

***CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
WITH THE
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE***

DECEMBER 3, 2019

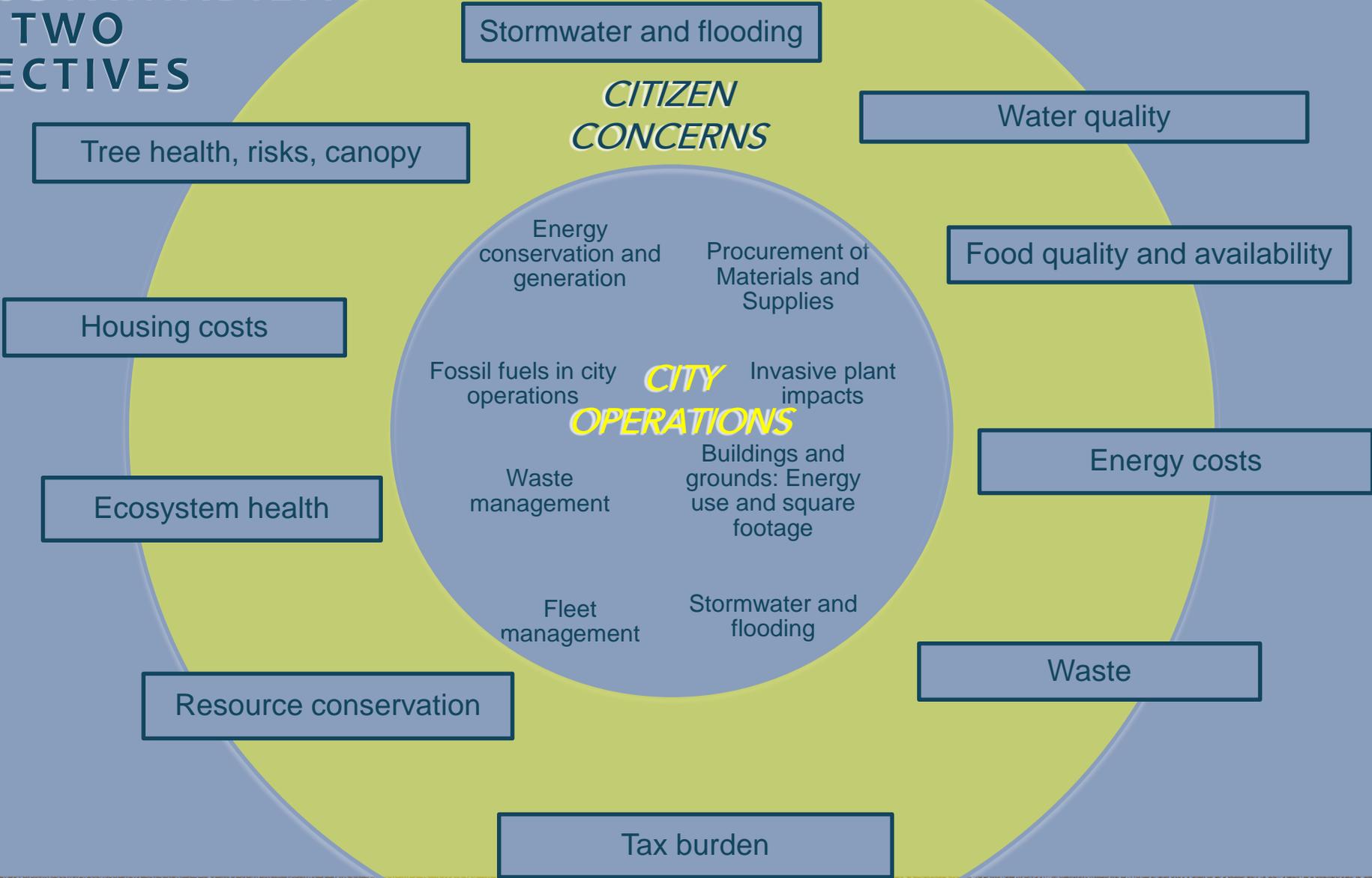


CITY OF FAIRFAX "CONSTITUTION" TREE

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION

- 1. Brief overview of ESC and its work**
- 2. 2019 and 2020 Committee Goals**
- 3. Sustainability and the City of Fairfax**
- 4. Is the City up to the challenge?**
- 5. Questions/discussion**

CITY SUSTAINABILITY FROM TWO PERSPECTIVES



COMMITTEE'S WORK IN BRIEF



Integration of
Sustainability

- Decision making processes
- Prioritization
- City operations

Environmental
management

- Trees
- Streams
- Landscaping
- Development

Communicate
and connect

- Outreach
- Liaise
- External groups

2019 FOCUS AREAS

Trees

- Tree Board duties
- Urban Forester

Energy

- Power Purchase Agreements
- Communications

Waste and Recycling

- Recycling program
- Composting

2020 FOCUS AREAS

Natural Areas

- *Protection and restoration*

Invasive Plants

- *Management Plan*
- *Eradication*

Energy

- *Communications*
- *Conservation*

Education

- *Expertise*
- *Outreach*

IS THE CITY UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

1. Communicate

Talk to citizens, boards and commissions and staff
Connect with regional governments and groups

2. Take a stand

Publicly commit to transforming the City of Fairfax into an environmentally sustainable city

3. Infuse sustainability into all decisions

Goals, staffing, spending, redevelopment, maintenance, etc

4. Make a Game Plan

Put policies in place
Hire/train/reorganize staff
Educate ourselves
Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good

A lush garden scene with green foliage, orange flowers, and a birdhouse. The background is filled with dense green leaves and a tree trunk. In the foreground, there are several tall green plants with orange flowers. A wooden birdhouse is visible on the right side, mounted on a metal pole. The overall scene is vibrant and natural.

DISCUSSION

"SUSTAINABILITY IS REIMAGINING THE WORLD IN A WAY THAT LETS US STAY HERE." - PAUL HAWKEN