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## Community Plan Review

The Community Plan Review is a high-level summary of all sustainability-related documents received from the City of Evansville. KERAMIDA requested sustainability-related, city planning documents to understand sustainability progress and future plans in Evansville. Information gathered in this task was compiled to accomplish the following objectives:

- Identify synergies between Evansville’s 2021 CAP and other City plans.
- Identify strategies, objectives and progress of past efforts.
- Identify opportunities for integration across planning documents and Evansville’s Revised CAP.

The results can be found below in Appendix A. Each table provides the planning document analyzed, a high-level overview of the document, and relevant initiatives which justify and/or overlap with the City of Evansville’s final strategies.

### Appendix A

State of Indiana Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)	
The Indiana PCAP was released in March 2024 and outlines the state’s plan for GHG emissions reductions in the Stationary Energy, Transportation, Agriculture and Waste sectors. The plan builds upon climate planning efforts of individual municipalities and regions in Indiana. The report provides specific emission reduction measures, with an emphasis on disadvantaged and low-income communities.	
Energy	Maintain, develop and expand utility-scale renewable energy generation.
	Expand community and distributed solar generation with battery storage.
	Expand the use of electric and green hydrogen industrial processes and technologies.
	Increase residential, municipal and commercial building energy efficiency.
Land	Expand green spaces and urban tree canopy.
	Implement agricultural best practices to support carbon sequestration.
Transportation	Accelerate adoption of light-duty electric vehicles and charging stations.
	Reduce vehicle miles traveled through expanding options, including public transit and active transportation.
Waste	Increase diversion rate of organic waste from landfills.
	Install and expand landfill gas collection systems and renewable natural gas generation.

Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan	
<p>The Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan lays out detailed goals and steps that the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) has developed for the city using the 5 E's framework: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation, as well as the additional E, Equity. This plan was created in 2015 due to a recognized upward trend in walking and cycling in Evansville and the need to improve that experience and capitalize on it.</p>	
Transportation	Create a network connecting residents and visitors to major destinations such as the Five Cultural Districts, parks, downtown Evansville, and schools.
	Reduce pedestrian/cyclist injuries by 20% by 2018 and 40% by 2020.
	Educate the Evansville community on safe biking, walking and driving practices.
	Ensure improvements to pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure are made equitably, benefiting all community members.
	Integrate pedestrian and cyclist improvements into city planning and funding.
	Achieve bronze level bicycle friendly community status by 2017, silver level BFC by 2021 and gold level BFC by 2026.
	Achieve walk friendly community status gold level by 2021 and platinum level by 2026.
	Long-term goal of 148 miles of new bikeways and shared-use paths, and 21.6 miles of new sidewalks.
Overall streetscape enhancements via lighting, trees, benches, etc.	

METS COA 2015	
<p>The five-year service plan, released in December 2015, details specific actions that the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) plan to take for overall improvement to the system. The decided upon improvements and changes are based on data such as ridership counts and technical analyses, as well as community input via public commenting and a web survey.</p>	
Transportation	Increased service frequency to as short as 15 minutes for the most popular routes.
	Adding Sunday service, which did not previously exist.
	Extending hours of operation on weeknights and Saturday into the evening hours.
	Switching popular routes from 1-way to 2-way.

EMPO Metropolitan Transit Plan 2045	
The EMPO is required to produce a Metropolitan Transit Plan (MTP) every 4-5 years looking 20 years into the future. The plan outlines a 20-year vision for the region's transportation system, supporting local goals while prioritizing resource allocation and ensuring projects align with realistic funding projections.	
Transportation	Increased on-street bicycle miles, shared-use path miles and sidewalk miles.
	Increase the number of public transit users by ensuring riders are within 1/4 mile of a transit route.
	Provide travel time reliability to ensure the most efficient use of time for commuters.
	Expand the pedestrian/cyclist network to increase the number of people within 1 mile of an on-street bicycle facility, the number of people within 1/2 mile of a greenway/shared use path, and the number of people within 1/4 mile of a sidewalk on arterials and collectors.
	Increase the number of jobs within 1/4 mile of a transit route.
	Prioritize transportation projects that make use of existing right-of-way instead of building new roadways, to help keep the transportation network more compact.
	Increase active transportation accessibility to reduce air pollution from vehicles.
	Increase the number of road projects that include green infrastructure components.
	Overall Reduce pedestrian, cyclist and driver fatalities through roadway design and safety education programs.

