

# GOVERNANCE

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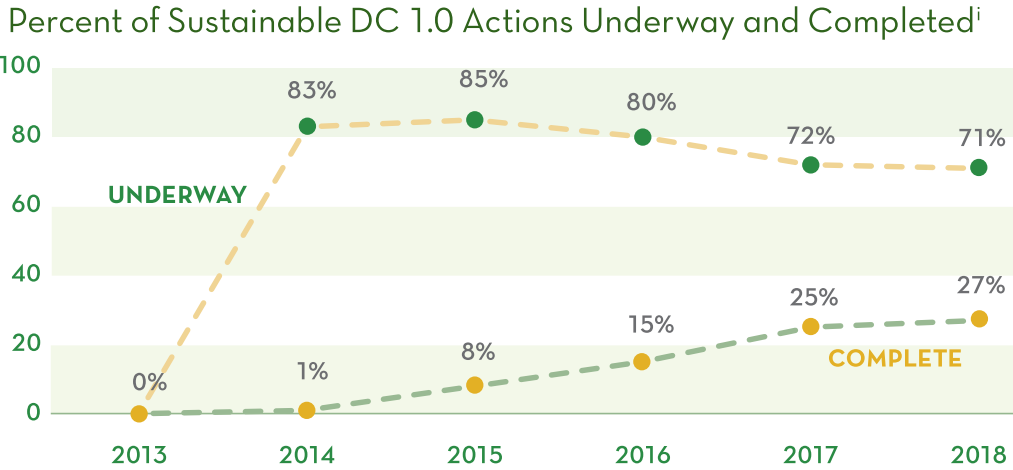


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Implementing Sustainable DC 2.0's 167 actions and 36 targets will require commitment and perseverance from the District Government. However, how the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan is implemented is equally important to making good progress.

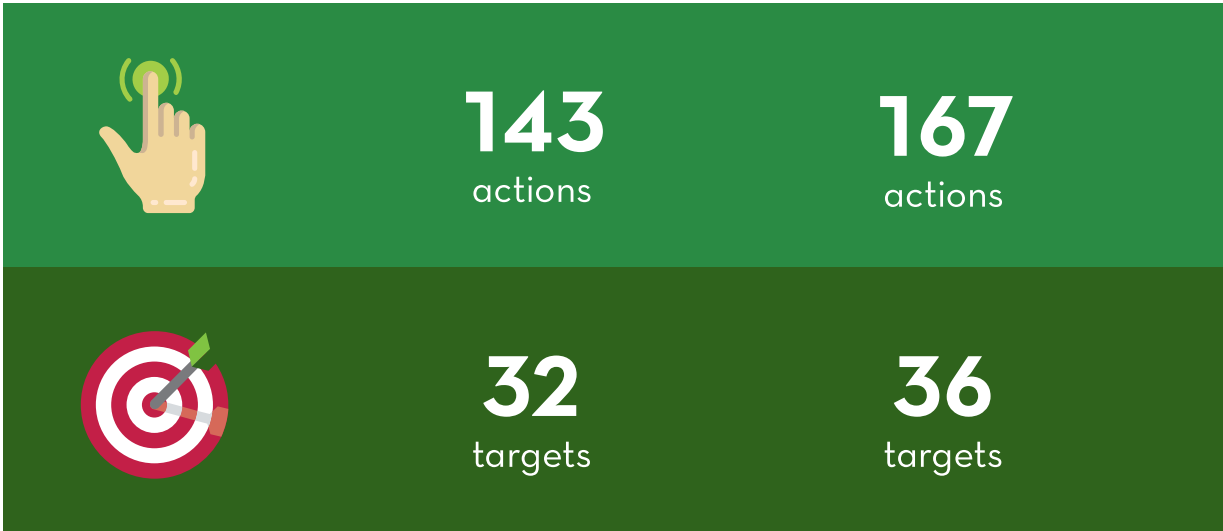
The District Government has assigned a core team of four employees who coordinate the work of more than 25 agencies implementing the plan. For the past five years, the District Government has released a report detailing the progress made in implementing each of the original Sustainable DC's 143 actions. The Sustainable DC Ambassador and Sustainable DC Volunteer programs were launched to help residents learn more about sustainability and connect them to hands-on sustainability programs. Some of the largest land and building owners were organized into sector pledges—universities, international institutions, healthcare providers, and businesses—to increase their sustainability. Still, much more work needs to be done to ensure that the next 15 years of implementation continue with a renewed focus on Sustainable DC's role in making the District of Columbia more equitable and relevant to the entire community.





**Sustainable DC 1.0  
(2013)**

**Sustainable DC 2.0  
(2018)**





## GOAL 1

Expand District Government leadership to implement the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan.

### GV1.1

Dedicate District Government staff and funding to implement the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan, track progress, and make results publicly available.

