

# City of Minneapolis Northside Green Zone 5-Year Work Plan

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# Origin of the Green Zones

Governments must recognize that they made the decisions to co-locate industrial facilities and freeways in communities that were and are predominantly Black, Indigenous and People of Color. This did not happen by accident. Other systems of oppression and discrimination — such as the history of red-lining communities to limit mortgages and restrictive covenants that only allowed White people to purchase homes — keep wages and generational wealth low for these same communities, limiting their ability to improve or move out of areas impacted by the pollution, noise and nuisance of industrial facilities and freeways.

Green Zones is a model for government to own up to this racist history and move towards collaborative problem-identification and problem solving with impacted residents.

The idea for Green Zones came from environmental justice leaders who demanded a seat at the table during the development of the City's first Climate Action Plan in 2012. A Green Zone, they wrote, is a place-based policy initiative aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution, as well as social, political and economic vulnerability.

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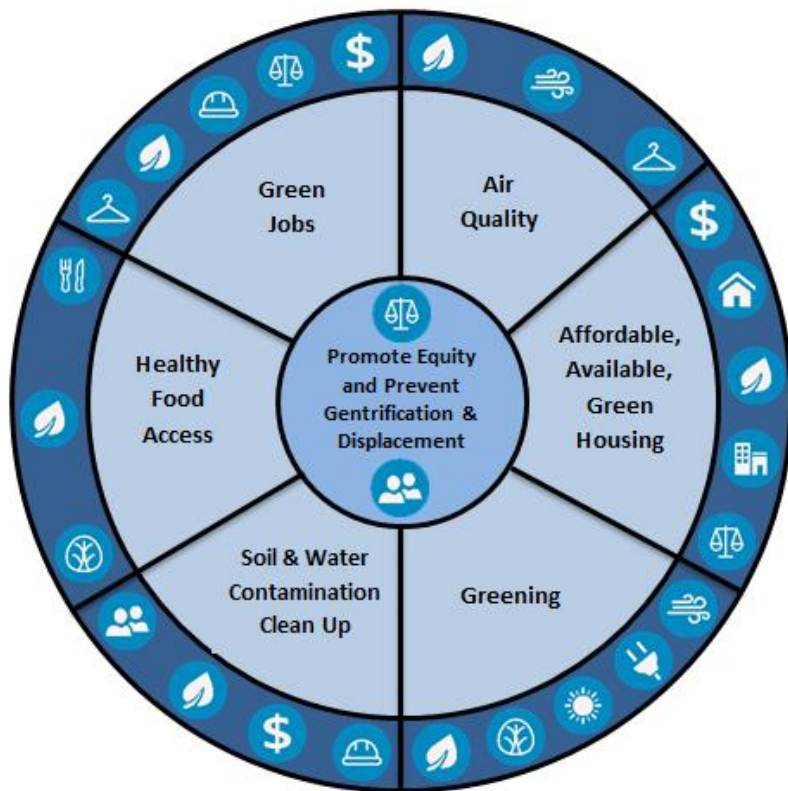




