

STAR's Goal Areas and Objectives

Built Environment: Achieve livability, choice, and access for all where people live, work, and play

Climate & Energy: Reduce climate impacts through adaptation and mitigation efforts and increase resource efficiency

Economy & Jobs: Create equitably shared prosperity and access to quality jobs

Education, Arts & Community: Empower vibrant, educated, connected, and diverse communities

Equity & Empowerment: Ensure equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity for all community members

Health & Safety: Strengthen communities to be healthy, resilient, and safe places for residents and businesses

Natural Systems: Protect and restore the natural resource base upon which life depends

An eighth category, **Innovation & Process**, supports the evolution of sustainability practice by recognizing best practices and processes, exemplary performance, local innovation, and good governance.

Each of the rating system's 7 goal areas is supported by 6-7 Objectives. Objectives are the clear and desired achievement intended to move the community toward the broader sustainability goal. Below are the system's 45 objectives, organized by goal area.

STAR Framework of Sustainability Goals & Objectives

Built Environment	Climate & Energy	Economy & Jobs	Education, Arts & Community	Equity & Empowerment	Health & Safety	Natural Systems	Innovation & Process
Ambient Noise & Light	Climate Adaptation	Business Retention & Development	Arts & Culture	Civic Engagement	Active Living	Green Infrastructure	Best Practices & Processes
Community Water Systems	Greenhouse Gas Mitigation	Green Market Development	Community Cohesion	Civil & Human Rights	Community Health	Biodiversity & Invasive Species	Exemplary Performance
Compact & Complete Communities	Greening the Energy Supply	Local Economy	Educational Opportunity & Attainment	Environmental Justice	Emergency Management & Response	Natural Resource Protection	Local Innovation
Housing Affordability	Energy Efficiency	Quality Jobs & Living Wages	Historic Preservation	Equitable Services & Access	Food Access & Nutrition	Outdoor Air Quality	Good Governance
Infill & Redevelopment	Water Efficiency	Targeted Industry Development	Social & Cultural Diversity	Human Services	Health Systems	Water in the Environment	
Public Parkland	Local Government GHG & Resource Footprint	Workforce Readiness	Aging in the Community	Poverty Prevention & Alleviation	Hazard Mitigation	Working Lands	
Transportation Choices	Waste Minimization				Safe Communities		