

SUSTAINABLE



A CBD that is sustainable every day and in every way.

In 2030:

We are a community where being sustainable is a normal part of **everyday living**.

As a sustainable CBD, our citizens and decision-makers **proactively** address key issues including transportation, development, energy and water use. Protection and restoration of our natural environment is integrated into every aspect of civic life, guiding our decisions and public policy.

All our citizens have **affordable access** to public resources such as public transportation, bike and pedestrian paths, community gardens and locally

grown healthy food. This access allows them, regardless of location and economic status, to choose environmentally sustainable lifestyles.

Our communities are **empowered** to create and innovate. Environmentally related businesses are encouraged to base themselves in our CBD. Local residents take part in pilot tests of new sustainable technologies. We have an education centre where people engage and share ideas about sustainability with local and international experts.



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OUTCOMES AND SUGGESTED INITIATIVES

The suggested initiatives listed below are ideas developed from Council and community engagement.



OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
<p>a. A commitment² to nature and the environment – from day-to-day living to long-term projects, we consider the environmental implications of the decisions we make</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate the principles of sustainability in whatever we do for our CBD • Develop partnerships with environmentally related organisations 	<p>Community, iwi, business, research and educational institutions</p>
<p>b. Promote sustainability in communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a small-scale education centre to actively promote sustainability as part of our everyday living • Produce and promote local products 	<p>Environmentally related businesses, community, iwi, educational institutions</p>
<p>c. Encourage sustainable energy usage in the CBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate energy efficient and environmentally friendly buildings and streets • Promote exploration and research into renewable energy sources • Investigate alternate energy uses in the CBD, e.g. small windmills and solar • Encourage better building designs 	<p>Research and development institutions, business, EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority), individual entrepreneurs, inventors, planners, Building Officials Institute of New Zealand (BOINZ)</p>
<p>d. Encourage sustainable water usage in the CBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and preserve our streams, river, aquifer and wetlands • Collect and recycle grey water • Manage stormwater and road run-offs 	<p>Department of Conservation, Greater Wellington, Ministry for the Environment, local iwi, community, business</p>
<p>e. Reduce waste generated in the CBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local businesses to reduce waste, e.g. refilling, bulk purchasing • Investigate a CBD-wide foodscrap collection for sustainable composting, e.g. central worm farm • Focus on reuse of products and packaging 	<p>Business, environmental organisations and community groups</p>

²Sustainable transport is covered in Theme 4 Connected and sustainable development is in Theme 6 Quality.

Note 2: The Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2009–2014 is a key step that Council has taken in adopting sustainability principles in practice.

"Vibrant small business, vibrant manufacturing and vibrant fruit gardens!"

"We need to keep our environment world-class with less pollution and careful guardianship of the reserves and green spaces that we already have"

"An active city!"

"Micro wind turbines could be a practical option"

"What is the future of the car? Our CBD is dominated by cars today, how much provision should we make for cars?"

"We need to encourage a reuse culture"

"Aim for zero carbon emissions for transport"