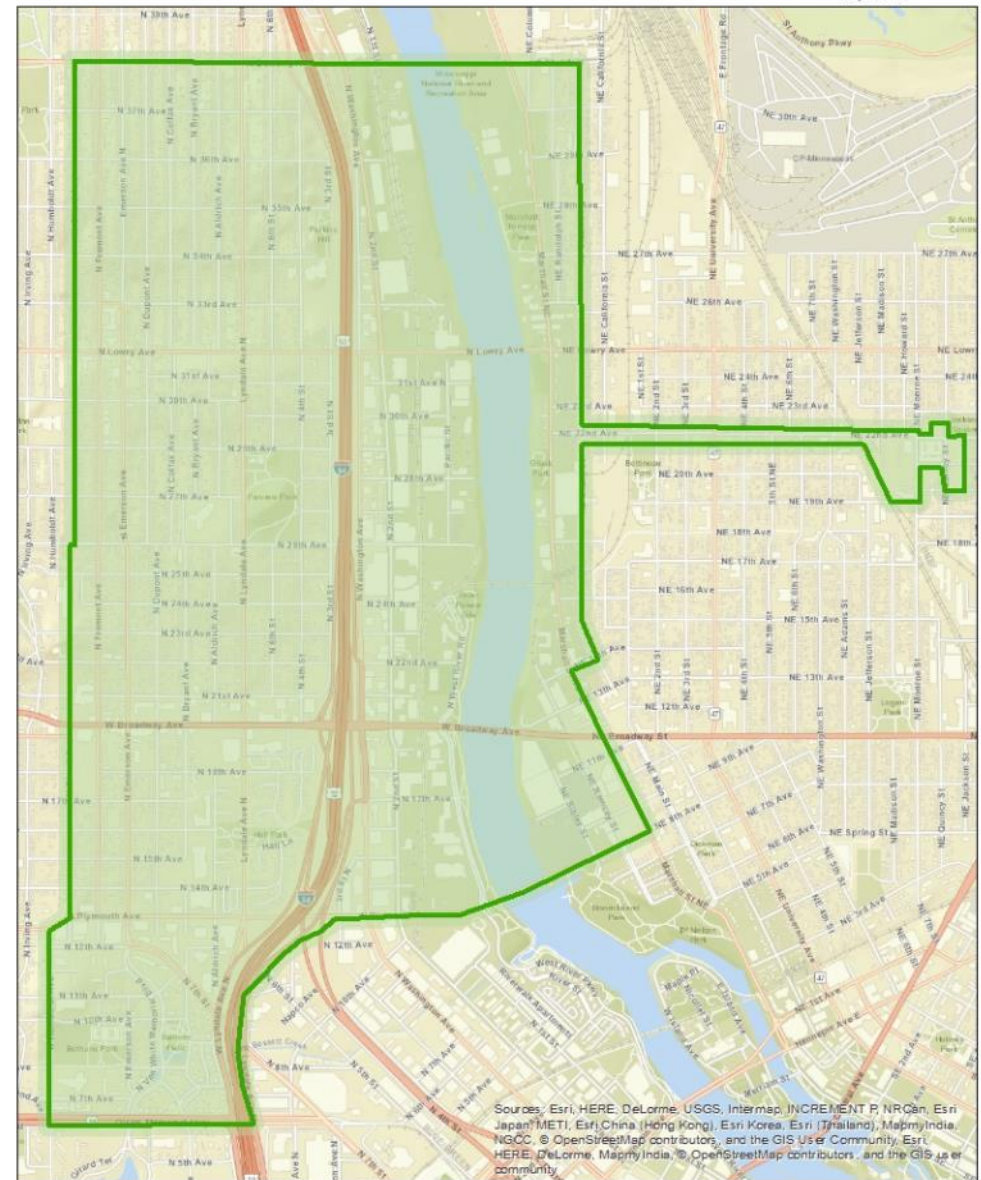
# Creation of the Northside Green Zone

The City of Minneapolis Northside Green Zone was created by the City Council Resolution Designating Green Zones on April 28, 2017. It exists to address the environmental justice overburden in North and Northeast Minneapolis through the design and implementation of a plan of action to improve environmental and population health, and social, economic and environmental justice.

The Northern Green Zone includes the Northside neighborhoods of Hawthorne, McKinley, and Near-North, and the western portions of the NE neighborhoods of Marshall Terrace, Sheridan, Bottineau, and St Anthony West.



## Minneapolis Northern Green Zone



Above: Boundaries of the Northside Green Zone

Left: Goals of the Minneapolis Green Zones initiative.

# Northside Green Zone Goals

Following direction from the Environmental Justice Coordinating Council in 2018, the City of Minneapolis adopted the following twelve goals for the Northern Green Zone Task Force:

1. Clean up soil and water contamination and redevelop brownfields
2. Improve air quality, livability, and pollinator habitat through vegetation, clean energy, and energy efficiency
3. Improve air and environmental quality in business and transport
4. Increase 'green' jobs and career opportunities
5. Increase the availability of affordable housing and environmentally high quality housing
6. Increase access to healthy affordable food by supporting local systems of growing, production and distribution
7. Advance environmental awareness and education in community and schools
8. Foster community healing from historical trauma and root shock, using community-based approaches to healing and health
9. Stop the patterns of community violence and the cradle to prison pipeline with which it is associated
10. Develop an Environmental Justice Scorecard that assesses how well businesses and branches of government do in practicing responsible and responsive environmental stewardship and partnership around environmental justice. Use the scorecard as a tool to drive policy change toward greater environmental justice
11. Organize the community to develop ecological consciousness and foster a healthy future that takes care of the earth, takes care of the people, and takes care of the future we choose to create together
12. Work with stakeholders and Native Nations statewide to create an environmental justice partnership that fosters a common platform among environmental justice communities, using a Minnesota Environmental Screen to provide a common basis of measurement and protocols for action



Photo: Trauma Response Healing Kit, 2019

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## Northside Green Zone Task Force

Members of the Northern Green Zone Task Force include nine North and Northeast Minneapolis residents, six members of the Environmental Justice Coordinating Council, and non-voting City of Minneapolis staff.

