



QUEENS TOWER Sustainable Vision Plan

Prepared by the Queens Tower Community In Partnership with:





Neighbors and Friends,

In 2010 eight neighborhoods set out to improve their communities and simultaneously made a commitment to lessen their impact on the environment through the Neighborhood Energy Challenge. Shortly thereafter, 11 additional neighborhoods made a similar commitment through Power2 Live Green. This unprecedented partnership allowed us all an opportunity to explore the communities we live in through a new lens called "sustainability."

Together we evaluated tree cover, parks, open spaces and natural elements in our neighborhoods. You and your neighbors considered access to local and healthy food and the transportation options that accommodate travel to the places where you live, work, and play. We learned about ourselves and each other by understanding how we live, how much water and energy we use at home, how we manage the waste products that result from our choices and how our actions compare to the actions of others.

With these factors in mind, each of your communities' implemented projects that made our homes more efficient, shared knowledge, expanded transportation options or made our streets safer at night. You did this in ways that were creative, encouraged neighbors to work together, developed partnerships and made your neighborhoods even better places to live. Lastly, you worked together to set a solid foundation for the future.

The community goals established within this Sustainable Vision Plan are YOURS. They represent your ideas, concerns, opportunities and dreams for a different and better tomorrow. We hope that this plan will become a living document within your community, one that you will reference to remember the goals your community established and the commitments you made. We also hope that you gained something in the process of rolling up your sleeves and working side by side with your friends and neighbors. I can assure you that we did.

Its neighbors like you that inspire others and continue to improve the quality of life for all of us. We look forward to seeing you continue this journey!

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Key Words:

Primary Community Sustainability Goals- The goals that were selected by participants as the communities' highest priorities during the Sustainable Vision Plan Process.

Additional Sustainability Goals- Goals that were established, but identified as secondary to the Primary Community Sustainability Goals.

Each Goal will contain the following:

Target- A metric that allows the community to measure progress toward achieving their goals.

Ideas to Help You Get Started- Suggested actions to initiate movement towards achieving community goals. Strategies and related resources have also been provided to assist with these activities and others

Strategies- Additional ideas for your community to consider as you move toward achieving your goals.

Related Resources- Organizations, people, and websites to aid in fulfilling the community's Sustainability Goals

Primary Community Sustainability Goal #1 : Increase Recycling and Reduce Waste by Creating a CFL Bulb Recycling Plan and Additional Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Plan

Target: Complete and present a plan to the neighborhood association by June, 2013

Ideas to Get You Started

- Distribute information about properly disposing of hazardous waste in the newsletter, at a meeting, or on a neighborhood website. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/9tu9emo> to learn more.
- Hold a community “Swap Shop” event where people exchange reusable items that they no longer need or want. Suggested items: building materials, blankets, pet carriers, bikes and bike parts and tools, books, furniture, clothing, art, office, and school supplies, bags, backpacks, etc.
- Start a “Craigslist” section in the newsletter or in e-mails for community members to notify neighbors of used items in good condition that they are giving away instead of throwing away.
- Encourage neighbors to buy products with less packaging- buy in bulk, use reusable shopping bags, don’t bag produce in individual plastic bags—simply put it with your other groceries.
- Request for volunteers to be “Recycling Captains” to send out a reminder each week on the day before recycling collection will occur. Queens Tower is a Wednesday Orange-week recycling collection neighborhood. Call 311 or (704) 336-7600 or see the calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/bnncgyb>.
- Contact Shred-It® at 1-877-601-4199 or visit <http://www.shredit.com/Shredding-Services/Community-Shred-it%E2%84%A2-Event.aspx> to organize a Community Shred-It event.
- Plan one or more “Recycling Day” celebrations each year. Suggested Dates: America Recycles Day (November 15 <http://americarecyclesday.org/>), Earth Day (April 22, 2013).
- Invite a county recycling representative to give a presentation at a neighborhood association meeting. Contact Erica Robinson at (704) 432-4225 or e-mail curbit@charlottenc.gov.
- Host a composting workshop by a county representative at a community meeting. Call (704) 336-4304.
- Have residents bring batteries, CFLs and plastic bags to community events for collection. Have a neighbor volunteer to take these items to Lowe’s or other businesses that properly dispose of these items.
- Contact Salvation Army or Goodwill and have them arrange a community-wide donation pick up day.
- Draft a community agreement to only use reusable containers or compostable bags for yard waste disposal.

