



CITY OF
TOPEKA



2022 TSAB Report

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Who we are

Resident Representatives

- Michaela Saunders, Co-Chair, 3rd term
- Eliot Kemper, Co-Chair, 1st term
- Leilani Grey, 2nd term
- Kelly Magerkurth, 1st term
- Mary Monzyk, 1st term began 2023
- Kevin Siek, 1st term
- Jay VanBlaricum, 1st term began 2023

As of March 2023, there are two vacancies

City Staff

- Sylvan Coles, Utilities, Water Pollution Control
- David Bevens, Public Works, Communications

Topeka Zoo

- Dennis Dinwiddie

The TSAB operates with the authority of 2.240.030 of the Topeka Municipal Code.



Review of Annual Report



The Sustainability Advisory Board would like to thank the following departments for providing us with information about their sustainability efforts:

- Public Works
- Forestry
- Utilities Water Pollution Control Division
- Shawnee County Waste Management

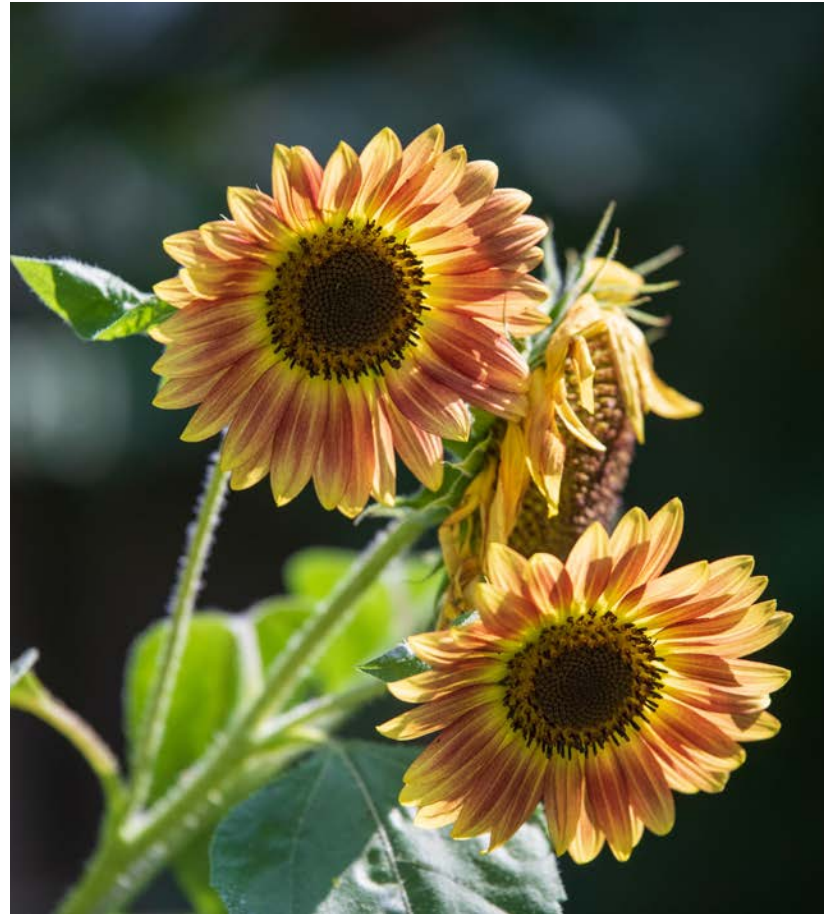


Success by the numbers

- 1 electric charging station is included in the Public Works capital improvement plan.
- 1 tree planted by the Forestry Department, during an Arbor Day commemoration on the Capitol grounds.
- 1 information booth hosted by TSAB regarding recycling compliance and composting at home.
- 3 hybrid patrol cars purchased
- 152 acres of farmland in the Topeka area received fertilizer from the biosolids program. The program is on pace to serve 500 acres in 2023.
- 1,121 trees trimmed by the Forestry Department
- 7,389 tons of recycling processed January to October 2022

- 8,386 customers served by the Shawnee County Hazardous Waste Facility during the fiscal year ending July 2022. Included in disposal was 121,738 lbs of Latex paint. Of that, 6,500 gallons was recycled for reuse.
- 73,425 tons of yard waste was kept out of the landfill through the Garick partnership.
- Street crews use recycled asphalt millings for alleyways.
- Road brick on new mill and overlay projects were saved and re-purposed on brick street repair efforts.
- Red and Green traffic lights throughout the city are transitioning to LED. This project will be completed in 2023.
- The City of Topeka and Topeka Zoo collaboration to paint storm drain covers reached 100 installed in February 2023. TSAB members have been among the volunteer painters.