The charge for the Northern Green Zone Task Force was to develop an action-oriented Work Plan specific to the Northside Green Zone. City Council requested that the Work Plan identify actions that promote health and economic well-being using environmentally-beneficial strategies. Task Force members were responsible for attending meetings, reviewing materials between meetings, and making a recommendation to City Council.

The following pages of recommendations are the compilation of over 15 months of work from 19 dedicated community members and City staff.

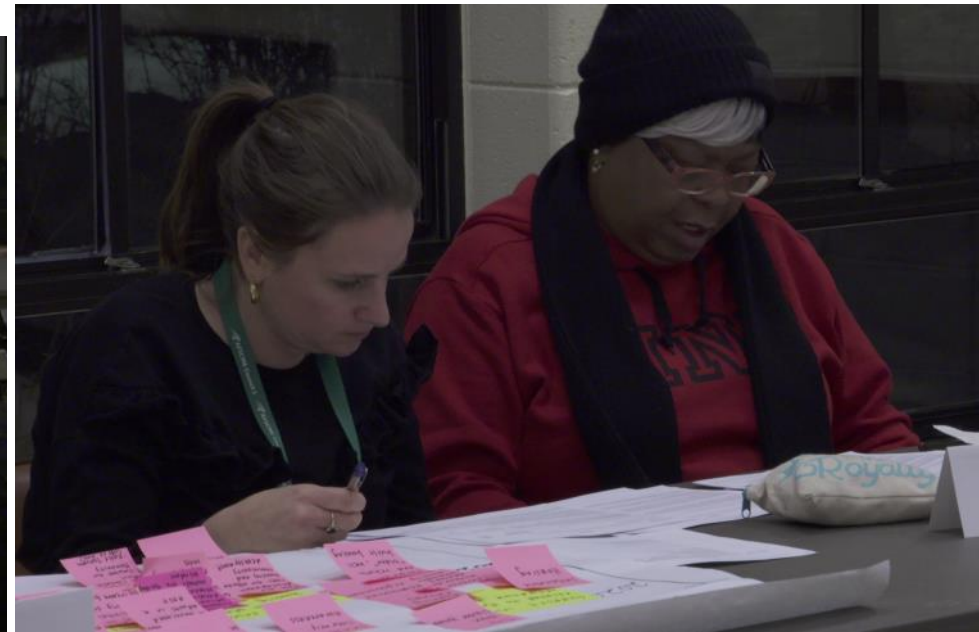


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Northside  
Green Zone  
Recommendations

AIR, WATER & LAND

GREEN WORKFORCE

HOUSING

HEALTHY SOILS & FOOD ACCESS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION and  
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

COMMUNITY HEALING AND VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION

## AIR, WATER & LAND

### Adopted Goals:

- 1) Clean up soil and water contamination and redevelop brownfields.
- 2) Improve air quality, livability, and pollinator habitat through vegetation, clean energy, and energy efficiency.
- 3) Improve air and environmental quality in business and transport.



# Goal #1

Clean up soil and water contamination and redevelop brownfields

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p>1.1 Provide on-going, continuous, and open monitoring of lead/water quality issues.</p>	<p>Minneapolis Health Department Public Works – Water Treatment and Distribution</p>	<p>2021</p>
<p>1.2 Support Minneapolis Public Schools install new, safe water pipes so North High (and all schools in the Northern Green Zone) can drink</p>	<p>Minneapolis Public Schools</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>1.3 Invest in stormwater management and quality in the Northern Green Zone. Increase the number of holding ponds for stormwater and ensure that no stormwater is going into the river untreated. Partner with local watershed organizations and organizations like MetroBlooms to provide free consultations and grants to encourage residents to divert storm water using rain barrels and raingardens.</p>	<p>Minneapolis Public Works – Stormwater Management</p>	<p>2020-2024</p>
<p><i>Note: Currently, approximately 22% of the area within the Northern Green Zone receives stormwater treatment. The SWS Division is actively partnering with both Metro Blooms and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. The Boulevard Bioswales program is one example of this partnership. Program objectives are not only to improve water quality and pollinator habitat, but also to</i></p>		

# Goal #1

Clean up soil and water contamination and redevelop brownfields

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>1.4 Establish personhood rights for the Mississippi River to improve legal protections through recognition of ecological rights.</b> Influence development decisions and counteract corporate personhood. Strengthen Indigenous sovereignty, environmental justice and climate resilience efforts from the Headwaters to the Gulf.</p>	<p>Attorney’s Office Intergovernmental Relations</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p><b>1.5 Explore opportunities to improve soil health and carbon sequestration through projects and materials like bio-char.</b> Conduct ongoing research of the effects of soil pollution on adults.</p>	<p>Minneapolis Health Department Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>

