


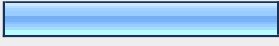
# FOCUS St. Louis Local Environmental Sustainability

1. When a policy or project is proposed, a number of factors are often considered in making the decision. Please use a scale of 1-5 to rate the relative importance of the following in your local government's decision-making process, from not very important (1) to very important (5):

	1 Not very important	2 Minor importance	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat important	5 Very important	Rating Average	Response Count
Cost	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	<b>90.0% (9)</b>	4.80	10
Ease of implementation	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	<b>40.0% (4)</b>	30.0% (3)	4.00	10
Ease of maintenance	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	30.0% (3)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	4.30	10
Durability	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	30.0% (3)	4.10	10
Environmental impact	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	20.0% (2)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	4.20	10
Energy Requirements	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	20.0% (2)	3.90	10
	<i>answered question</i>						<b>10</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>						<b>0</b>

2. With regard to environmental sustainability, which of the following practices have been adopted in your local government (check all that apply):

	Response Percent	Response Count
The elected officials have formally committed the government to pursue sustainable policies.	20.0%	2
A single high-ranking staff member has been given responsibility and authority to implement sustainable policies.	10.0%	1
<b>A "Green Team" of staff members has been formed and meets regularly</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>4</b>
Incentives have been put in place to encourage staff to pursue sustainability.	20.0%	2
The elected officials take regular reports and regularly assess the local government's	20.0%	2

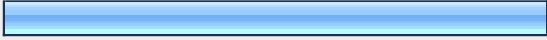
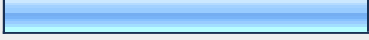
Progress towards environmental sustainability		40.0%	4
None of the above.		30.0%	3
<i>answered question</i>			<b>10</b>
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3. Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please rate the following statements: Sustainability initiatives:							
	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 No Opinion	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
...hinder economic growth.	10.0% (1)	30.0% (3)	<b>40.0% (4)</b>	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	2.80	10
...have little economic impact.	20.0% (2)	<b>40.0% (4)</b>	30.0% (3)	10.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.30	10
...have little direct economic benefit, but they can have indirect benefits.	10.0% (1)	20.0% (2)	30.0% (3)	<b>40.0% (4)</b>	0.0% (0)	3.00	10
...can have both direct and indirect economic benefits.	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	20.0% (2)	<b>60.0% (6)</b>	10.0% (1)	3.70	10
...are essential for the economic health of my city/county.	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	20.0% (2)	10.0% (1)	3.10	10
<i>answered question</i>							<b>10</b>
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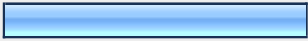
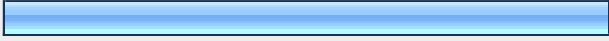
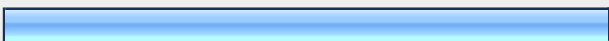
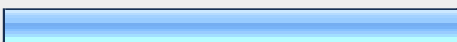
**4. What action has your local government taken with regard to the following sustainability policies?**

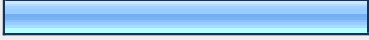
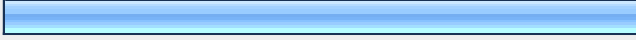
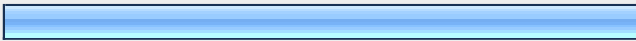


	<b>Undertaken</b>	<b>Considering</b>	<b>Considered &amp; Rejected</b>	<b>Not Considered</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Adopt Sustainability Policies	20.0% (2)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	2.40	10
Sustainability education for citizens	11.1% (1)	<b>44.4% (4)</b>	0.0% (0)	<b>44.4% (4)</b>	2.78	9
Recycling in government offices/facilities	<b>100.0% (10)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00	10
Recycling for citizens/businesses	<b>100.0% (10)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00	10
“Green” purchasing by government	33.3% (3)	<b>55.6% (5)</b>	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	1.89	9
Local/Regional purchasing by government	<b>55.6% (5)</b>	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	33.3% (3)	2.11	9
“Green” building policy for government facilities	12.5% (1)	<b>50.0% (4)</b>	0.0% (0)	37.5% (3)	2.63	8
Energy audit for government	11.1% (1)	33.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	<b>55.6% (5)</b>	3.00	9
Policies for government to promote energy saving	0.0% (0)	<b>60.0% (6)</b>	0.0% (0)	40.0% (4)	2.80	10
Policies for citizens and businesses to promote energy saving	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	<b>70.0% (7)</b>	3.40	10
Update of comprehensive plan within last 10 years	<b>77.8% (7)</b>	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	1.44	9
Adoption of zoning for mixed-use development	<b>60.0% (6)</b>	30.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	1.60	10
Policies to promote walkable neighborhoods	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	30.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	1.90	10
Policies to promote sustainable practices by citizens and businesses	10.0% (1)	40.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	2.90	10
Materials audit for government (equip, supplies, fleet)	22.2% (2)	33.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	<b>44.4% (4)</b>	2.67	9
Policies or incentives for government employees to use mass transit for commuting	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	<b>88.9% (8)</b>	3.78	9
Policies to connect green space into broader system of parks	<b>60.0% (6)</b>	20.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	20.0% (2)	1.80	10
	<b>answered question</b>					<b>10</b>