Helpful Strategies and Resources

Strategies	Related Resources
Increase recycling and reduce waste.	<p>CharMeck’s Wipe Out Waste! Guide Book- Information ranging from composting to recycling to disposing of hazardous waste http://tinyurl.com/bgrso2r</p> <p>North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Several pages of resources for reducing waste and recycling http://www.p2pays.org/citizens.asp</p> <p>CharMeck Solid Waste Services- Lots of important information and resources about recycling and reducing waste in Charlotte www.curbit.charmeck.org</p> <p>Recycling Fundraising Programs- http://tinyurl.com/7xt25yl</p> <p>100 Ways to Reuse Items- http://www.motherearthnews.com/modern-homesteading/reusing-things-zmaz76mazhar.aspx</p> <p>Great American Can Roundup- The Can Manufacturers Institute fundraiser http://www.cancentral.com/RoundUp/</p> <p>Mecklenburg County's "Wipe Out Waste" Program- Everything you need to know about reducing waste in Mecklenburg County http://www.wipeoutwaste.com</p> <p>Opt Out of Junk Mail and Telemarketers- Call 212-768-7277 Ext. 1500; Call 888-567-8688; Call 800-645-9000; Call 800-243-9000; Call 800-620-3975; Call 1-888-382-1222; visit websites http://www.optoutprescreen.com , http://www.catalochoice.org , http://www.ecologicalmail.org ; http://www.donotcall.gov. Be sure to recycle any junk mail that may continue to come in the mail.</p>
Encourage home and community composting and post links to information on composting to the neighborhood website.	<p>Mecklenburg County Compost Workshops- (704) 336-4304</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Home Composting Program- Purchase compost and mulch, learn about home composting, find information on gardening www.tinyurl.com/84h6j65</p> <p>EPA Compost Advice- http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserv/rrr/composting/by_compost.htm</p> <p>Do-It-Yourself Compost Bins- Different styles of bins, instructions, and materials required to construct them. http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6957</p> <p>Find Sources of Organic Matter for Compost Bins- Bring in external sources to speed up the composting process http://nccommunitygarden.ncsu.edu/compost.html</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Compost Bin Discount- Receive a discount on compost bins from select vendors simply for being a resident of Mecklenburg County www.tinyurl.com/cs88dji</p>

Primary Community Sustainability Goal # 2: Increase the Use of Alternative Transportation by Installing Community Bike Racks

Target: Complete installations by the end of 2012

Ideas to Get You Started

- Talk to nearby businesses who don't have bike racks about installing some to encourage people to bike. **FREE** bike racks are available by calling Ken Tippette at 704-336-2278 or ktippette@ci.charlotte.nc.us.
- Plan a group transit ride to an uptown event or the grocery store to show neighbors how easy public transit can be.
- Compile and distribute a contact sheet of families, organized by schools their children attend, to help facilitate the creation of carpools. Have kids ride the bus rather than driving them independently.
- Talk to nearby businesses who don't have bike racks about installing some to encourage people to bike.
- Form a community walking group to promote walking.
- Organize a bike event to educate residents about bike safety and the best bike routes. Include a group bike-ride.
- Distribute information about current transit routes.
- Walk the community to identify hazards or obstacles that may make it difficult to access bus stops. Work with the City to remove those obstacles.
- Challenge neighbors to have an alternative transportation day. Show them how easy and safe it is to ride the bus or light-rail, walk, or bike. Use bus passes as an incentive for this challenge.
- Assign bike mentors to help neighbors plan safe and efficient routes to services or select locations. Share these notes with the neighborhood.

