

CITY OF SANTA FE

Building a Sustainable Santa Fe

Sustainability Program

Update 10.5.2026

3 proven programs now work as one division

Water Conservation

Efficiency
Conservation planning
Leak enforcement
Watershed protection
Ordinances
Rebates
Public education

Sustainability

Climate action
Clean energy
Electric vehicles
Waste reduction
Food systems
Equity
Advocacy

Keep Santa Fe Beautiful

Beautification
Tree planting
Community murals
Volunteer engagement
Litter Clean Ups
Pollinator gardens
School education

Integration turns separate programs into shared outcomes

Water + Energy

Conservation lowers both water use and energy demand.

Mobility + Health

Cleaner travel improves air quality and public health.

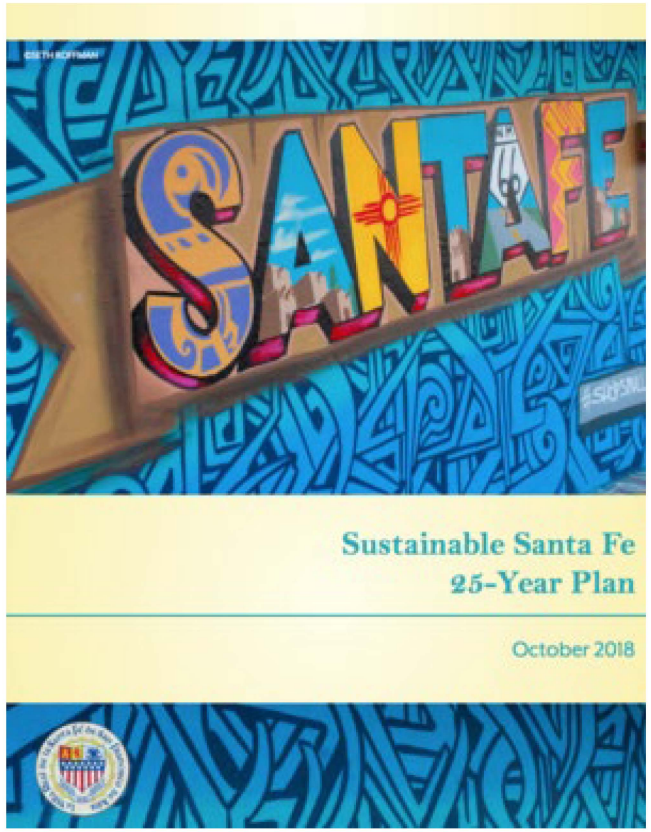
Nature + Resilience

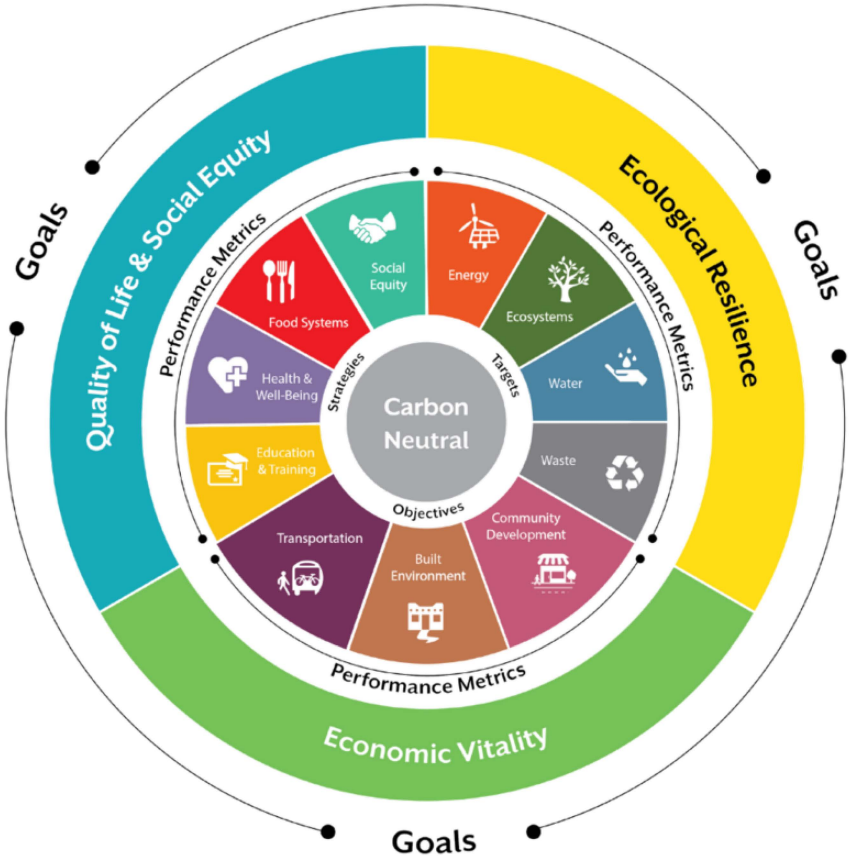
Trees and green infrastructure cool neighborhoods and manage stormwater.

