

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 1, 2023

TO Honorable Chair Blackmon and Members of the Environment & Sustainability Committee

SUBJECT **Landscape Equipment Transition (LET) Implementation**

The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) briefed the Environmental Commission (EVC) on April 12th, 2023, and the Environment & Sustainability Committee (ENVS) on April 3rd, 2023, respectively, providing status updates on the plan for landscape equipment transition (LET) implementation. OEQS plans to brief the ENVS Committee and the full Council next month. The following provides a summary of steps taken over the previous month towards advancing this City Council goal:

## **Technical Support Contract:**

Contract with Modern Geosciences continues for technical support services including but not limited to; research of other communities' implementation, including related codes and ordinances; creation of the community survey; and development of the detailed internal and external transition plans. A draft plan has been developed and under review. Staff continue to meet with the technical consultant on a bi-weekly basis to coordinate efforts towards this project. Residential and Commercial Surveys are in circulation and distribution to public. Surveys continue to be distributed at events in the month of April.

## **Stakeholder Engagement Efforts:**

Staff have continued internal and external stakeholder meetings.

- Internal: OEQS continues to hold bi-monthly meetings with City departments that use landscape equipment to attain feedback on meeting City transition goals. Departments have started working towards the conversion goals. Vendor equipment allowed for trial use to monitor battery life in use.
- External: OEQS continues to engage members of the public, including homeowners, landscape companies, landscape associations, the Dallas Independent School District (DISD), and Dallas County Community Colleges (DCCC). At EarthX and other Earth Day events in communities, staff have distributed surveys of equipment use to gauge awareness and inventory.
- The technical consultant has developed a community survey that has been deployed for community feedback on the program (available in English and Spanish). This survey has been provided to the public in several different ways, including through the OEQS media campaign, other departments (e.g., DWU bill inserts), Council and EVC newsletters, libraries and community centers, and other entities.

## **Physical Equipment Inventory:**

Staff developed and distributed a template for use by departments when identifying equipment inventory. These were compiled into a comprehensive inventory of the City's current equipment. Inventory has been compiled into a centralized list and each department is working towards the 2023 incremental goal for transition.

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**Program Media Campaign:**

OEQS has implemented the LET media campaign with multi-lingual outreach and continued engagement to reach affected business and residents.

**Regulatory Engagement:**

Staff continues to monitor and engage regulatory bodies on the status of state bills and are coordinating with the City Attorney's Office to clarify the legal implications of those bills. Staff are also facilitating letters of support for NCTCOG initiatives to reduce ground level ozone in the city and region.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability at 469-617-1925 or [carlos.evans@dallas.gov](mailto:carlos.evans@dallas.gov).



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