Helpful Strategies and Resources

Strategies	Related Resources
Ride the bus and light-rail more often.	Find out if your Employer Offers Discount Transit Passes for CATS- http://tinyurl.com/brkxeyo CATS iPhone App- bus routes, schedules, etc. http://tinyurl.com/7pjklbq CATS and LYNX Transit Schedules- Bus and train routes, also has information on carpools http://tinyurl.com/85o384d
Establish a carpool system	Charlotte Area Transit Center (CATS) Carpool Connections- Find other riders with similar commutes interested in carpooling http://tinyurl.com/7tk2pzs
Promote walking and pedestrian safety.	Request a Traffic Calming Remedy for the Neighborhood- Includes multi-way stops, speed limit reduction, speed humps, and traffic circles. Contact CharMeck 311 or fill out the form at www.tinyurl.com/d232ydf or www.tinyurl.com/bshglb9 CharMeck Neighborhood Traffic Management- Addresses residential traffic concerns http://tinyurl.com/chidjyw Request Sidewalks- Charlotte's Department of Transportation's sidewalk program accepts requests for sidewalks on city streets http://tinyurl.com/d4kvcmb or http://tinyurl.com/bt9hqun Request Sidewalk Repair- Contact the City by calling 311 or visiting http://tinyurl.com/c28szjg Request Streetlight Repair- Contact the City by calling 311 or visiting http://tinyurl.com/ceglDMf Request an Upgrade of Street Lighting- Request brighter or different color lights. To request the form, call (704) 336-3893 or (704) 336-4119
Encourage biking and walking and research installing bike racks/bike sharing at common destinations.	Charlotte Department of Transportation Resources for Pedestrians and Bicyclists- Find existing routes and other important information http://tinyurl.com/7lqm975 CATS Bicycling Tips- http://tinyurl.com/7r3gqku Charlotte B-Cycle™- Charlotte's new bike sharing system designed for short trips, with numerous stations located throughout Uptown Charlotte. Use their services and talk to them about installing a station near Park Crossing www.charlottebicycle.com Charlotte Neighborhood Matching Grants- fund eligible neighborhood improvements such as signage, cleanups, landscape projects, and more http://tinyurl.com/c2vgljsi
Research installing a path to provide access to the greenway and light-rail.	Greenway Planning Questions- Contact Gwen Cook at 704-432-1570 Mecklenburg County Greenways- http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Greenways/Pages/default.aspx

Primary Community Sustainability Goal #3 : Reduce Energy Consumption

Target: Track monthly bills to compare usage, decide on what percentage to reduce usage, and track bills for one full year

Ideas to Get You Started

- Distribute the Department of Energy home energy reduction checklist to the community, challenge to accomplish at least three (3) items each month.
- Organize a household energy-saving competition. Distribute energy saving tips, have residents track their usage over a set period of time, compare savings, and decide on a prize.
- Organize a community weatherization team- have participants volunteer to install low cost improvements such as caulking, weather-stripping, insulating window film, thermal curtains, etc.
- Have HVAC system serviced to insure optimal performance.

