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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS OPEN HOUSE FOR INPUT ON SUSTAINABILITY AND ADAPTATION PLAN

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. April 4, 2024 – The City of Grand Junction will host a Sustainability and Adaptation open house on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at the Lincoln Park Barn from 1-3 p.m. for community members to learn more about the draft Sustainability and Adaptation Plan (SAP) and provide input.

Goals, strategies, and actions have been identified in each of five focus areas to help the city reach targets to improve environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Example goals from the plan include 1) Improve access to food, 2) Maintain good air quality, 3) Support carbon reducing energy initiatives, 4) Reduce waste to the landfill, and 5) Reduce water consumption from landscape and irrigation. This will be an interactive and family-friendly event where participants can provide input on the plan. Staff will be present to answer any questions. The community can also provide input on the draft plan online through Engagegj.org during the comment period from Friday April 19 through Friday May 17, 2024.

"The five focus areas of the plan were identified through a wide array of community engagement. The themes identified as being of high importance to community members are climate resilience, energy stewardship, waste management, water conservation, and the built environment" said Tamra Allen Community Development director.

"The Sustainability and Adaptation Plan is the first of its kind for the City of Grand Junction and the process of establishing the key themes and strategies has been exciting for our community," continued Allen.

The plan will complement the One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan to address resource stewardship in terms of social, environmental, and economic opportunities for sustainability and adaptation in the region, and to ensure a healthy future for all community members.

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