



2024 Environmental Agenda

Our city is growing. Let's set the standard for sustainable development.

Affordable housing means affordable now and 30 years from now. People need access to efficient, all-electric appliances, clean water, and safe building materials to combat energy poverty and improve health outcomes. Zoning guidelines must be updated to address the need for high and medium density housing.

Climate change is magnifying injustice in our city. Let's invest in neighborhoods most in need.

How residents experience social determinants of health are very different depending on where you live in Winston-Salem. We know that waste disposal, heat islands, air pollution, and transportation barriers disproportionately burden communities of color. We must address these disparities by equitably dispersing funding to close gaps in quality of life and public health outcomes.

A green economy is more possible now than ever. Let's create jobs that match the work that needs to be done.

North Carolina has seen billions of dollars of sustainability-sector investment over the past two years alone—from electric vehicle manufacturing to the rapid growth of solar energy. We need to meet this historic moment with a plan to create good paying jobs, recruit more businesses who value sustainability to our city, and make our community more resilient in every respect.

We need clean air and water. Let's protect these essential resources.

Recent flooding events and wildfires are evidence that the impacts of climate change are already felt in our community. The city can work with county and regional decision makers to invest in zero-emission transportation, improve stormwater management practices and better protect our watershed.

We have all the solutions we need. Let's collaborate to get it done.

We don't need to reinvent the wheel. By implementing data-backed models from other cities, Winston-Salem can save money, better protect public health, and grow our local economies. Elected officials must be responsive to the needs of the community, presently and for generations to come.