Helpful Strategies and Resources

Strategies	Related Resources
Compare previous and current power bills.	Duke Energy Online Services - Duke Energy Online Services- Past and current energy bills are available online using Duke Energy's online services https://www.duke-energy.com/residential.asp
Evaluate home energy use and research ways to reduce usage through small changes in behavior.	U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Checklist - http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/energy_aware_hec.html Save Energy and Money - Information from Duke-Energy on how to save money on your next energy bill. Check out the Power Manager® program to receive \$32 in bill credits each year www.tinyurl.com/d8lgxbs Power2Charlotte - resources and tips on reducing energy usage from the City http://www.power2charlotte.com/ U.S. DOE EnergySavers -Tips on reducing home energy use- http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/electricity/index.cfm/mytopic=11140 Piedmont Natural Gas Tips and Rebates - http://tinyurl.com/7ty8zif US Department of Energy - Learn about saving energy at home. Check out the rest of the DOE website as well www.doe.gov/public-services/homes NC Green Power - Tips for adults and kids http://www.ncgreenpower.org/conservation/ My Energy™ - A website that gives you an easy way to understand, manage, and save home energy. http://www.myenergy.com Duke Energy Youtility Program - provides tips for saving energy: http://www.duke-energy.com/youtility/ The Energy Detective ® (TED®) - Monitor home-energy usage in real time, save money on your bill www.theenergydetective.com
Encourage the use of clotheslines, investigate installing a community clothesline.	Do-It-Yourself Clothesline - www.doityourself.com/stry/puttingupclothesline Tip the Planet Air Dry Washing Tips - Dozens of styles of indoor and outdoor clotheslines and links to manufacturers and even more ideas. http://www.tipthepplanet.com/index.php?title=Air_dry_washing
Improve home energy efficiency through weatherization and energy retrofitting.	Residential Energy Services Network - Locate Certified RESNET Home Energy Professionals www.resnet.us/directory/search Building Performance Institute (BPI) - Locate companies with BPI certified professionals on staff and BPI accredited contractors http://tinyurl.com/c6oo4wb U.S. DOE Information on Insulation and Air Sealing - http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/insulation_airsealing/index.cfm/mytopic=11280 NC Weatherization Program - Energy savings through insulation and energy efficiency services to income eligible households www.tinyurl.com/3sldl4 Energy Star - Energy Star appliances are highly efficient, this website also has energy-saving tips www.energystar.gov/
Install neighborhood solar Photovoltaic panels in a public area as an exhibit--power streetlights or part of the pool.	US Department of Energy - Information and Resources about solar heating and power. http://tinyurl.com/cnhekjo North Carolina Energy Discounts - Information and links to discounts for renewable energy in North Carolina. http://tinyurl.com/6ud45s8 Local Solar PV and Solar Thermal Certified Professionals - http://tinyurl.com/7vcelmi Charlotte Neighborhood Matching Grants - fund eligible neighborhood improvements such as signage, cleanups, landscape projects, and more http://tinyurl.com/c2vglsi Greener Products Solar Smart Program - Greener Products will install a solar system on the applicant's (host) roof-top or land at no cost. During the term of twenty years the host will receive a share of the revenue generated by the system. In addition the host will receive \$1000.00 once the system is in full operation http://tinyurl.com/cqezftf

Primary Community Sustainability Goal #4 : Reduce Water Consumption

Target: Track monthly bills to compare usage, decide on what percentage to reduce usage, and track bills for one full year. Install low-flow shower heads before beginning the comparison

Ideas to Get You Started

- Organize a neighborhood water-saving competition. Distribute water saving tips, direct residents on how to track usage, and decide on a prize. Suggested prizes: rain barrel, low-flow or dual-flush toilet modifications.
- Adopt an agreement to only allow watering of lawn and plants in the mornings.
- Plan a community showerhead swap day through CharMeck Utilities' showerhead swap program. To receive free low-flow showerheads, Contact Maeneen Klein at 704-336-7600 or mklein@ci.charlotte.nc.us
- Distribute a water use reduction checklist and challenge the community to complete one section (laundry, kitchen, landscaping, etc.) each week.
- Ask for neighbors with any plumbing or repair experience to volunteer to help with water efficiency repairs (leaky faucets, installation of aerators or other improvements).
- Replace lawn or portions of lawn with natural areas or plants that require little water (xeriscaping). Hold a monthly or quarterly contest to reward neighbors for attractive yards that save water.
- Collect rainwater in dishpans or other containers, use the water to water plants.
- Talk to local businesses who purchase supplies in bulk containers (restaurants, car washes, etc.). Use the containers to make-your-own rain barrels (see resource below).

Helpful Strategies and Resources

Strategies	Related Resources
Reduce household water use.	Household Water Conservation Checklist- http://tinyurl.com/cd6nba6 . Indoor Water Conservation Ideas from the City- http://tinyurl.com/c7eny53 H₂ouse- Interactive tips and ideas for saving water at home www.h2ouse.org Free Low-Flow Shower Heads from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities- Contact Maeneen Klein at 704-336-7600 or mklein@ci.charlotte.nc.us EPA Water-Sense- Tips for saving water and information on water-efficient products http://www.epa.gov/watersense/ CharMeck Home Water Use Audit Guide- Complete the audit and send it in to receive a free water conservation kit http://tinyurl.com/cpnsqpw Do-It-Yourself Toilet Water Conservation- http://frugalliving.about.com/od/householdsavings/ht/Low_Flow.htm
Reduce the amount of irrigation of lawns and plants through efficiency.	U.S. Department of Energy Water Efficient Landscaping- Water in the mornings, plus more advice http://tinyurl.com/6rwc4mq Resource Efficient Landscaping- incorporate tips with regard to your climate, microclimate, shading, windbreaks, and water use http://tinyurl.com/28mnxyh Tips from CharMeck Utilities- http://tinyurl.com/c3huynb
Reduce storm-water generation through installing rain barrels and rain gardens.	Do-It-Yourself Rainbarrels- http://www.gardensimply.com/how-to-guides/build-rain-barrel.php Mecklenburg County Rain Barrel Sale- 60 or 80 Gallon Rain Barrels at a reduced cost http://tinyurl.com/bnzjn5n
Increase grey-water use.	Greywater Recycling Basics- http://www.letsogreen.com/greywater-recycling.html

