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## SETTING THE COURSE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

Enjoying a clean, healthy environment is a hallmark of Tallahassee's high quality of life. To ensure that this continues for future generations, the Tallahassee City Commission formally adopted the Clean Energy Resolution in February 2019.

In February 2020, they took two steps forward toward these sustainability goals, voting to reserve a portion of the solar energy output from Solar Farm 2 to serve all City buildings and moving forward with the implementation of the Energy Integrated Resource Planning (EIRP) process in conjunction with developing a community-wide Clean Energy Plan. These actions affirm the City's goal of moving the organization and community to 100 percent net renewable energy by 2050.

To guide these efforts internally, the City set milestone markers that touch on such things as increasing solar energy production, reducing greenhouse emissions and shifting StarMetro fixed route buses to 100 percent electric. Progress is well underway.

- The City's second commercial solar farm, a 40MW facility, became operational this year. February's landmark solar decision by the Commission directs approximately 21.2 million kilowatt hours, or roughly 26 percent, of the 80 million kilowatt hours available to meet the City's electric needs. The remaining solar energy output is available to

City utility customers who sign up for Tallahassee Solar, the City's solar subscription program.

- The Electric Utility continues to invest in enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of its infrastructure. It has already reduced emissions beyond the set goals for both the 2020 Paris Accord and the Kyoto Protocol, and it is on track to surpass the 2025 Paris Accord goal well before that time.
- StarMetro purchased 15 new, all-electric buses in 2019 as part of a partnership with Florida State University, making one-third of the City's daily bus fleet electric.

The Clean Energy Plan, which is in the initial stages of development, will create an actionable blueprint that will guide efforts through 2050. The plan will lay out how to approach the reinvention of our City's energy future.

From programs to aid residents like free energy audits to community partnerships like the Capital Area Sustainability Compact, the City's wide-ranging endeavors continue to reduce the community's dependence on fossil fuels, enhance sustainability and, ultimately, create a flourishing environment for future Tallahasseeans. Learn more about City operations and its many sustainability programs at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

### MEETINGS IN MAY

Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meetings and workshops.

Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information and view the current meeting agendas online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.

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## #TLHCanDo

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- Visit the **Prime Meridian Marker**
- Take a stroll down the **St. Marks Trail**
- Take time to **Check in with Friends** and loved ones
- Order takeout from one of our many local restaurants and have a **Picnic in the Park**
- Take a **Scenic Drive** down one of our world-famous canopy roads
- Take the **2020 Census**



## NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

The City of Tallahassee supports fair housing and recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. It is illegal to consider race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability in housing decisions. If you have been denied your housing rights, you may have experienced unlawful discrimination. For more information, please visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) or call 891-8290.



## MAKE IT COUNT

Data gathered from the 2020 Census will impact future funding allocations to our community's public resources, including schools, hospitals and transportation. Like voting, filling out the

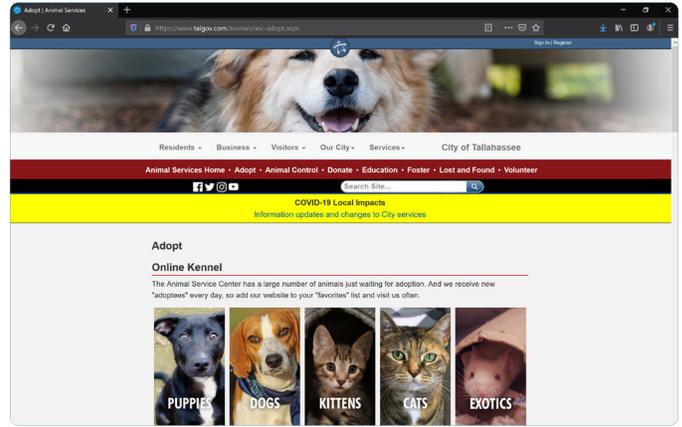
Census is part of our civic duty. Let's all make it count by completing the Census via mail, online or over the phone. The City of Tallahassee is committed to ensuring a successful outcome for the 2020 Census effort in our area. To learn about the Census, visit [Talgov.com/Census](http://Talgov.com/Census).



## FLUSHING FACTS

On average, the City of Tallahassee treats more than 5 billion gallons of wastewater each year, averaging about 16 million gallons per day. To get this

wastewater from your home to the treatment plant, the City operates and maintains about 1,050 miles of sewer lines. Our maintenance teams have a huge task that's vitally important to the health of our community and our natural environment. You can help keep the lines clear by only flushing toilet paper and ... well, you know.



## ONLINE SERVICES

Want to view pets available for adoption at the Animal Service Center? Interested in the City's budget? Need help with a Growth Management permit? Looking for a contact number for Code Enforcement? All this and much more is accessible via the City's website – [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). From information for vendors and applications for Citizens Advisory Boards to police statistics and park locations, [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) is your one-stop shop for City news and services.

*Sustainability Tip*

Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.



## WORK WITH US

For the City of Tallahassee's 3,000 employees, our city is our home. We take pride in keeping the community safe and beautiful while ensuring residents receive reliable, affordable services. Maintaining medians, clearing storm drains, repairing sidewalks - the details matter to us! The City is on a mission to be the national leader in the delivery of public services, which is only possible with a dedicated, caring workforce. If you love Tallahassee and are looking for a career with community impact, join our team. Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) to view open positions.

For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquires, please call 891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

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