## Goal #2

Improve air quality, livability, and pollinator habitat through vegetation, clean energy, and energy efficiency

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
2.1 Update the municipal LEED-Silver building policy by 2021 to require that all City buildings must be fitted with solar panels or other renewable electricity sources.	Minneapolis Property Services	2020- 2021



## Goal #3

Improve air and environmental quality in business and transport

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>3.1 Meet with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Minneapolis Health Department staff about permitting and monitoring of industrial facilities, as well as voluntary emissions reductions through education and incentives. Identify action steps for MPCA, City and Task Force.</b></p> <p>Discussion points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How pollution limits are determined</li> <li>• Can pollution limits be reduced to promote health outcomes</li> <li>• Why are facilities allowed to receive notification prior to testing and self-test</li> <li>• Specific to GAF – If regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) is installed, GAF should commit to full permit review and public comment.</li> </ul>	<p>Minneapolis Health Department</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p><b>3.2 Meet with Minnesota Department of Health and Minneapolis Health Department staff about the Healthy Rural and Urban Kids Project (biomonitoring study including zip codes 55412 and 55411). Identify action steps for MDH, City and Task Force.</b></p> <p>Action steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing corrective measures for eliminating pollution sources and exposure pathways</li> <li>• Making data public, accessible, and understandable</li> <li>• Providing data at a meaningful geographic level (e.g., Census Tract)</li> </ul>	<p>Minneapolis Health Department</p>	<p>2020</p>

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>3.3 Create a city policy for environmental review on public and private development in the Northern Green Zone.</b> Establish criteria that centers impacted residents in the decision-making process and includes a thorough health, environmental, economic and racial equity analysis.</p>	Community Planning and Economic Development	2020
<p><b>3.4 Provide enhanced environmental review and protections in the Northern Green Zone.</b></p> <p>Actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support 2019 House File 2778 “Cumulative pollution analysis required with issuing permits” in the City’s legislative agenda.</li> <li>• Support 2019 House File 167 “Supplemental environmental project offers provided in conjunction with enforcement actions against polluters” in the City’s legislative agenda.</li> <li>• Support a change in MN Statute 462.357 “Official Controls: Zoning Ordinance” to enable amortization to be used on industrial facilities. Example legislation: 2015 House File 1397.</li> </ul>	Intergovernmental Relations	2020
<p><b>3.5 Establish resources to ensure that all residents of Minneapolis can get access to free asthma/ lung health screenings.</b></p>	Minneapolis Health Department	2020
<p><b>3.6 Adopt and enforce Semi-Truck Parking ordinance that enforces trucks staying on truck routes and prohibits overnight parking of commercial trucks on any city streets.</b> Enforce existing long-term parking prohibition.</p>	Minneapolis Traffic Control	2020

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>3.7 Enforce anti-idling ordinance in Northern Green Zone via "idling sweeps".</b> Use seasonal technicians or hire extra staff as needed. Focus on enforcement of trucks and school buses. Educate parents and</p>	<p>Minneapolis Health Department Minneapolis Traffic Control</p>	2020
<p><b>3.8 Update the Green Fleet Policy by 2020 to require that all City vehicles must be electric when they are scheduled to be replaced and technically feasible versions are available.</b></p>	<p>Minneapolis Public Works – Fleet Services</p>	2020
<p><b>3.9 Update the City’s Environmental Purchasing Policy to give preference / bonus points to vendors/contractors that have fleets with at least 80% electric delivery vehicles.</b></p>	<p>Finance Department - Procurement</p>	2021
<p><b>3.10 Improve access to public transportation and infrastructure.</b></p>	<p>Intergovernmental Relations</p>	2020—2022
<p>Action steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including state funding increases on the City’s legislative agenda</li> <li>• Partnering with MetroTransit on route improvements in the Northern Green Zone, such as creating a dedicated bus lane on I-94 and bus-rapid transit stations</li> <li>• Encouraging MetroTransit to adopt electric vehicles in the Green Zone as a priority to alleviate air pollution</li> </ul>		