Additional Sustainability Goal: Increase Reliance on Local Food

Ideas to Get You Started

- Start an inventory of tools throughout the community and create a community tool-share for use in gardens and elsewhere.
- Start a community garden. Borrow tools as needed to create or maintain the garden (see resource below).
- Establish a weekly walking group, carpool or vanpool to a farmers market; ask for volunteers with large capacity vehicles to be the drivers.
- Distribute contact information for local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs on the neighborhood website, in the newsletter, and/or on door-to-door flyers.
- Host an event that shares community knowledge about gardening and canning, freezing, or preserving seasonal fruits and vegetables.
- Host a community potluck or use e-mail to share recipes that feature seasonal foods and ingredients.
- Start container gardens on porches or patios. Tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, herbs, etc. can all be grown easily in pots, gutter installations, or pallet gardens or other vertical gardening methods. Be creative.

Helpful Strategies and Resources

Strategies	Related Resources
Locate farmer's markets and other sources of local food.	Local Farmer's Markets: http://tinyurl.com/6o2zsjx Mecklenburg County's List of Farmers Markets- http://tinyurl.com/cl2jvdf Sow Much Good- Helps provide organic foods to all populations at below market value and creates opportunities for individuals to take part in the development of local, sustainable food sources www.sowmuchgood.org/ Real Time Farms Farmer's Markets Map- Also helps you find nearby farms www.realtimefarms.com/markets Eat Well Guide- Check out Charlotte's guide and use the search function to find restaurants and stores nearby http://www.eatwellguide.org/localguide/
Join a Community Sponsored Agriculture program (CSA).	Local Harvest- find CSAs, Farmer's markets, and grocery stores nearby http://www.localharvest.org/ Mecklenburg County's List of CSAs- http://tinyurl.com/c837qpx
Create a community garden and home gardens.	Friendship Gardens- information and classes about gardening and food preservation http://www.friendship-gardens.org/ The Historic Northwest Community Toolshed- Free tools available for a small application fee of \$5 for individuals and \$15 for groups http://tinyurl.com/cukkgq5 Mecklenburg County Fruit and Vegetable Coalition- Community Garden Listings and more http://tinyurl.com/cew3w6e Mecklenburg Master Gardener- Classes, resources, demonstration gardens, and more http://www.mastergardenersmecklenburg.org/resource--reference-links.html NC State's Community Garden Advice- www.nccommunitygarden.ncsu.edu Community Tool Share- http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/nbs/communityengagement/Pages/ToolShed.aspx Pallet Gardens- http://lifeonthebalcony.com/how-to-turn-a-pallet-into-a-garden/ University of Illinois Container Gardening Tips- http://urbanext.illinois.edu/containergardening/ NC Department of Agriculture Seasonal Food Guide- http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/chart.htm Charlotte Green- Assists interested and organized community groups in beautifying their neighborhoods by planting on vacant lots, on curbs, at private residences, and more www.charlottegreen.org CharMeck Park and Rec Community Gardens- Apply to lease a plot in one of Charlotte's park's community gardens http://tinyurl.com/bwoueq8 Microfarm Organic Gardens- Devoted to the art of edible organic gardening. Organic garden design, maintenance, and other gardening services to the Charlotte area www.microfarmgardens.com/ Instant Organic Garden- Garden planning, installation, and support www.instantorganicgarden.com or call Don Rosenberg at (704) 910-6498 CharMeck Park Services- Includes construction and maintenance of community gardens. Contact Tim Turton at Timothy.Turton@Mecklenburgcountync.gov or visit www.tinyurl.com/d5yo3ns