Evansville Downtown Master Plan	
The Evansville Downtown Master Plan Update was initiated in mid-2015, with the last Master Plan having been completed in 2001. The update was deemed necessary due to Evansville being selected for the new IU School of Medicine campus additions and for the city to bring in and retain a young workforce.	
Energy	NoCo Makers District - Focuses on building improvement to attract businesses, residents and development, presenting an opportunity for increased building energy efficiency.
Transportation	Active, Accessible Riverfront - Improving pedestrian/cyclist accessibility through traffic calming measures on Riverside Drive and separating active transportation from vehicle transportation through landscaping.
	Public Space Improvements - Overall improvements to pedestrian/cyclist safety and accessibility through measures such as wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, traffic calming features and more trees.

CenterPoint Energy Sustainability Plan	
The Sustainability Plan provides an in-depth and transparent look at the ESG efforts and targets of CenterPoint Energy, including phasing out fossil fuels, transitioning to renewable energy, biodiversity and land use, and waste management.	
Energy	Indiana electricity will phase out coal generation completely by 2027 as part of their Generation Transition Plan. CenterPoint expects to source 80% of energy from wind and solar power by 2030. This includes adding 200 MW of solar and wind power each, with a potential need for an additional 400 MW from wind power by 2032.
Transportation	CenterPoint plans to expand electric vehicle infrastructure in Texas and Indiana, as well as decrease energy usage at the point of consumption through effective and affordable energy conservation and efficiency programs for customers.

Indiana Department of Transportation Carbon Reduction Plan	
The INDOT released a Carbon Reduction Plan in July of 2023 to give a short overview of their plans for reducing transportation emissions from on-road highway sources. This effort is part of a larger, national goal to achieve a net-zero transportation system in the U.S. by 2050. There are a few region-specific initiatives detailed in the plan, but none are applicable to southeastern Indiana. However, there are multiple funding sources listed in the plan available to any Indiana city.	
Transportation	Install Level 3 DC Fast Charge charging station along all of Indiana's Interstates and US 31, no more than 50 mi apart.
	INDOT provides \$100 million in state and federal funds through grant programs to state public transit systems.
	Rural Transit 5311 Program, which provides public transportation in non-urbanized areas.
	Next Level Trails Grant Program awards money for walk/cycling trails in the state.
	INDOT invests \$20 million annually on sidewalk improvements and \$5 million on the American with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan.
	Smart Growth and Transportation Demand Management is intended to help reduce VMT and on-road carbon emissions.

Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan	
The Evansville Parks & Rec 5-year plan for 2023-2027 serves as a guide for infrastructure improvements at parks and recreational areas in Evansville. The plan outlines the main initiatives and details specific actions for improvement for each park in Evansville.	
Energy	Increase lighting and safety at parks – there is an opportunity for energy efficient or solar-powered lighting here.
Land	Increase tree canopy cover in parks.
Waste	Increase parks maintenance – specifically focusing on trash collection methods to decrease the amount of trash pollution on grounds.

<a href="#">SEAC Millennial Plan 2040</a>	
This document provides an overview of the Metro Evansville/Henderson Growth & Revitalization Vision.	
Transportation	Establish a Bus Rapid Transit system.
	Expand public parks so all residents are within a 10-minute walk of a green space.
	Prioritize development near major transportation routes and bus lines.

<a href="#">Vanderburgh County Comprehensive Plan</a>	
The Vanderburgh County Plan covers planning for 2015-2035. The plan focuses on land use planning in the county and planning in a way that most benefits residents, with qualities such as employment and housing opportunities, schools and a clean environment.	
Energy	Support the planning efforts of the Downtown Master Plan.
Land	Continue to maintain designation as a Tree City USA.
	Preserve natural areas such as wooded areas and wetlands.
Transportation	Support the planning efforts of other organizations' plans such as the EMPO MTP 2040.
	Connect Pigeon Creek Greenway and the USI-Burdette Park Nature Trail, and overall expansion of the Greenway.