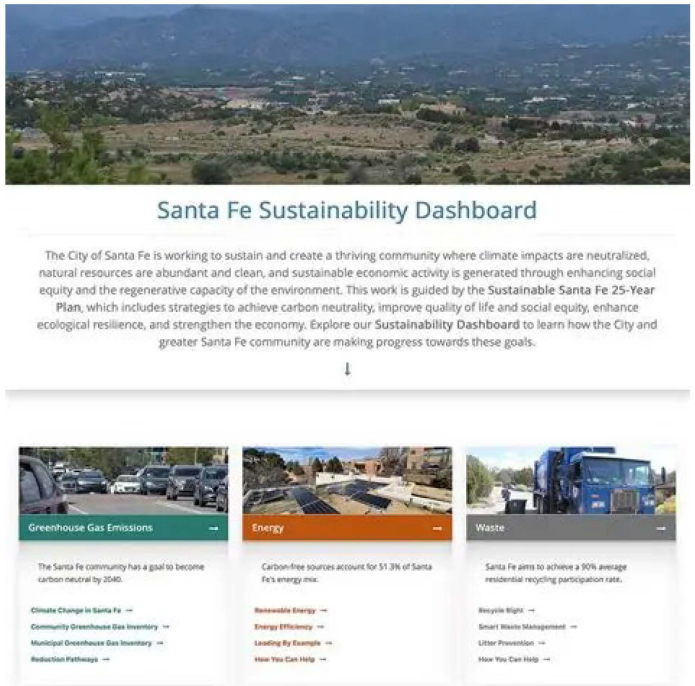
Engagement + Capacity

Resident participation strengthens implementation and resilience.

25 Year Sustainability Plan – Carbon Neutral 2040







Our Strategic Framework

Sustainability is organized around seven interconnected systems

- Energy Systems
- Water Systems
- Transportation Systems
- Nature-Based Solutions
- Circular Economy & Waste
- Equity & Environmental Justice
- Food Systems

Each system advances

- Climate Mitigation
- Climate Resilience
- Climate Adaptation
- Education & Outreach
- Policy Development
- Performance Metrics