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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>3.11 Support Minneapolis Public Schools in converting their buses to electric school buses.</b> Install charging stations for idling buses at schools and provide options for public charging after hours /</p>	<p>Minneapolis Public Schools</p>	<p>2020—2022</p>
<p><b>3.12 Provide neighborhood composting incentives to eliminate trucking organic material out to the suburbs for processing.</b></p> <p>Considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of incentives</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Property</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Labor</li> <li>• Scale of local organics processing</li> </ul>	<p>Public Works – Solid Waste and Recycling</p>	<p>2023—2024</p>
<p><b>3.13 Adopt a ban on the sale of single use plastics, including plastic straws.</b> Provide incentives to businesses to reduce the use of single-use plastics. Include overturning MN Statute 471.9998 (prohibits cities from banning single-use plastic bags) on the City’s legislative agenda.</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Relations</p>	<p>2021</p>

# GREEN WORKFORCE

Adopted Goals:

4) Increase 'green' jobs and career opportunities

## Goal #4

Increase  
'green' jobs  
and career  
opportunities

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>4.1 Embrace and sign-on to the Family Tree initiative.</b> Identify people who should be honored with a tree. Use Family Tree initiative and events to increase awareness of Northern Green Zone.</p>	<p>Health, Sustainability, Fire, Police, Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p><b>4.2 Support the Northside Safety N.E.T. (Neighborhoods Empowering Teens), a collaborative and systems-change approach to addressing disparate environmental impacts and empowering at-risk teens of color in North Minneapolis.</b> The partners in this collaborative will leverage their existing resources and expertise to develop and implement training for a cohort of youth (ages 16-24) around participatory action research, civic engagement from an environmental justice lens, community service, environmental stewardship, leadership, life skills training and workforce development.</p>	<p>Health Department, Sustainability, Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>
<p><b>4.3 Support a community-owned and operated biochar facility in the Northern Green Zone.</b> Conduct a feasibility study on the business case and employment potential. Leverage financing through efforts like GoFundMe to support the business. Review work initiated by UMN students in 2019.</p>	<p>Health Department, Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2021—2022</p>



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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>4.4 Support “Black and Green” businesses (“green” businesses that are BIPOC-owned.)</b>            1) Develop a model for businesses ownership of buildings along commercial corridors to support stability and community wealth creation.            2) Create a directory of green businesses in the Northern Green Zone.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development – Business Development</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>
<p><b>4.5 Ensure that any “green” jobs procured or generated from recommendations in the Northern Green Zone Work Plan benefit the members of the community where the jobs are located.</b></p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020—2024</p>
<p><b>4.6 Use existing workforce goals of GZ task force to explore the possibility of a green job training facility at the Upper Harbor Terminal as site.</b> Collaborate with UHT Team.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>
<p><b>4.7 Make green jobs for people of color more visible.</b> Host a green job fair or similar event in the Northern Green Zone to showcase renewable jobs. Advertise n the media. Increase awareness of the Green Zones, green enterprise and green infrastructure.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>4.8 Create career pathways to renewable energy, energy efficiency and construction</b>, from internships to apprenticeships to journeymen to management and business ownership. Model pathways programs after existing efforts in Public Works, Police and Fire.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development            Health Department</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>
<p><b>4.9 Work with those who are supporting local workforce training opportunities for Northern Green Zone residents.</b> Utilize the 1200 Plymouth Ave Workforce Training Center to bring training and clean energy jobs to North Minneapolis. Connect with the City’s goal for 100% Renewable Electricity, Upper Harbor Terminal energy efforts, and overall building resilience in the North Minneapolis community.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>
<p><b>4.10 Support programs for out-of-work employees from closed industrial and fossil fuel facilities.</b> Provide training in green jobs and set up a cycle of opportunity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) close polluting facility</li> <li>2) workforce training for dislocated workers</li> <li>3) green job pathways</li> <li>4) careers in green construction/housing, solar and energy efficiency, or other career that advances Green Zone goals.</li> </ol>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>
<p><b>4.11 Advance a Green New Deal for Minneapolis.</b> Create system maps of stakeholders for the City of Minneapolis, Northern Green Zone and Southside Green Zone. Determine who would operationalize the Green New Deal.</p>	<p>Sustainability Division            Health Department</p>	<p>2020—2021</p>

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p>4.12 With the collaboration of Green Zones members, provide specific policy directives and response to assessments of the Minneapolis Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Workforce Assessment. As decisions are made regarding or impacting the green workforce, remain transparent by providing quarterly updates to Green Zone Task Force.</p>	<p>Sustainability Division            Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p>4.13 Advance opportunities in the Northern Green Zone as City leadership engages with our energy providers through the Clean Energy Partnership <a href="#">work plan</a>, <i>WD.1: Improve Equitable Access to Clean Energy Jobs</i>. Work with Xcel Energy to identify ways to obtain training and improve access to high quality local jobs for Northern Green Zone residents. See Xcel’s vision of diversity and <a href="#">corporate diversity policy</a>, including a Council for Diversity And Inclusion</p>	<p>Sustainability Division            Community Planning and Economic Development            Clean Energy Partnership (Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy)</p>	<p>2020—            2021</p>
<p>4.14 Include energy workforce development for the Northern Green Zone in the City’s blueprint under the <a href="#">100% Renewable Electricity Resolution</a>.</p>	<p>Sustainability Division            Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2021—            2022</p>