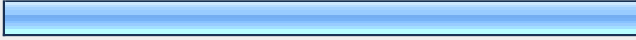
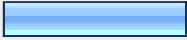

## 5. Does your local government impose a parks/open space and stormwater tax?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		60.0%	6
No		40.0%	4
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>


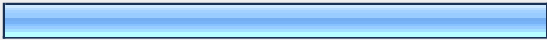

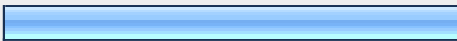
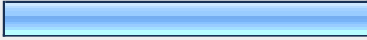
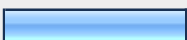
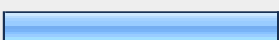


## 6. If yes, towards which of the following are funds directed: (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Stormwater improvements		33.3%	2
<b>Parks and recreation</b>		66.7%	4
Open Space acquisition		0.0%	0
<b>Both sewers and parks</b>		66.7%	4
This tax helps to free-up money we would have spent anyway, which we then can use to provide other municipal services		50.0%	3
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>6</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>4</b>

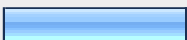
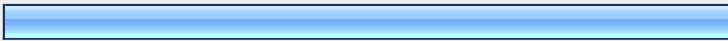
7. Which of the following stormwater runoff methods does your local government encourage and/or require: (check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
We impose limits on site coverage by impermeable surfaces.		40.0%	4
<b>We require retention basins.</b>		70.0%	7
<b>We actively encourage use of permeable materials where possible.</b>		70.0%	7
We actively encourage rain gardens and other plantings to absorb stormwater.		50.0%	5
None of the above		10.0%	1
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

8. When local governments approve new developments in your community, the most commonly used method of stormwater management is: (choose one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Concrete runoff, either surface storage or for underground detention</b>		70.0%	7
Natural absorption or other forms of vegetation such as rain-gardens		20.0%	2
Don't know		0.0%	0
Other		10.0%	1
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

**9. If your local government has a comprehensive plan or area-specific plans, which of the following are included in the plan(s)?  
(Check all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Trails (hiking, biking, horseback)		50.0%	5
Community gardens		0.0%	0
Recreation area for sports, e.g. soccer field		60.0%	6
<b>Recreation area for passive activity, e.g. picnic areas</b>		<b>80.0%</b>	<b>8</b>
Community education programs		0.0%	0
Greenways (for pedestrian, bicycle traffic with natural vegetation)		50.0%	5
Corridors (wildlife, riparian)		40.0%	4
Native plantings (restoration programs)		20.0%	2
Natural habitats (restoration, maintenance programs)		30.0%	3
Marsh, lake, stream, river		10.0%	1
Other		10.0%	1
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

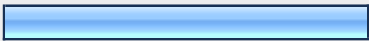


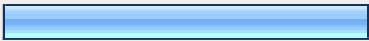

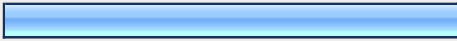
**10. Do you believe that your local government's current zoning/subdivision ordinance and development guidelines adequately provides for open/green space?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		20.0%	2
<b>Yes, but could be improved.</b>		<b>80.0%</b>	<b>8</b>
No		0.0%	0
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