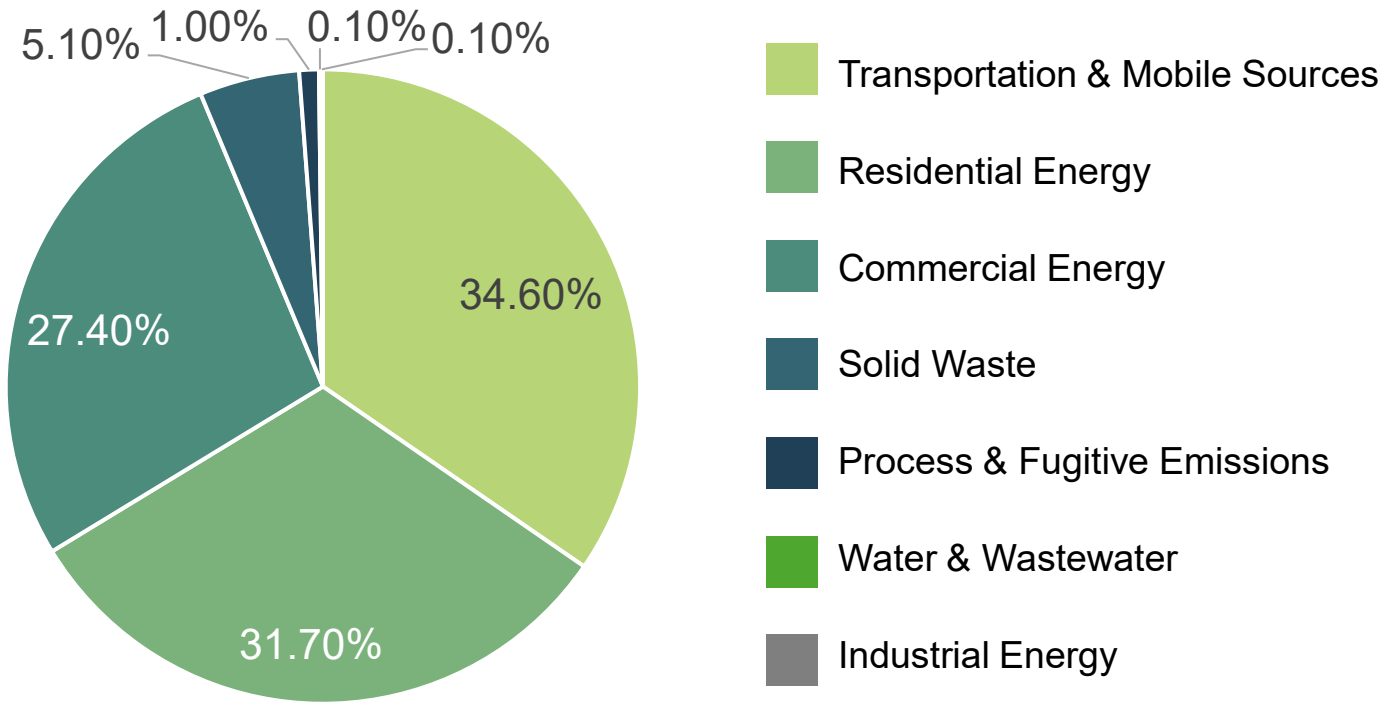
Emissions at a glance

1. **Transportation**
   34.6%

2. **Residential Energy**
   31.7%

3. **Commercial Energy**
   27.4%

Community-Wide Emissions by Sector



Energy: accelerate the shift to clean, resilient power

Current Focus

Municipal and community solar

Building retrofits and electrification

Renewable energy procurement

Storage, microgrids and cooling centers



Measure Progress

Energy use

Renewable generation

Cost reduction

Greenhouse gas reductions

Energy: energy equity nexus

Current Projects

Community Energy Efficiency Development (CEED)

Community Solar

Energy efficiencies for low-income homes

Action Ready - Heat Pumps

Rebates

Policy & Code (Panel & Plug In Solar)

Partners

EMNRD – ECAM, Homewise

Coalition for Sustainable Communities NM (CSCNM)