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
4.15 Work with McKinley Neighborhood Association to establish broader Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs)	Community Planning and Economic Development  Sustainability Division	2021— 2022
4.16 Support a Community Center garden program that provides job training and pathways opportunities for youth and families.	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	2020— 2021

# HOUSING

Adopted Goals:

5) Increase the availability of affordable housing and environmentally high-quality housing

## Goal #5

Increase the availability of affordable housing and environmentally high-quality housing

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<b>5.1 Partner with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Housing</b>	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020-2021
<b>5.2 Establish a long-term housing clinic in the Northern Green Zone.</b> Support the Northside Housing Collaborative in their endeavors to open up a Tenant Resource Center starting in January 2020 at leased space on the first floor of the Minneapolis Urban League. Ensure that lease literacy and legal clinics are available free-of-charge.	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020
<b>5.3 Remove the limitation on the number of unrelated adults in a unit.</b> Support the Planning Commission’s recommendation to eliminate maximum occupancy requirements in the zoning code. The proposal is to rely solely on the housing maintenance code to determine maximum occupancy and no longer have the City need to be concerned with the relatedness of people.	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020
<b>5.4 Support the City of Minneapolis study on rent stability/controls.</b> Ensure that the outcome fosters success for both building owners and dwellers and supports renters to be able to stay in their community.	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020



## Goal #5

Increase the availability of affordable housing and environmentally high-quality housing

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>5.5 Develop a localized definition of “affordability” for housing.</b> Identify the area median income (AMI) for the Northern Green Zone and use that to estimate the equivalent affordability level for the metro area AMI (used by federal, state and local funding sources). Ensure that 85% of housing is built for the Northern Green Zone equivalent AMI.</p>	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020-2021
<p><b>5.6 Partner with Minneapolis Urban League, African Family Development Network and other groups who host Homestretch to provide the course or related home-buyer education programs in North Minneapolis.</b> Additionally, create a playbook for home ownership (because affordable housing needn't stop at renting)</p>	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020-2021
<p><b>5.7 Support alternative models for promoting the affordability and ownership of housing including, cooperative housing, community land trusts, etc. in the Northern Green Zone to stabilize community.</b></p>	Community Planning and Economic Development—Housing	2020-2021
<p><b>5.8 Require rental license inspection include lead testing prior to issuing a rental license.</b> If lead is found, property owner may not rent to a family with children under 10 unless the lead is remediated. Includes testing for lead in water. Provide resources for property owners to remediate lead and/or replace lead pipes.</p>	Regulatory Services	2020-2021

## Goal #5

Increase the availability of affordable housing and environmentally high-quality housing

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>5.9 Research unlawful detainers and retaliatory evictions outside of the 90-day window following lead remediation or other health and safety complaint.</b> Create mechanisms to penalize property owners for retaliatory actions that jeopardize housing stability.</p>	<p>Regulatory Services Attorney's Office</p>	<p>2020- 2021</p>
<p><b>5.10 Advance proposals to pay utilities on an income-based sliding scale.</b> Research Philadelphia's model.</p>	<p>Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2021- 2022</p>
<p><b>5.11 Invest in the preservation and rehab of "older", well-built housing that is often "naturally" occurring affordable housing (NOAH).</b> Partner with organizations like MICAH, Habitat for Humanity, PPL, Urban League, etc.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development— Housing</p>	<p>2020- 2021</p>
<p><b>5.12 Carbon Zero Homes / Sustainable Housing / Healthy housing.</b> Create a Sustainable Building Policy for all new housing development that includes requirements for solar panels or other renewable energy options and a ban on the use of harmful building materials.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p><b>5.13 Support the "Intentional Community Cluster Development" ordinance proposed by the Minneapolis City Council which allows for tiny house clusters of very low-cost housing.</b></p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	<p>2020- 2021</p>

## Goal #5

Increase the availability of affordable housing and environmentally high-quality housing

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
5.14 Create a Northern Green Zone Master Plan for development sites for affordable housing and community development.	Community Planning and Economic Development	2021-2022
5.15 Landlords conflict of interest: Create a recusal retainer for rental property-owning City Council members and State Legislators on all housing policy matters.	Attorney's Office	2021-2022

## HEALTHY SOILS & FOOD ACCESS

Adopted Goals:

6) Increase access to healthy affordable food by supporting local systems of growing, production and distribution.