Additional Sustainability Resources

- Center for Science in the Public Interest**- Information on chemicals in foods and other products and how best to avoid them <http://www.cspinet.org>
- Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) Center for Sustainability**- <http://www.cpcc.edu/cfs>
- Charlotte Clean and Green Festival**- Yearly sustainability festival and more www.charlottecleanandgreen.com
- Charlotte Green Team**- Improving the environment through sustainable events www.charlottegreanteam.com
- Discovery Channel's Planet Green**- Advice on sustainable living <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/>
- Do Your Part**- Tips for everyday green living <http://www.doyourpart.com>
- Do Your Part Home Checklist**- Ideas for reducing waste, energy, water use, and pollution in every possible area of your home <http://doyourpart.com/green-living/book/room-by-room-checklist/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**- Information on topics from water pollution to bed bugs <http://www.epa.gov/>
- EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) Program**- The EPA's DfE labels on products indicate that its ingredients pose the least concern for human and environmental health www.epa.gov/dfc
- EPA Grant Resources**- Links, help, and advice on sustainability grants <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm>
- Environmental Working Group**- Find out information on chemicals in consumer products and on which products are good and bad for you and for sustainability <http://www.ewg.org>
- Mecklenburg County State of the Environment Report**- <http://tinyurl.com/bq58r8c>
- Pocket Neighborhoods**- Creating small scale community in a large scale world. Tips for creating community <http://www.pocket-neighborhoods.net/blog/>
- Practically Green**- Measure and track your "green" actions; compete with friends to see who can become the "greenest" www.practicallygreen.com
- Soy Products Guide**- Soy is a renewable alternative to petroleum <http://www.unitedsoybean.org/resources/tools/soy-products-guide/>
- Sustain Charlotte**- Helping create a region in which everyone has the knowledge, resources and opportunity to make choices with a clear awareness of their combined social, economic and environmental impacts <http://www.sustaincharlotte.org>
- The City's Quality of Life Study**- <http://tinyurl.com/34a4cgz>
- The Green Living Handbook, by David Gershon, 2008**- Do-it-yourself actions for improving household efficiency and reducing consumption. Check out his other books as well, including Livable Neighborhood http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/files/Order_page.html
- UNCC's IDEAS Center**- <http://ideas.uncc.edu/>
- U.S. Green Building Council Green Home Guidelines**- http://www.usgbccrc.org/resource/resmgr/docs/green_building_summary_usgbc.pdf
- U.S. Green Building Council Resources**- <http://www.usgbccrc.org/?page=Links>

A little space for additional goals, thoughts, notes and ideas

Appendix: Sustainable Vision Plan Visioning Notes

Energy

- Turn off lights (2) Strategy
- Energy reduction building system Strategy
- Open windows instead of using AC Strategy
- Become a vegetarian Strategy
- Use stairs Strategy
- Install dimmers Strategy
- Close the refrigerator Strategy
- Install energy efficient bulbs Strategy
- Install a sliding door Strategy
- Progressive thermostats Strategy
- Install new windows Strategy

Food

- Increase reliance on locally grown food (7) Goal
- Community garden Strategy
- Group walk to farmer’s market Strategy

Transportation

- Form a committee to evaluate alternate transportation Strategy
- Carpool (2) Strategy
- Bike Strategy
- Bike rack to encourage more riding Strategy
- Walk Strategy

Water

- Shorter showers Strategy
- Hand wash dishes Strategy
- Shower every other day Strategy
- Sponge bath Strategy
- Reduce use of dishwasher Strategy
- Use ‘efficient water cycle’ when using dishwasher Strategy
- Community water barrel Strategy
- Use less water when brushing teeth Strategy

Waste

- Waste less food Strategy
- Make shredded paper recyclable Strategy
- Encourage more waste reduction Strategy
- Encourage recycling Strategy
- Reduce packaging Strategy
- Increase recycling Strategy
- Reuse old bags Strategy
- Provide accessible information about recycling (hazardous) Strategy

*The numbers in () are the number of times comments were made by community members.