11. Using a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please rate the following statements:

	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 No Opinion	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
Bike paths and other bicycle-friendly amenities increase property values and make a neighborhood and community more viable and “marketable.”	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	4.00	10
A pedestrian-friendly “Town Center” or “Downtown” (sometimes referred to as a Life-style Center) would help make my community more viable and “marketable”.	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	20.0% (2)	3.60	10
A transit-oriented development (TOD) is a mixed-use residential or commercial area designed to maximize access to public transportation and often incorporates features to encourage transit ridership. TOD’s would help make my community more viable and “marketable”.	10.0% (1)	20.0% (2)	20.0% (2)	20.0% (2)	<b>30.0% (3)</b>	3.40	10
	<b>answered question</b>						<b>10</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>						<b>0</b>

**12. Your local government promotes non-vehicular transportation (walking, biking, public transit) by having: (Check all that apply)**

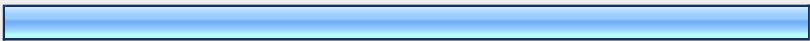
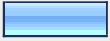
		Response Percent	Response Count
Street design standards that ensure high-quality bike and pedestrian accommodations		40.0%	4
A local Complete Streets policy		10.0%	1
A policy that specifies a percent of public works funds to be spent on non-vehicular transportation		10.0%	1
A bike/pedestrian transportation plan or a comprehensive transportation plan that integrates all modes of travel		40.0%	4
A regularly updated design manual, based on nationally-accepted standards for high quality pedestrian/bike accommodations, that specifies best-practice treatments for non-vehicular infrastructure		0.0%	0
Zoning or overlays that promote non-motorized connectivity and the creation of walkable districts, including Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), form-based zoning, promotion of mixed-use districts, etc.		10.0%	1
<b>None of the above</b>		50.0%	5
		<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>10</b>
		<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>0</b>



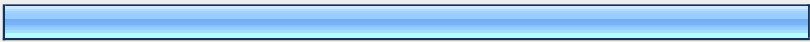
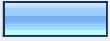
13. In pursuing sustainability for your city, rate from 1 (not very helpful) to 5 (very helpful) how helpful each of the following would be:

	1 Not very helpful	2 Sort of helpful	3 Neutral	4 Somewhat helpful	5 Very helpful	Rating Average	Response Count
Information about environmental problems and why sustainability is needed.	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	10.0% (1)	<b>60.0% (6)</b>	10.0% (1)	3.50	10
Information about the costs and benefits of sustainability.	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	40.0% (4)	4.20	10
Information about federal and state policies regarding sustainability.	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (1)	<b>50.0% (5)</b>	40.0% (4)	4.30	10
Information about what other local governments are doing with regards to sustainability.	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>90.0% (9)</b>	10.0% (1)	4.10	10
Information about specific programs and tools that can be used to pursue sustainability.	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	30.0% (3)	<b>70.0% (7)</b>	4.70	10
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>						<b>10</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>0</b>

14. Would the local government you represent be interested in participating in a Green Government Listserv to share information on local environmental sustainability issues:

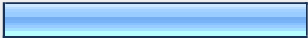
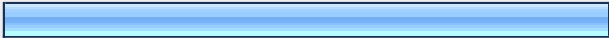
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.9%	8
No		11.1%	1
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>9</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>1</b>

15. Would the local government you represent be interested in participating in a Green Government Group that periodically meets to share information on local environmental sustainability issues:


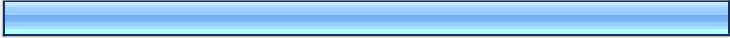

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.9%	8
No		11.1%	1
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>9</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>1</b>

16. Which of the following will help your local government develop or implement a sustainability plan? (Check all that apply).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Technical assistance		90.0%	9
Financial resources		90.0%	9
Additional staff		40.0%	4
Planning assistance		60.0%	6
Policy development		60.0%	6
Analysis, assessment and interpretation assistance		60.0%	6
A Toolkit or Roadmap with assessment checklist, how-to, scorecard, etc.		70.0%	7
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>10</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

17. Do you serve your local jurisdiction as:			Response Percent	Response Count
An elected official			33.3%	3
<b>Professional staff</b>			<b>66.7%</b>	<b>6</b>
		<i>answered question</i>		<b>9</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

18. Local Government Name (City/County)			Response Count
			10
		<i>answered question</i>	<b>10</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

19. You consider your jurisdiction to be:			Response Percent	Response Count
Urban			10.0%	1
<b>Suburban</b>			<b>80.0%</b>	<b>8</b>
Exurban			0.0%	0
Rural			10.0%	1
		<i>answered question</i>		<b>10</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>