## Goal #6

Increase access to healthy affordable food by supporting local systems of growing, production and distribution

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
6.1 Align goals and partner with the Minneapolis Homegrown Food Policy Council.	Minneapolis Health Department – Homegrown Minneapolis	2020
<p>6.2 Provide funding to promote, market and support plant-based businesses in the Northern Green Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer free community classes that incorporate both the benefits of plant-based diets and the instruction of how to cook them.</li> <li>• Offer free plant-based cooking demos at community events such as, Urban League Family Day, etc. on the Northside</li> <li>• Support the continuation of the Trill List plant-based food business newsletter and Facebook page started by Coco and Lala in 2019 using 2019 Northern Green Zone funds.</li> <li>• Utilize Northside plant-based food businesses at Green Zone meetings, city meetings, and city events (indoors and outdoors).</li> </ul>	<p>Partners: Appetite for Change Coco and Lala / Trill List Minneapolis Health Department UROC</p>	2020-2021
6.3 Advance regenerative and transformative agriculture and environment by supporting 2019 House File 2738 “Headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program established, and money appropriated” in the City’s legislative agenda.	Intergovernmental Relations	2020
6.4 Provide open access to community and individual gardens in parks with resources in the parks for gardeners.	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	2020-2021

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
6.5 Protect land for the purposes of encouraging neighborhood gardens/farms and food sources within the city.	Community Planning and Economic Development	2020-2021
6.6 Boulevard gardens: Study the potential yield and safety implications for planting of edible gardens on boulevards. Include potential for sale or donation of surplus produce.  Implement a boulevard garden ordinance change pilot program in the Northside Green Zone.	Partners: City Council Ward 1  Health Department— Homegrown Minneapolis	2020-2021
6.7 Revisit the Staple Foods Ordinance and consider optimal pathways to ensure healthy food access to residents that does not burden local businesses and/or increase cost of healthy foods for residents. There aren't many organic healthy food opportunities in North Minneapolis. Implement organic food opportunities/gardens that citizens can use.	Minneapolis Health Department	2021-2022
6.8 Support a Farm-to-Market program on the Lowry Business corridor in partnership with McKinley community.	Partners: Northside Fresh Health Department Community Planning and Economic Development	2021



## Goal #6

Increase access to healthy affordable food by supporting local systems of growing, production and distribution

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
6.9 Create a simple permitting process for year-round or year-extending growing structures such as hoop-houses, greenhouses and walipinis.	Community Planning and Economic Development	2020-2021
6.10 Support a Food Hub at the Upper Harbor Terminal.	Community Planning and Economic Development	2020–2022
6.11 Support Commercial Kitchens. Research challenges or barriers and identify solutions to ensure success.	University of Minnesota	2021-2022
<p><b>6.12 Advance soil clean up and urban farming at Basset Creek/Irving Avenue Superfund site in Harrison neighborhood in conjunction with planning and development goals for the area.</b> The Bassett Creek Valley/Irving Ave site is owned by the city (Public Works). Years of planning for the redevelopment of this area include the Bassett Creek Valley Master Plan, the establishment of the Bassett Creek Valley Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC), shrinking of the Impound Lot, and the Van White Station Area Plan.</p> <p>Action Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remediate the soil, and grow crops.</li> <li>• Get funding for clean-up and development.</li> <li>• Contact MN Brownfields to assess the site and lead a four-part training series.</li> <li>• Learn to grow, farm, sell and sequester carbon through crop rotation.</li> </ul>	<p>Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board</p> <p>Public Works</p> <p>Community Planning and Economic Development</p>	2020–2021

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION and COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

## Adopted Goals:

- 7) Advance environmental awareness and education in community and schools
- 8) Organize community to develop ecological consciousness and foster a healthy future for the earth and the people

ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION and  
COMMUNITY  
EMPOWERMENT

Goal #7

Advance  
environmental  
awareness  
and education  
in community  
and schools

Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
7.1 Resource the Northern Green Zone Task Force to create a Northern Green Zone mini-documentary with the footage D.A. Bullock took in 2019. Showcase on PBS/Twin Cities Public Television.	Sustainability Division	2020
7.2 Work with partners like the UMN and apply for grants to advance climate awareness and education on renewable energy, such as participation in community solar projects.	Sustainability Division	2020-2021

