Environment

Short-Term Implementation with No Significant Resource or Policy Changes

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Program/Area	Opportunities	Timeframe	Required Resources/Policy Direction
Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA)	Improve sustainability of solid waste management.	The SWAAC is a new, standing advisory committee to the Board. It will provide semiannual updates to the Board, including policy proposals.	County staff participates with the Board-appointed Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC); City staff and other local experts are invited to attend. Individual policy proposals will include a thorough budgetary and environmental impact analysis and will describe resource requirements specific to each proposal.
		The efforts associated with supporting local composting programs are already underway and mid-term/long-term strategies will be explored.	UVA/City/County currently collaborating with RSWA to pilot a strategy to support a local compostable collection model. No additional resources are required for the near term strategy. The need for additional resources associated with longer term strategies are to be evaluated.
Joint Solid Waste Management Plan	Use this plan and team as mechanism to better coordinate solid waste-related initiatives.	Meetings can begin in the near term and, if effective, this process could be an ongoing effort.	Commit to meet on a regular basis (i.e., twice per year) to review and track work plan progress and opportunities. RSWA participation is requested. Required resources and policy direction are TBD.
Rivanna Conservation Alliance	Future projects in shared watersheds (depending on receipts of grant awards), expanded monitoring; higher level of sampling certification.	Collaboration with RCA occurs in an ongoing manner	City/County staff to engage with RCA as needed to implement projects (e.g., through membership on science advisory committee, contracts for discrete monitoring projects, education efforts, and volunteer activities) Requested FY18 City/County funding will support near-term needs.
Water Quality Compliance (aka TMDLs)	Establish a mechanism for jointly pursuing cost effective capital projects that generate pollutant reduction credits needed by each to meet compliance requirements.	In the near term, establish cost- share principles and an agreement for the first actual project. Subsequent agreements will be needed as opportunities present themselves and could become an ongoing process.	Staff time will be needed to 1) draft cost-share principles to guide partnering agreements for future projects; each joint project would require a custom agreement based on the principles and 2) finalize City/County agreement for sharing costs and credits for a specific near-term project at the Riverrun neighborhood and Pen Park. Internal resources are available to execute agreements. No locality funding beyond existing TMDL appropriations is required.

Local Climate Action Planning Process (LCAPP)	Review LCAPP Framework for collaboration opportunities. SolSmart Designation – both localities seeking to obtain certification as solar-friendly communities. The SolSmart program aims to reduce the soft costs of solar development.	Review of the LCAPP report is achievable in the near term. Pursuit of opportunities may require efforts over the mid to long term. The Solsmart technical advisor opportunity and pursuit of Solmart designation will be done in the next 6 months.	County/City/UVA staff to reconvene team and review and identify status and opportunities related to LCAPP Framework. SolSmart technical advisor has been assigned and is working with City and County to achieve SolSmart designation by end of FY17. Required resources and policy direction are TBD.
1998 Sustainability Accords	Review the Accords and the accompanying document published by the members of the Thomas Jefferson Sustainability Council (6 localities). Process led by the TJPDC.	Review of the Accords is achievable in the near term. Pursuit of opportunities may require efforts over the mid to long term.	Primary effort could begin with City/County staff coordinating a review of goals and objectives status and identification of collaboration opportunities. Required resources and policy direction are TBD.
Green Infrastructure Planning	Complete green infrastructure inventory project.	Current efforts involving technical assistance will be completed in the near term.	County and City to receive green infrastructure report from technical assistance consultant (grant funded) in early 2017. The County's Natural Heritage Committee will then use this to develop a biodiversity action plan. The City will be using the deliverables in several ways, including by the Tree Commission and several City departments.
	Long-Term Implementation that Req	uires Either Significant Resources	or Policy Changes
Better Business Challenge	Deliver round three of commercial sector-focused competition promoting sustainability. Previous challenge was conducted in FY14.	Running another round of the Challenge will occur in the mid to long term. Planning may be doable in a 6-month period. The Challeng itself has occurred over the period of a year.	Funding and technical assistance needed for future programming; level TBD. Program was previously delivered by a local nonprofit. County/City doesn't have staff to host this challenge in-house and would need external partner. Appropriate resources, as needed, to support lead organization, including technical assistance.
Green Infrastructure Planning	Continue pursuing topics such as parks, greenways, and trail connections and communication on those efforts.	A regional needs assessment is a much longer-term exercise. (Recommendations to address outcomes will include both short- and long- term strategies.)	Jointly develop a regional needs assessment for recreational and alternative transportation opportunities. Additional resources may be required for a regional needs assessment.
Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC)	Current goal is to keep the state sanctioned Commission in good standing until permanent resources are identified to grow the organization within its mission limits.	The funding decision is a near term issue (FY18) while continuation of RRBC would be an ongoing expectation.	FY17 funding requests made through the TJPDC were not approved by City and County; FY18 requests are being reviewed. City and County should work with other RRBC partners to determine long term needs and role of Commission.

I Rivanna River I	nmittee made a staged set of recommendations to City and County for peratively planning uses and preservation of the Rivanna River.	A decision in the near term is needed in order to proceed with the development of an updated joint Rivanna River Corridor Plan (2018); plan adoption (2019).	The TJPDC gave a presentation at a joint City/County Planning Commission
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