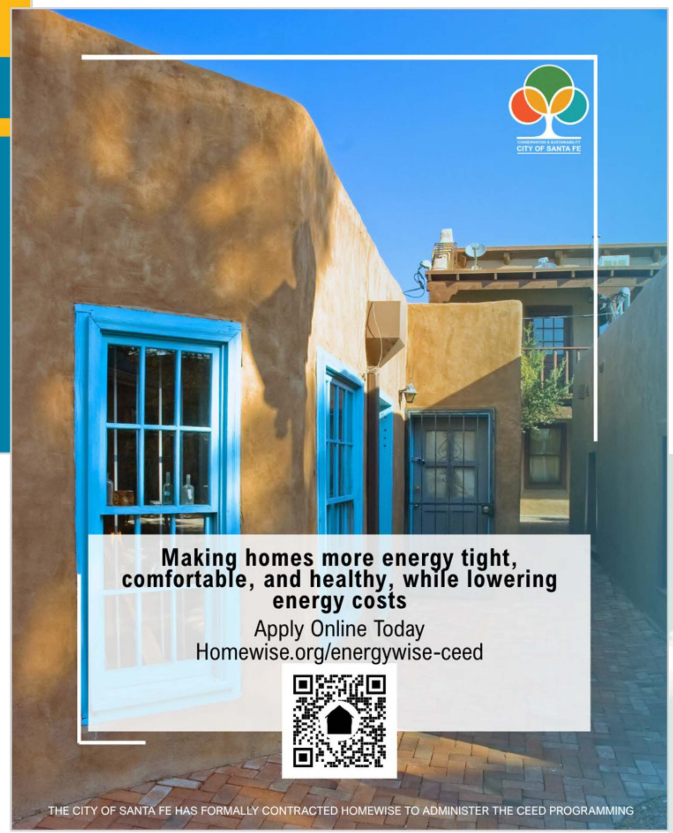
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Kim Lundgren & Associates (KLA)

PNM, ECAM

CSCNM, REIA, PLU


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Transportation: make low-carbon mobility safe and practical

Current Focus

EV charging and fleet electrification

Transit, bicycling and walkability

Complete Streets

Heat-resilient infrastructure



Measure Progress

EV infrastructure and adoption, reduction in fuel emissions

Transit ridership

Bicycle mode share

Fleet conversion

Transportation: make low-carbon mobility safe and practical

Current Projects

EV charging infrastructure

Fleet electrification

Clean Fuel Program & Rebates

Resolution revision > ordinance

Partners

ChargePoint, MPO, PlugShare, PNM, MDA

Fleet, Transit

EMNRD, NMED, PNM

PLU, MPO





Circular economy: design waste out of the system

Priorities

Remember Your Bag Campaign

Composting and food/tree diversion

Recycling and repair cafés

Sustainable purchasing

Construction material recovery

Revised ordinance, code

Grants, policy

Measure progress

Plastic bag reduction, higher remittance dollars

Diversion rate increase, organics recovery

Recycling & repair participation

Purchasing policy

Materials kept in use, diversion

New ordinance plastic bag/composting

NMED, USDA, RAID funding, EPR

Meet Dolores



Gunnison's Prairie Dog • Devoted Mother

Role

City of Santa Fe environmental education mascot

Personality

Practical, warm, a little witty, fiercely prepared

Signature Prop

A reusable tote bag she never leaves home without

Family

Two kits (children), introduced in future campaign chapters

Food systems: strengthen access, soil and local production

Priorities

Urban agriculture, community gardens,

Building Integrated Agriculture (BIA)

