

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 5, 2024

TO Honorable Chair Stewart and Members of the Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee

SUBJECT **Q1 Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) Update**

This memorandum provides an update on progress of the City's Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) during the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024.

Background - The Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) develops an annual Implementation Work Plan (IWP) that provides an overview of efforts planned under the CECAP. The IWP outlines efforts that collectively maintain the City of Dallas as a leader in reducing emissions and sets the path forward toward addressing climate and environmental risk with effective, equitable, and common-sense solutions.

The FY24 IWP included activation of 75 of the CECAP's 97 actions and 212 milestones. The 18 City departments in the Leading Environmental Action Forward (LEAF) Working Group serve as subject matter experts to aid the implementation of CECAP goals. LEAF members collect and report related performance quarterly.

Key CECAP accomplishments during the first quarter of FY24 include:

- City Council authorized a renewal of a five-year service contract with the University of North Texas for Dallas' Environmental Education Initiative (EEI). The EEI program promotes the importance of water conservation to school-aged children through bilingual (English/Spanish) hands-on classroom activities, interactive teacher workshops, and community outreach activities. (*Goal 5, Action WR1*)
- OEQS' Brownfield Redevelopment Program (BRP) accepted a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to clean brownfield sites and provide cleanup planning and community involvement for sites primarily in the South Dallas/Fair Park area. (*Goal 6, Action EG1*)
- Park and Recreation (PKR) held five Branching Out Events at Marcus Park, White Rock Lake, Pemberton Hill, Northaven Park, and Meadow Stone Park. (*Goal 6, Action EG4*)
- In partnership with Texas Trees Foundation and PKR, Development Services planted 802 trees in the fall of 2023. (*Goal 6, Action EG9*)
- OEQS' [Dallas Community Air Management Program](#) installed 11 low-cost non-regulatory air sensors, now totaling 20 for the program. (*Goal 8, Action AQ2*)

Please visit the [CECAP Dashboard](#), which tracks all completed CECAP milestones. If you have any questions please contact Carlos Evans, OEQS Director (214-670-1642), Paul White II, OEQS Interim Assistant Director (214-671-8979), or Rosaerlinda Cisneros, OEQS Climate Coordinator (214-670-1196).



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