



Cook County Policy Roadmap

Sustainable Communities



Goal:

Support healthy, resilient communities that thrive economically, socially and environmentally.

Environmental Sustainability



The path to climate resiliency requires a cross-functional approach that includes Cook County's own assets, as well as municipalities, businesses and residents. These investments help communities to improve air quality, adapt to increased storm and heat events, lower the burden of utility bills and build resiliency in our changing climate.



Objectives:

1. Advance environmental justice by means such as investing equitably across the County to address historic disinvestment and inequitable pollutant overburden.
2. Promote environmental sustainability in land use, transportation policy, and economic development.
3. Reduce contribution to climate change and invest in mitigation.
4. Create enduring capacity in government and communities to build a sustainable and resilient future.

Sustainable Communities Programs Have Included. . .

- [Power Purchase Agreement for Renewable Energy](#)
- [Center for Hard to Recycle Materials \(CHaRM\)](#)

OUP will foster Sustainable Communities by:

- implementing programs that remediate pollution, promote renewable energy and energy efficiency, implement green natural infrastructure solutions to mitigate flooding, and improve trails and access to green spaces;
- providing technical assistance and support to stakeholders to reduce energy emissions, adopt renewable energy sources like solar and geothermal heat systems, increase capacity for recycling, and green job training; and
- reducing the County's climate impact through improved energy efficiency in its operations and investing in clean energy and green jobs.



To read the full policy roadmap, visit:
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