

**Climate Action Advisory Board
Director's Update
January 15, 2020**



Sustainable Landscaping Project – We have wrapped up the grant that funded 2019's sustainable landscaping project. The success and challenges with the demonstration gardens have been documented through a [blog on the Greenscapes page](#). The project also included a three-part speaker series on designing, installing, and maintaining sustainable landscapes and a handbook. The [recordings](#) and the [handbook](#) are available online. This project was made possible by a grant from MAPC and the Barr Foundation. We are planning for outreach and promotion of the handbook this spring.

Annual Report – Kate has started working on the 2019 Annual Sustainability Report to share highlights of sustainability initiatives, programs, and progress in 2019. The [2018 report](#) focused on high-level stats. This year's report will include some additional narratives.

Middle School Building Committee – The committee has selected a designer, SMMA. Members of The Building Committee met with the team from the project's design firm SMMA for the first time at the meeting held on November 21st. The SMMA team includes designers as well as educational and sustainability experts, including a Passive House consultant. The Sustainability Subcommittee met with the design team on January 8th for an initial discussion. A second meeting of the sustainability subcommittee is scheduled for January 30th at 10:00am at Ripley.

CSEC Sustainable Home Outreach Project – The Comprehensive Sustainability and Energy is working on an outreach project about the sustainable Concord home. The concept is a pamphlet that highlights actions residents can take at home to improve the sustainability of their home. The idea is to develop an image of a home with callouts indicating focus areas such as electric vehicle charging, insulation, heat pumps, rain barrels, etc. This will be put into a pamphlet, a website, and included in outreach and awareness activities. CSEC will be collaborating with the Sustainability Division, CMLP, and Water/Sewer Division on the content and design. The anticipated completion is spring.

Climate Action and Resilience Plan – See second page for updates on the climate action and resilience plan development.

SUSTAINABLE CONCORD

Revolutionary

Resilient

Ready

Activity on *Sustainable Concord* since the Nov. 20th CAAB meeting:

- Updates to the plan elements – Based on feedback from CAAB and others, the plan elements have been refined. The [plan one-pager](#) has been updated to reflect this as well.



- Housing Roundtable – Kate Hanley attended a roundtable discussion with Concord’s housing groups and agencies and shared a brief presentation about the Sustainable Concord plan. Slides attached.
- Municipal Advisory Group and Interviews – Attached is a summary of the key takeaways from the first municipal advisory group meeting and interviews.
- Open House – Almost 100 people attended the Open House on December 11th. Participants visited 5 poster stations around the room and provided feedback on potential actions and shared ideas for other actions that should be considered. Attached are photos of the posters and results from the open house. Also attached is a typed summary, organized by plan element, with the results of the sticker voting and suggestions for additional actions.