Local procurement and food security

Compost use and soil health

Pollinator habitat and education

Measure progress

Local food production, revised ordinance,

BIA implementation Midtown

Food Security Plan Updated, Food Access Mapping

Food waste reduction

Healthy soil and habitat development

Santa Fe Food Policy Council

Farm to Table

Santa Fe Farmers Market

City of Santa Fe Economic Development





National League of Cities — Cities Strong Together

City of Santa Fe Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency

Reunity Resources

Kitchen Angels — Food is Love · We Deliver Both

Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute

The Food Depot

Water: protect Santa Fe's most valuable natural resource

Priorities

Conservation, leak detection and rebates

Reuse, recharge and rainwater harvesting

Green infrastructure

Watershed restoration and drought planning

Water energy nexus

Public education

Measure progress

Water use per capita

Leak reduction

Reuse and recharge

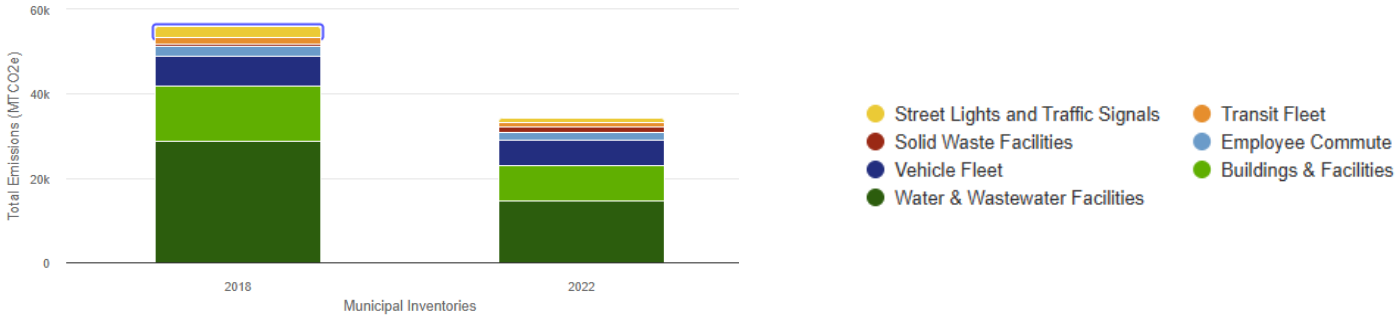
Watershed health

Reduction in energy use in City water systems

Student reach, outreach events

ERG

PLUMMER



Nature-based solutions make neighborhoods cooler and healthier

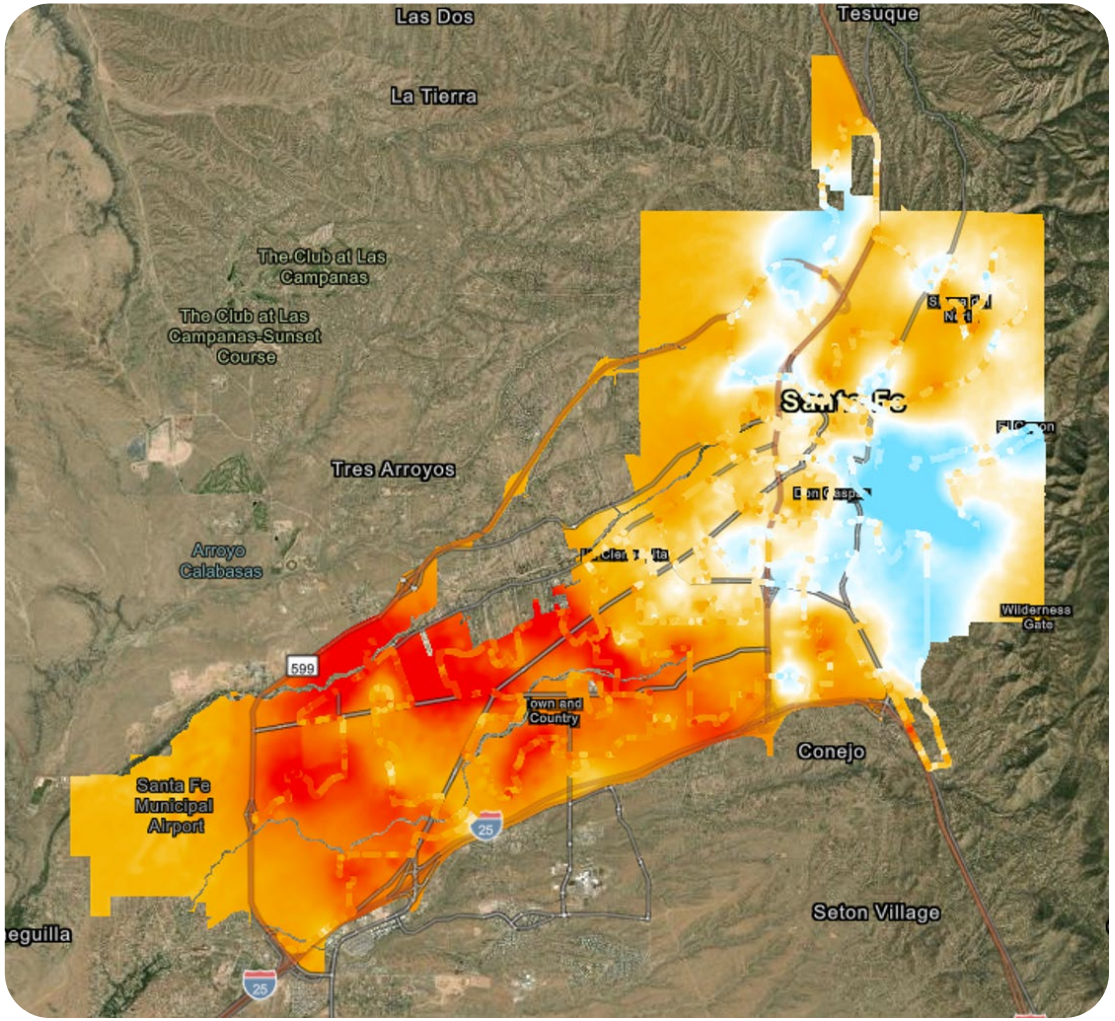
Focus Areas

Urban forestry and riparian restoration

Bioswales, rain gardens and green roofs

Pollinator habitat and biodiversity

Climate-adapted landscapes



Measure Progress

Tree canopy

Restored habitat

Green infrastructure

Urban heat reduction

Code

Partners

KEEP Santa Fe BEAUTIFUL

save water SANTA FE

CITY OF SANTA FE PARKS & OPEN SPACE

climate smart communities initiative

CITY OF SANTA FE RIVER & WATERSHED

CITY OF SANTA FE PLANNING & LAND USE

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Equity ensures sustainability investments benefit every resident

Initiatives

Efficiency assistance and affordable clean energy

