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CECAP FY25 Accomplishments

CECAP FY24-25 Accomplishments



COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

FY25 Performance Measure Met

In FY24-25, the City of Dallas activated 75% of the 97 CECAP actions.



CECAP FY24-25 Highlighted Accomplishments

DALLAS CLIMATE ACTION

Goal 1: Building on last year's Level 4 Airport Carbon Accreditation, the Dallas Aviation Department advanced its long-term carbon management efforts in April 2025 by completing a Sustainability Master Plan to guide ongoing emissions reduction initiatives.

Goal 2: Facilities and Real Estate Management (FRM) advanced the solar and battery energy storage pilot project by finalizing the design for the pilot solar and battery energy storage project at Bachman Recreation Center and is now awaiting permit approval to initiate construction.

Goal 3: On May 14, 2025, Dallas amended its parking code to reduce or eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements for many land uses, particularly near transit stations, downtown, and for office, retail, and multifamily developments. The reform aims to promote walkable development, lower construction costs, and better align parking with actual demand rather than outdated fixed ratios.

Goal 6: To promote community engagement and environmental stewardship, Code Compliance Services organized 16 "Community Trash-Off" events across Dallas neighborhoods during FY25. These efforts engaged 3,053 participants and resulted in the collection of 311,760 tons of waste, helping keep the city cleaner and fostering a stronger sense of community involvement.

Goal 7: In partnership with Dallas County Health and Human Services, OEQS' Urban Agriculture team launched the Growers Education and Workforce Development Program. The program aims to support agricultural internships and apprenticeships across various production sites in the city, including controlled environment agriculture and community gardens.

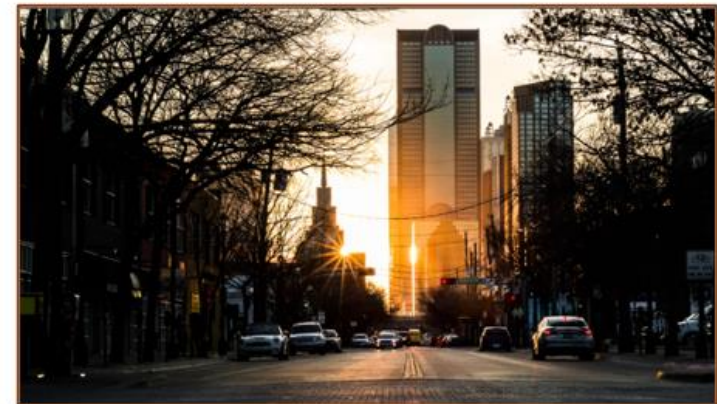


CECAP FY26 Implementation Work Plan

Part I: FY25-26 CECAP Implementation Work Plan (IWP)

- 30-year plan with 8 Goals and 97 Actions
- 73 actions will be activated in FY26
- 130 total milestones
- 16 City Departments

CECAP IMPLEMENTATION WORK PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

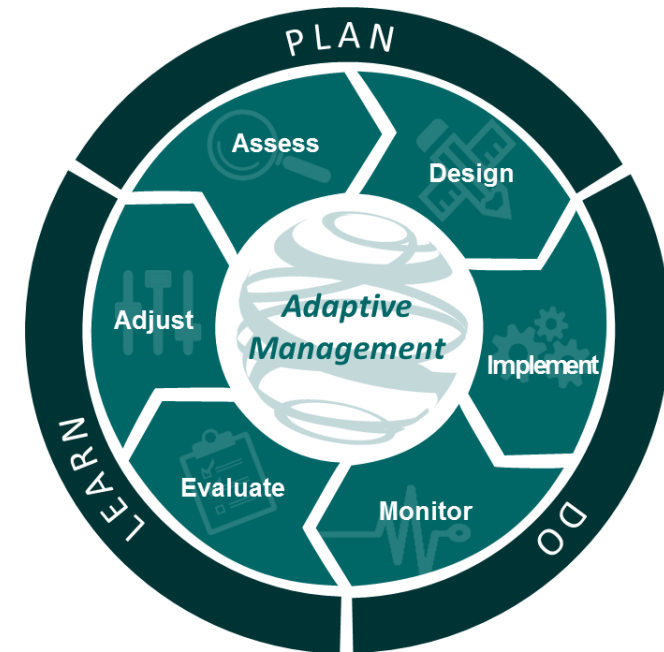


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Part II: Adaptive Management



- OEQS conducted a FY25 CECAP Implementation Work Plan Assessment
- Supports Dallas' commitment to review the CECAP every five years
- Assessment to evaluate the efficiency and productivity of each milestone
- Overall goal is to enhance the planning and execution of future environmental and climate action initiatives.



Assessment Results: Feedback Requested

The CECAP team met one-on-one with representatives from the 16 departments participating in the LEAF Working Group. During these meetings, each milestone was reviewed using SMART goal criteria.