## Goal #8

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Actions	Responsible Agency	Timeline
<p><b>8.1 Resource the Northern Green Zone Task Force to develop podcasts to give the community information about the North Green Zone concerns by interviewing individuals involved in environmental issues.</b></p>	<p>Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p><b>8.2 Resource the Northern Green Zone Task Force to host a Climate Justice Community Event to inform residents of North and Northeast Minneapolis about environmental issues and the work of the North Green Zone.</b> In 2019, the Northern Green Zone Task Force partnered with Northside Climate Reality Project for a highly attended event at North High. The event included local artists, environmental groups, neighborhood groups, politicians, religious organization, Upper Harbor Terminal stakeholders, Juxtaposition Arts, SPERO Academy, and more.</p>	<p>Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2020-2024 (annual)</p>

# COMMUNITY HEALING AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

## Adopted Goals:

- 9) Foster community healing from historical trauma and root shock, using community-based approaches to healing and health
- 10) Stop the patterns of community violence and cradle-to-prison pipeline with which it is associated

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<p>9.1 Create a Trauma Response Team of “second-responders” that reaches out to individuals, families and neighbors impacted by violence in the Northern Green Zone and provides them resources and personalized support to heal and recover.</p>	<p>Northern Green Zone Task Force and Partners</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>9.2 Offer Intergenerational Healing Circles to bring together youth and elders to address intergenerational trauma.</p>	<p>Northern Green Zone Task Force and Partners</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>9.3 Acknowledge the PTSD of community related to racial trauma. Create a timeline of actions that created the current racial inequities and injustices. Juxtapose that timeline with a timeline of historic contributions of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).</p>	<p>Division of Race and Equity, or Civil Rights Department</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>9.4 Support the federal House of Representatives 2019 Bill #40 to create a “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act” by adding it to the City’s legislative agenda. When the bill is adopted and the Commission develops recommendations for reparations, adopt their recommendations in the City of Minneapolis.</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Relations</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>9.5 Create a compiled list of partners around community healing and violence prevention that can be referenced (e.g., Mad Dads, a Mothers Love, etc.)</p>	<p>Office of Violence Prevention Division of Race and</p>	<p>2020</p>



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<p>9.6 Develop a grounding statement that is read at the beginning of every meeting to recognize the people whose land we occupy and the trauma of the people stolen from their lands. The statement should include solutions and reparations.</p>	<p>Northern Green Zone Task Force</p>	<p>2020</p>
<p>9.7 Identify how the City can support our treaties with Native American tribes</p>	<p>Attorney’s Office</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>9.8 Work with stakeholders and Native Nations to create EJ partnership that fosters a common platform, using MN Environmental screen</p>	<p>Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>9.9 Emergency preparedness: Help Northern Green Zone residents cope with future problems related to climate change.</p>	<p>Sustainability Division</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>Action Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop emergency preparedness strategies to implement what the community learned after the Northside tornado.</li> <li>• Create a city fund for displacement prevention that includes support for renters and homeowners insurance so that disasters like the 2011 North Minneapolis tornado do not take everything residents have and leave them with no resources for recovery, rebuilding and replacement.</li> </ul>	<p>Minneapolis Health Department— Emergency Preparedness  Office of Emergency Management  Chief Resilience Officer</p>	

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<p>10.1 Support the Northside Promise Zone’s violence prevention work, including but not limited to organizing a coalition / strategy around summer violence prevention. Engage with youth violence prevention to address retaliation. Focus on individual needs and a tailored approach.</p>	<p>Minneapolis Promise Zone and Office of Violence Prevention</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>10.2 Identify funding to pay for women’s security systems. Coordinate with the Office of Violence Prevention.</p>	<p>Office of Violence Prevention</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>10.3 Further decriminalize marijuana possession (currently petty misdemeanor). Release community residents from prison and commute sentences, including probations, for minor offenses that are no longer illegal.</p>	<p>City Attorney’s Office</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>10.4 Invest in communities and Black people who have been affected by the war on drugs to assist them in attending conferences or education around legal cannabis businesses as Minneapolis may soon be a place for legal cannabis and making sure those who have been targeted criminally get priority on investments, permits and opportunities to learn and build wealth in the green industry.</p>	<p>Community Planning and Economic Development City Attorney’s Office Civil Rights</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>
<p>10.5 Work with the City Council, Mayor and Chief of Police to evaluate Minneapolis Police Department practices on stops and searches based on smell of marijuana which disproportionately impact Black residents and residents of color.</p>	<p>Minneapolis Police Department</p>	<p>2020-2021</p>



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