

From the Carbondale Sustainability Commission: Survey of residents to help inform the development of a Sustainability Action Plan for Carbondale:

Climate change is expected to affect Carbondale with more flash flooding, more drought, and warmer nights. Inspired by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2018 report and their call to **reduce greenhouse gases** and address **climate change impacts** already underway, the City of Carbondale's Sustainability Commission is developing a Sustainability Action Plan for Carbondale. The goal of this plan is to lay out steps for lowering Carbondale's carbon footprint and promoting a resilient, just, and equitable community.

Right now, the Sustainability Commission is focusing on **energy, transportation, food, water, and waste reduction**. This survey is a first step in gathering input from Carbondale's residents: Share your ideas for areas of sustainability to work on and specific actions that Carbondale –its public institutions, businesses, and residents—might take to increase resiliency.

Here are the areas for forwarding our sustainability, along with a few examples.

- **Energy** use in built infrastructure (increased renewable energy, reduction of energy consumption, weatherization of older buildings)
- Energy use in **transportation** (electric cars and charging stations; mass transit, bicycling, walking)
- **Water** use and green infrastructure to prevent flooding and contamination (reduce consumption, reduce runoff, improve storm sewers)
- **Food** production and consumption (increase local sources; reduce food waste)
- **Waste reduction** (reduce single-use plastics; increase paper/glass recycling; initiate composting in backyards and in a city-run facility)

Please share your ideas, concerns, and comments on these or other aspects of sustainability and resilience:

Survey responses may be dropped off at City Hall or submitted by email to sustainability@explorecarbondale.com.