Leading Environmental Actions Forward Working Group:



- Aviation
- Bond & Construction Management
- Code Compliance Services
- Convention and Event Services
- Dallas Water Utilities
- Economic Development
- Equipment and Fleet Management
- Facilities and Real Estate Management
- Arts & Culture
- Environmental Quality & Sustainability
- Housing & Community Empowerment
- Park & Recreation
- Planning & Development
- Procurement Services
- Sanitation Services
- Transportation & Public Works

Assessment Results: Departmental Feedback



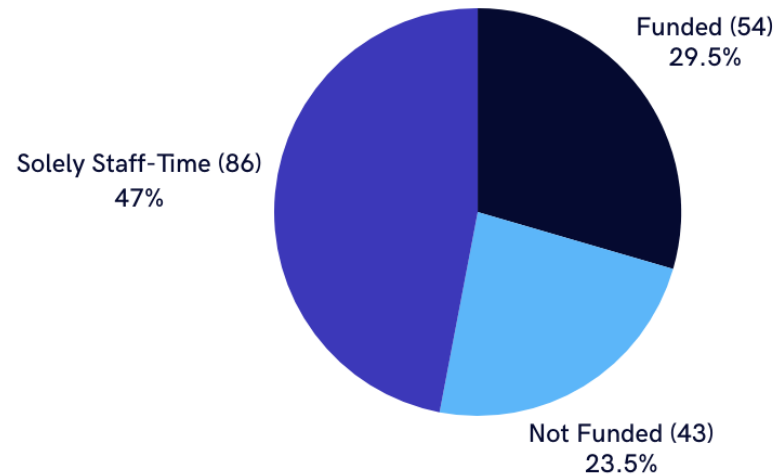
Common Themes:

- Progress on FY25 milestones is largely dependent on funding availability.
- Several milestones that have been included in multiple CECAP Implementation Work Plans and tend to be standard operations for the departments.
- Department representatives expressed support for the assessment's objective to revise and refine milestones.
- Clarify departmental ownership for multi-department milestones to streamline reporting and accountability.

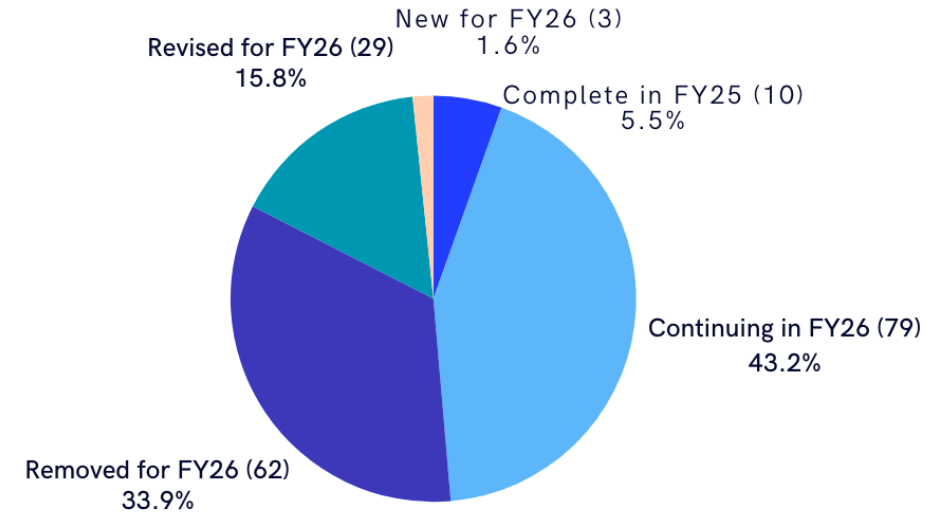
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Qualitative Results:

MILESTONES WITH FUNDING AVAILABILITY

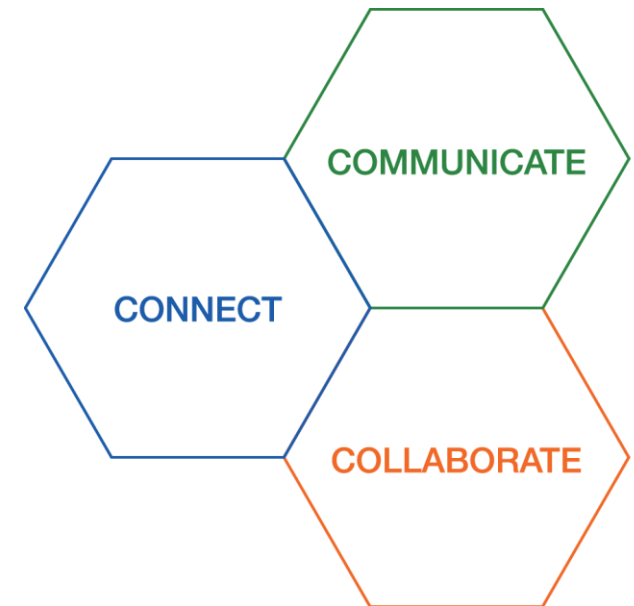


MILESTONE STATUS SUMMARY



Changes for FY26 CECAP IWP

- Leverage results from this assessment to develop the FY26 Implementation Work Plan.
- Develop milestones that are measurable and metric-driven
- Explore alternative reporting metrics



Goal 1: Dallas' buildings are energy efficient and climate resilient.