The District Government has invested in sustainability with employees focusing on sustainability in many agencies and a core Sustainable DC team of four full-time people at the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and the Office of Planning (OP). The core Sustainable DC team has developed a set of 11 primary indicators (one per plan section) and five secondary indicators that it reports on in the annual progress report. An online dashboard will be developed and published by 2020.

#### TIMEFRAME

Ongoing annually

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP



## TARGET 1

Implement 100% of the Sustainable DC actions by 2032.

### GV1.2

Strengthen the existing process to collect, analyze, and report data to make progress towards goals and targets by prescribed dates.

Each year, the Sustainable DC team will coordinate with each of the agencies responsible for implementing the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan for a status update on each of the actions. Using this information, the team will continue to put out an easy-to-read annual progress report every Earth Day consisting of updates on each plan section, an implementation rating for each action, and a detailed status update for each action.

#### TIMEFRAME

Ongoing annually

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP



## TARGET 1 BASELINE

0%

### GV1.3

Identify existing laws, regulations, and policies that conflict with sustainability goals and areas where new authority is required.

As a result of past analysis of existing laws, regulations, and policies, the District Government enacted two Sustainable DC omnibus packages of legislation in 2013 and 2014. Other major pieces of related legislation were also passed, including the Waste Management Modernization Amendment Act of 2014 and the Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016, and the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act of 2018, among many others. The Sustainable DC team has since done further analysis, which it will continue to do every other year, to put forth policy suggestions to remove barriers to, and enable innovations in sustainability.

#### TIMEFRAME

Ongoing

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP

### GV1.4

Expand sector-based sustainability partnerships and pledges to promote adoption of sustainable practices.

The Sustainable DC team has facilitated four sustainability pledges (universities, international institutions, businesses, and healthcare providers) to discuss best practices in sustainability, collect and analyze data, and connect participants to resources like technical assistance and financial assistance. The District Government will continue to facilitate these pledges as well as launch new pledges for sectors with strong opportunities for increased sustainability. New sectors might include faith-based organizations or a regional-level pledge in partnership with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG).

#### TIMEFRAME

Ongoing

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP

### GV1.5

Increase federal and regional collaboration by partnering with the federal government and regional council of governments.

About 29 percent of the District is controlled by the federal government and 55 buildings in the District are managed directly by the U.S. General Services Administration, making the federal government a critical partner on sustainability. The District Government will work closely with the National Capital Planning Commission, National Park Service, and U.S. General Services Administration to maximize opportunities for sustainability in federal buildings and on federal land. However, sustainability issues like transportation, water, air, and recycling are regional issues at their core. By continuing to work with the 24 jurisdictions that are part of the MWCOCG, the District Government will be able to tackle these difficult challenges.

#### TIMEFRAME

Ongoing annually

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP

#### PARTNERS

DCRA, DDOT, DMPED, EOM





### GV1.6

## Designate a sustainability lead in every District Government agency to coordinate efforts across government.

With over 25 District Government agencies involved in the implementation of Sustainable DC and an enormous opportunity for the District Government to lead by example, a designated point of contact at every District Government agency is critical. Designated agency sustainability leads assist in plan implementation and reporting, help identify and reduce barriers for increased sustainability in their agency, and provide guidance on new sustainability programs. DOEE will also convene agency sustainability leads quarterly to update agencies on plan implementation, train them on new sustainability programs, share opportunities for funding and additional training, and collaborate across agencies to better understand agency challenges and priorities related to sustainability.

#### TIMEFRAME

Short term

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP

### GV1.7

## Develop a citywide strategy for greening internal District Government operations to save money and improve environmental performance.

With 32,000 employees and more than 400 managed buildings, the District Government has an important opportunity—and responsibility—to operate as sustainably as possible. Based on greatest need, opportunity, and best practices from other city, country, and state governments, the District Government will develop a “Greening the District Government” strategy to increase its own sustainability. The strategy will analyze opportunities in energy and water efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable purchasing, green fleet, waste management, biophilia, landscaping, and broader interagency organizational change.

#### TIMEFRAME

Short term

#### LEAD

DOEE, OP

#### PARTNERS

DDOT, DGS, DPR, DPW, OCA, OCP

### GV1.8

## Ensure that all Sustainable DC 2.0 Plan actions promote population health to address health disparities.

Building a culture of health involves thinking beyond hospitals and clinics as the main sources of our wellbeing. To effectively address health disparities among populations, the District Government must focus on factors like education, employment, income, housing, transportation, the food environment, preventative medical care, the outdoor environment, and community safety. These factors are represented in many of the 167 actions across the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan. All District agencies tasked with actions in the Sustainable DC 2.0 plan will evaluate the potential impact of their actions on population health.

#### TIMEFRAME

Short term

#### LEAD

DC Health, OP

#### PARTNERS

DCPS, DOEE