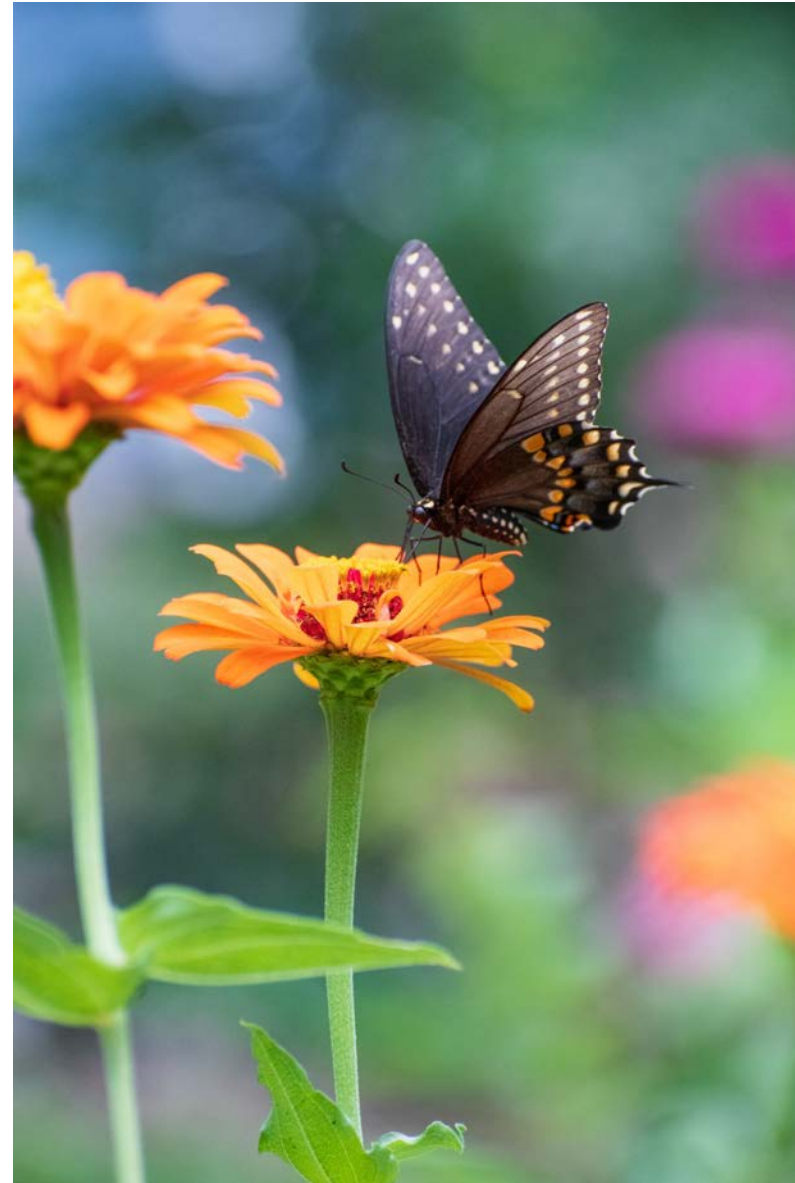


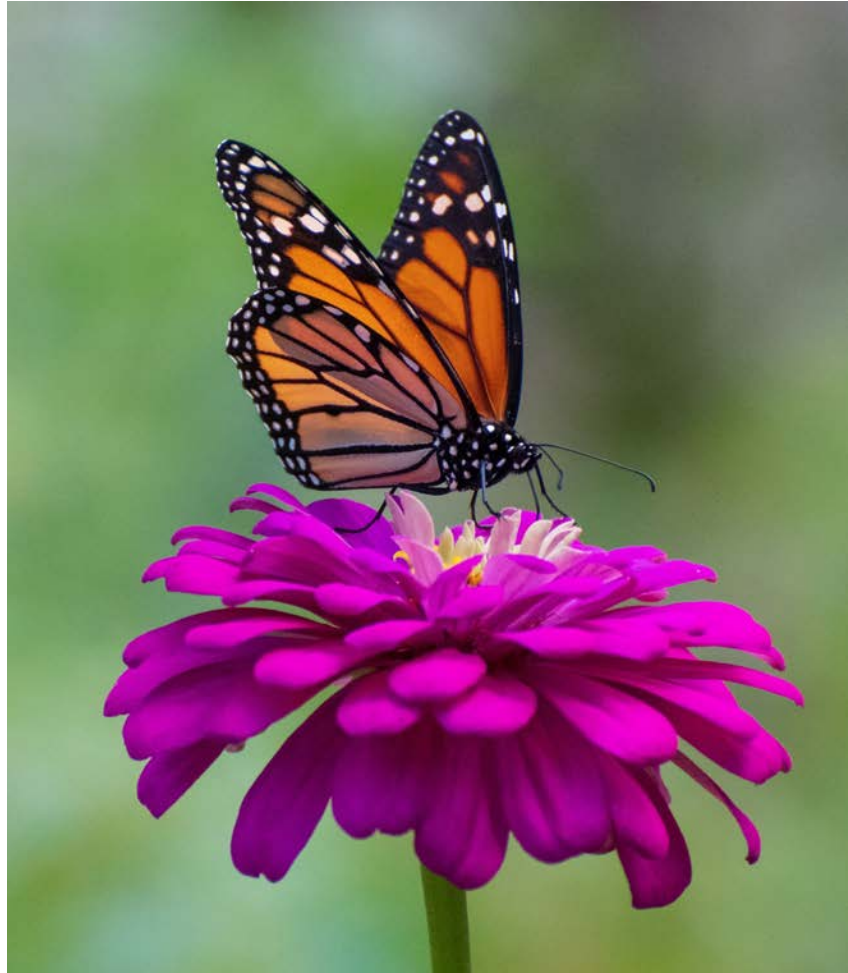


1. Prioritize sustainability by creating a staff position that is full-time and fully-funded. This position will play a key role in the city's sustainable future and remains our top priority. This role would include advocacy related to legislation promoting a sustainable future, and other actions addressing food deserts, housing affordability, and climate justice.

Recommendations

2. Collaborate with city staff and council on gradual adoption of a Triple Bottom Line approach to decision-making that will increase considerations of impacts to the environmental commons: Land, air, water, and food access.





3. Increase promotion efforts and celebrate the important work City of Topeka departments are doing right now to support a sustainable future. Examples include storm drain painting, methane capture upgrades, the award-winning biosolids program and partnership with local farmers, and use of native plants in storm water control efforts.

Questions?



Photos contributed by TSAB member Kelly Magerkurth

