



(DRAFT) Green Ribbon Sub-committee Recommendations Guidelines

I. Green Ribbon Committee Guiding Principle or “North Star”:

In June of 2008, Mayor Dean outlined his vision and desire for Nashville to be a leader in environmental quality and livability among cities in the southeastern U.S. in Executive Order No.33. To this end, he convened a Green Ribbon Committee comprised of leaders throughout the Nashville community.

These 26 citizens have volunteered their time and talents to ignite the conversations, energize and engage the city, and ultimately bring forth ideas which will provide the platform for Nashville to both embrace and take action toward environmental sustainability.

II. Recommendations Categories:

Each subcommittee has been asked to submit recommendations per below:

- 6 “Quick Wins” that have little or no cost
- 6 Priorities which would require budgetary support for consideration in next FY
- 2 Longer-term initiatives which may require extensive planning, development & funding

III. Recommendation Guidelines:

All recommendations should be consistent with Executive Order No.33 and the following should also be considered:

- U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- Input from Metro Depts, members of the community, community organizations, and subcommittee research.
- National rankings such as Sustainlane

Note: The following 2 pages provide a checklist of these guidelines. While staying consistent with Executive Order No. 33, individual subcommittees might utilize additional sets of factors as they determine relevant.

IV. Report and “Our Story”:

The report of the Committee’s recommendations will be framed around a coherent vision or story that reflects Nashville. We will allow this theme to emerge from the recommendations of the four subcommittees as a report is drafted.



Green Ribbon Sub-committee Recommendation Checklist

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME:

RECOMMENDATION NAME:

This is a: (check one)

quick win, mid-term recommendation, long term recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTION (brief description of what's involved):

RECOMMENDATION SOURCE

This recommendation was submitted or supported by: (check all that apply)

a Metro Department a member of the public subcommittee or GRC member
 NGO/expert Other (i.e., another city, etc), _____

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES

This recommendation address area(s) directly related to these subcommittees:

Energy & Building Mobility
 Natural Resources Public Involvement

SCOPE

Recommendation addresses strategies, programs and policies to affect: (check all that apply)

Metro Government Businesses/non-profits Households/Residents/Neighborhoods
Other _____

LIVABILITY:

Recommendation addresses livability in the following area(s)

Clean Air Clean Water Open Spaces
 Transportation Infrastructure Energy Use Jobs/Economy
 Neighborhoods Other: _____

US MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Does this recommendation support any of the following 12 Action Items in the US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement? _____ Yes (check all that apply in the following list) _____ No/Unsure

- _____ 1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
- _____ 2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
- _____ 3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
- _____ 4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
- _____ 5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
- _____ 6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
- _____ 7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
- _____ 8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
- _____ 9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
- _____ 10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
- _____ 11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
- _____ 12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

SUSTAINLANE

Will this recommendation help Nashville to improve its Sustainlane rating in any of the 16 study categories? (for more information visit www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings; Nashville's current ranking among 50 cities for each category is shown in parentheses)

_____ Yes (please check all that apply) _____ No/Unsure

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| _____ Air Quality (27) | _____ Metro Street & Freeway Congestion (21) |
| _____ City Commuting (47) | _____ Metro Transit Ridership (44) |
| _____ City Innovation (n/a) | _____ Natural Disaster Risk (17) |
| _____ Energy & Climate Change (n/a) | _____ Planning & Land Use (23) |
| _____ Green Building (31) | _____ Tap Water Quality (44) |
| _____ Green Economy (46) | _____ Water Supply (23) |
| _____ Housing Affordability (20) | _____ Waste Management (21) |
| _____ Knowledge Base & Communication (n/a) | |
| _____ Local Food & Agriculture (36) | |

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Is the lifecycle cost/payback for this recommendation relatively well known based on this or other communities' experience and/or planning documents: Yes No/Unsure. If yes, note source of information, if readily available:

Is this recommendation likely to require significant behavior or process changes?
 Yes No Don't know

Does it require adoption of new technologies?
 Yes No Don't know

Might it leverage one or more existing programs in the community?
 Yes (if yes, please list below) No Don't know

Does it have clear existing sources of support within the community?
 Yes (if yes, please list below) No Don't know

Perceived ease of successful implementation: (please check one)
 Easy success Moderately challenging Quite difficult to achieve success