FY26 Building Milestone Highlights

- New or replacement critical facilities over 10,000 square feet are required to achieve LEED Gold certification as part of the CECAP Bond Resolution.
- For non-CECAP Bond Resolution related projects, obtain Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for materials in or near public areas—such as concrete, steel, aluminum, handrails, and approximately 10 other materials.
- Incorporate passive building design standards into the renovation plans for the Dallas Convention Center to enhance energy efficiency and occupant comfort.



Dallas Fire Station No. 6, LEED Platinum

Why it Matters?

- *The combined building and energy sectors account for the highest percentage of 2019 GHG emissions in Dallas (64%).*



Goal 2: Dallas generates and uses renewable, reliable, and affordable energy.

FY26 Energy Milestone Highlights

- Continue construction process to implement pilot solar + battery energy storage technology at Bachman Recreation Center
- Support FRM in developing renewable energy projects on city facilities as appropriations allow
- In collaboration with Solar United Neighbors, raise awareness of the residential rooftop solar group-purchasing opportunity in the DFW region.



Why it Matters?

- Dallas primarily relies on **electricity** that has been **generated by fossil fuels**.
- With an average of 234 days of sunshine per year, Dallas has the potential to take much more advantage of solar technologies.



Goal 3: Dallas' communities have access to sustainable, affordable transportation options.

FY26 Transportation Milestone Highlights

- Advance regional air quality improvement efforts to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips through the Try-Parking It program.
- Support North Central Texas Council of Government's Clean Cities efforts to promote vehicle electrification and utilize the results from OEQS' 2024 EV charging infrastructure siting study as guidance and support for the installation on City properties.



Why it Matters?

- The **transportation sector**, which includes private and public vehicles, trains, and planes contributes **38% of GHG emissions** for the City of Dallas.



Goal 4: Dallas is a Zero Waste community.



FY26 Zero Waste Milestone Highlights

- Host and coordinate community trash off events
- Raise awareness and implement the Strategic Illegal Dumping Plan

Why it Matters?

- **Municipal solid waste** represents a small percentage (*less than 1%*) of **GHG emissions** in Dallas. However, waste-based emissions are an **important area for local action**.
- **Extreme weather events** may lead to the unexpected need to deal with the collection and disposal of large amounts of debris.



Goal 5: Dallas protects its water resources and its communities from flooding and drought.



FY26 Water Resource Milestone Highlights

- Complete Biogas Enhancement and Beneficial Reuse Study and Revisit Existing Contracts for Southside WWTP
- Initiate study to optimize chemical treatment processes and identify improvements to reduce residual waste, energy use, and distribution system impacts.

Why it Matters?

- *The **water and wastewater** sectors together contribute to **less than 1% of Dallas' GHG emissions**; however, access to clean water is foundational to **public health and quality of life**.*



Goal 6: Dallas protects and enhances its ecosystems, trees, and green spaces that in turn improve public health.

FY26 Ecosystem Milestone Highlights

- Utilize the Dallas Urban Heat Island Mapping data to develop a Heat Intervention Guidebook
- Launch of the 2026 Dallas Forestry Summit, fostering interdepartmental collaboration, education, and community engagement to support sustainable urban forestry practices.



Why it Matters?

- *In Dallas, there are 388 parks totaling **27,038 acres**, plus the roughly 6000-acre Great Trinity Forest. These **green spaces are not evenly distributed** and **only 60% of Dallas residents have access to a park** within a half-mile walk of their homes.*



Goal 7: All Dallas' communities have access to healthy, local food.



FY26 Food Access Milestone Highlights

- Complete the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program that provides community farm assistance to community gardens
- Support sustainability efforts during the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Why it Matters?

- ***Access to healthy food for communities in southern and western Dallas is a significant challenge—36% of Dallas' residents live in census tracts defined as food deserts.***



Goal 8: All Dallas' communities breathe clean air.

FY26 Air Quality Milestone Highlights

- Convene regional air quality monitoring summit with local entities implementing air quality monitoring programs to assess state of the science, and opportunities for data sharing
- Continue to support Air North Texas Campaign and expand where feasible



Why it Matters?

- *While air quality in North Texas is generally improving, in North Texas, ten counties including Dallas consistently do not meet the 2008 Federal air quality criteria for ground-level ozone.*



Part IV: Tracking and Accountability

- **Performance Measures (Annual)**
 - 75% actions underway
- Performance updates available on Dallas' Budget Accountability Reports



Part V: Next Steps

- Develop a five-year plan to operationalize and accelerate the implementation of CECAP.
- Focusing on City operations, the plan will identify priority actions and update Key Performance Indicators.



Questions



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