



OPEN HOUSE

December 4, 2025

Welcome to the Wake Forest Sustainability Plan Open House! The purpose of this event is to share information about the project and hear your ideas and priorities.

Visit the stations to learn about different topics and provide your feedback.

Station 1: INTRODUCTION

Learn background information about the project phases and components

Station 2: GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

Learn about greenhouse gas inventories

Station 3: RISK IDENTIFICATION

Learn about and identify climate vulnerabilities

Station 4: CLIMATE VULNERABILITY

Provide input on areas of risk concern

Station 5: VISION

Tell us your vision for a sustainable Wake Forest

Station 6: STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

Learn about how strategies within the plan will be organized and provide input on your priority action areas

Station 7: WHAT YOU CAN DO

Learn about actions you can take

Station 8: GENERAL

Let us know anything else you want to share about sustainability

Station 9: KIDS

Sustainability themed activity pages for children

Look for upcoming key dates, presentations, documents/ reports, and engagement activities on the project webpage. Visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "sustainability plan."

For questions or comments, contact the staff project manager: Kari Grace, Projects and Programs Manager, kgrace@wakeforestnc.gov, 919.435.9511.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a sustainability plan?

A sustainability plan sets out strategies and actions to balance the Town's economic, social, and environmental interests to ensure responsible use of resources now and in the future based on data-driven research and stakeholder engagement. The plan takes a holistic approach and is not focused strictly on climate action nor conservation although these are anticipated to be components. This plan will not only guide the Town's operations, policies, and regulations but will guide and support the community to carry out sustainability goals as well.

Why is Wake Forest developing a sustainability plan?

Wake Forest has many plans related to land use, parks, transportation, and more that include recommendations that will help our community be more sustainable. The Sustainability Plan will bring those recommendations from existing plans together to further support and build upon them. Additionally, the Town's Strategic Plan prioritizes development of a Town-wide sustainability as part of the goal to invest in transportation and infrastructure. Having a Sustainability Plan provides a foundation of support for initiatives so they can be programmed into the Town's work, informs local budgetary and legislative decisions, and can aid efforts to seek outside funding. ➤



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What is a greenhouse gas inventory and how will it be used?

Greenhouse gases (GHG), such as carbon dioxide and methane, warm the atmosphere, throwing off the function of natural systems. A GHG inventory calculates the amount of gases that our community is creating. The purpose is to better understand where the largest impacts come from. These sectors typically include transportation, buildings, industrial activities, waste, and land use activities. An inventory guides action on how to reduce emissions depending on climate goals.

What is a climate vulnerability assessment and how will it be used?

With a changing climate, we are experiencing and anticipate continuing to see new and more extreme weather patterns. A climate vulnerability assessment looks at the potential risks that may arise with these events so that we can become more prepared to prevent, address, and respond to them. This plan will include resiliency and adaptation concepts but is not a comprehensive hazard mitigation or emergency management plan.

How long will it take to develop the sustainability plan?

The project started in late July 2025 with the baseline phase, which examines existing conditions through policy and peer review and conducting a GHG inventory and climate vulnerability analysis. Community engagement occurs throughout the project. The outreach and existing conditions inform the next phase of strategy development, culminating in adoption of the final, actionable plan anticipated in late 2026.

What is Wake Forest already doing to promote sustainability and how can I help?

Wake Forest has plans and regulations related to multi-modal transportation, open space, floodplain, stream buffer protection, erosion control, and stormwater. There are currently several capital improvement projects like greenway, stream stabilization, and sidewalk projects underway that will improve walkability, enhance ecosystem health, and increase access to nature. Check out community involvement opportunities through Keep Wake Forest Clean activities, such as Adopt-a-Trail. Use services provided by the Town and County, such as recycling and compost, and learn about proper recycling and watershed protection. Check out the “Related Links” at wakeforestnc.gov/planning/sustainability-plan to read more about sustainability initiatives and opportunities.