

Environmental Policy and Innovation Commission Update

July 20, 2026



Long-Term Goals

To ensure clarity and accountability of long-term goals (as described in SAP), EPIC aims to deliver guidance and recommendations:

- Air Quality and Emissions Reduction
 - Anti-idling or emission reduction policy recommendations
 - Strategies for reducing exposure near schools and residential areas
- Urban Forestry and Green Infrastructure
 - Tree protection, replacement, or canopy expansion policy recommendations
 - Framework for integrating green infrastructure into development
- Community Education and Engagement
 - Citywide sustainability engagement strategy
 - Framework for school and community partnership's



2025 Accomplishments

- Committee to Commission
 - Created and Updated Bylaws
 - Created new work plan to align with Commerce City SAP
- Funded and supported the first-ever Lestor Arnold Community Garden
- Supported Cultivando's Ecofiesta
- Toured Republic Landfill
- Supported University of Colorado Boulder MENV Students in Tree Canopy project



2026 and Short-Term Goals

Engage with community, partners, and experts to support the following Key Actions.

- Finalize subcommittee assignments and policy priorities
- Conduct research and develop Problem Statements for each focus area
- Identify best practices and innovative approaches from peer cities

2026 Progress

- Community Dialog and Engagement
- Anti-idling support from the community
- Partnered with local artist to develop the first-ever EPIC superhero and the accompanying mini comic story
- Further supported the Lester Arnold Community Garden
 - Plans to expand to other areas
- Purchased and distributed Air Purifiers for those impacted by increased risk of air pollution within the City, completed in collaboration with CDPHE



2026 Progress

- Received presentations from:
 - PlanIT Geo Tree Canopy Survey
 - South Adams County Water and Sanitation District and E3
 - City's Attorney's Office
 - Rocky Mountain Arsenal Site Specific Advisory Board
 - Lestor Arnold Community Garden Representative
 - Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy EV Readiness Plan
 - Sand Creek Regional Greenway
- Upcoming Presentations:
 - U.S. Army at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 5-year review



Thank you, questions?