance recycling and composting programs to residential and commercial sectors.
- Require the Director of Operations to provide a thorough report annually on energy efficiency measures with key metrics at city owned facilities, including updates on the progress of renewable energy generation at city owned buildings.
- Require the City's Land Use Bureau to provide a report to the Mayor's office on the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GGI) results and develop a plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in partnership with the Mayor's Climate Council, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) and other partners.
- Require the Land Use Bureau to explore updating and enhancing the application of the Stamford Sustainability Scorecard.
- Require the Land Use Bureau to explore establishing a City website that provides guidance and information to Stamford on how to improve the sustainability of their properties.
- Require the Land Use Bureau to work with the City's Planning Board to make sustainability a top priority for the upcoming Master Plan revision, including reviewing zoning or other local regulations for impediments to implement sustainability initiatives.
- Require the prioritization of green infrastructure projects and resiliency initiatives, with a focus on critical infrastructure and underserved neighborhoods. Projects may include enhancing seawalls, building bioswales, planting trees, upgrading stormwater infrastructure and other efforts to prepare for adverse impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and extreme weather events.
- Require the City's Health Department to work with the Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Climate Council to launch a public awareness campaign to promote climate-friendly behaviors and

include citizen involvement in sustainability initiatives, with a focus on enhancing public health outcomes.

- Require the City's Transportation Department to develop a plan to increase the number of commuting trips utilizing active transportation modes to 25 percent within ten years, by building out and enhancing biking, walking and transit networks. Additionally, the Transportation Department shall incorporate green infrastructure into planning for roadway improvement projects when possible.



Caroline Simmons, Mayor



Date