Resilience hubs and cooling centers

Tree planting, transit shelters, flood mitigation

Multilingual outreach and youth leadership

Measure progress

Equitable investment, green energy access

Participation and access

Neighborhood-level benefits

Community leadership

Policy leadership converts goals into durable change

Policy Portfolio

Building energy benchmarking

Renewable energy and EV readiness

Complete Streets and sustainable purchasing

Water conservation and urban forestry

Long-term Effect

Clear standards

Consistent investment

Accountable implementation

Community-wide transformation

Education turns city programs into collective action

Learn

School partnerships

Seasonal workshops

Youth education

Participate

Volunteer programs

Community events

Sustainability Summit

Track progress

Public dashboard

Awards and storytelling

Social, print, earned media



Measuring Success

Performance Indicators

Climate

- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Renewable energy
- Energy consumption

Resources

- Water use
- Waste diversion
- Recycling participation

Transportation

- EV infrastructure
- EV adoption (Fleet & external)
- Transit ridership
- Trails

Nature

- Tree canopy
- Habitat restoration
- Green infrastructure

Community

- Educational participation
- Volunteer hours
- Grants secured
- Equity outcomes

A public Sustainability Dashboard communicates progress over time.

U.S. Conference of Mayors: To Map the Carbon Neutrality 2040 Plan

Heathy and Sustainability Communities Grant

Updated Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Municipal
- City Wide

Develop City Wide Climate Action & Resilience Plan (CARP)

Partners

- ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability
- UC Boulder Capstone Project
- US Green Building Council
- KLA
- Facilities Department
- Hazard & Emergency Management

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