

Hillsborough

Sustainability Topic and Date Data Was Collected	Focus	County-Level Summary	Hillsborough	Supplemental Sources (In Addition to Surveys)
Agriculture & Food (September 2021)	Farmer's Markets	Yes: 76%, No: 24%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	No	California Farmer's Markets, PCFMA
	Community Gardens Y/N	Yes: 86%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 5%	Yes	SMC Sustainability
	Number of Community Gardens	Average: 1.4, Min: 0, Max: 4	1	SMC Sustainability
Built Environment (data collected: 2020/21)	Total PV Permits (2020/2021)	Average: 100.56, Min: 0, Max: 250	166	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	PV Permits Issued Per 1,000 Residents	Average: 5.37, Min: 0, Max: 17.79	15.07	(Data Came from Surveys Only)
	Number of Net Zero Buildings (2021)	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 2	0	New Buildings Institute
Energy (September 2021)	Reach Building Code Adopted?	Yes: 67%, No: 19%, In Process: 14%, No Data: 0%	Yes	Sierra Club
	Reach EV Infrastructure Code Adopted?	Yes: 57%, No: 33%, In Process: 10%, No Data: 0%	No	Sierra Club
	Number of EV Chargers	Average: 7, Min: 0, Max: 26	2	SMC Sustainability
	# EV Chargers in City or County Owned Buildings and Parking Lots Per 1,000 people	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 1.27	0.18	SMC Sustainability
Climate Action (September 2021)	FTE Sustainability Coordinator or Manager	Average: 0.65 FTE per City (9.75 FTE/15 Cities responding). Not included: San Mateo County has approximately 30 FTE dedicated to	0	(Data Came from Surveys Only)

	Last Date Climate Action Plan Updated and Adopted	Average year of last update: 2016	2010	SMC Sustainability
Ecology & Biodiversity (September 2021)	Is Your City a Tree City?	Yes: 48%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	No	Tree City USA
	Beekeeping Allowed?	Yes: 90%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 0%	Yes	Bee Guild
Economy (September 2021)	Do You Have an Environmentally	Yes: 57.%, No: 29.%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 14.%	Yes	SMC HR
	Do You Have a Minimum Wage Ordinance?	Yes: 38%, No: 43%, In Process: 5%, No Data: 10%	No	SMC HR
Health & Well Being (September 2021)	No Longer Use the Herbicide Glyphosate on City or County Owned Landscaping incl. Parks?	Yes: 76%, No: 10%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 14.%	Yes	SMC Parks
	Adopted County Compostable Foodware Ordinance?	Yes: 48%, No: 38%, In Process: 14.%, No Data: 0%	In Process	SMC Sustainability
Social Equity (RHNA Data: 2015-2020, Census data collected: 2019)	RHNA Requirements Met for Very Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 49%, Min: 0%, Max: 159%	125%	RNHA
	RHNA Requirements Met for Low Income Housing, 2015-2020	Average: 62%, Min: 0%, Max: 425%	124%	RNHA
	Number of Census Tracts below 40 on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.29, Min: 0, Max: 4	0	Healthy Places Index
	Number of Census Tracts in the 40 to 50 Range on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.33, Min: 0, Max: 3	0	Healthy Places Index
	Number of Census Tracts in the 50-60 Range on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.24, Min: 0, Max: 2	0	Healthy Places Index

	Number of Census Tracts in the 60-70 Range on Healthy Places Index	Average: 0.58, Min: 0, Max: 4	0	Healthy Places Index
Transportation (2018 - latest date data was available)	Average Commute Length (Minutes)	Average: 26.69, Min: 19.86, Max: 31.88	28.67	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Drive Alone to Work	Average: 69%, Min: 60%, Max: 76%	70.20%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Work from Home	Average: 7%, Min: 2%, Max: 21%	11.70%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Take Public Transit to Work	Average: 9%, Min: 0%, Max: 21%	5.50%	Vital Signs
	Percent of Residents Who Bike to Work	Average: 1%, Min: 0%, Max: 8%	0.30%	Vital Signs
	Other Commute Strategies	Average: 14%, Min: 7%, Max: 20%	12.30%	Vital Signs
Waste Management (2019)	Overall Waste (landfill, organics and recycling)	Average: 0.56, Min: 0.38, Max: 0.8554	73.38%	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)
	Pounds of Waste Per Capita Per Year, to Landfill, to Organics Stream and Recycled	Average: 1754.8, Min: 1169, Max: 3019	1872	(Info Sourced from Individual Waste Haulers)
Water	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2016 (Gallons)	Average: 102.34, Min: 50.95, Max: 206.5	206.50	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2017 (Gallons)	Average: 109.86, Min: 57.85, Max: 223.8	223.80	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2018 (Gallons)	Average: 112.86, Min: 58.65, Max: 222.45	222.45	BAWSCA
	Water Use Per Person Per Day 2019 (Gallons)	Average: 113.61, Min: 59.41, Max: 226.8	226.8	BAWSCA
	Gray Water Ordinance Allowing Gray Water?	Yes: 38%, No: 52%, In Process: 0%, No Data: 10%	Yes	SMCH

Town of Hillsborough Sustainability Efforts/Accomplishments

1. Energy. Participates in Peninsula Clean Energy programs and promotes rebates/incentives. In April 2022, the Town adopted an Energy Reach Code requiring electric for both space heating and water heating appliances with the required prewiring for cooking and clothes drying.

2. Transportation. Purchased five electric vehicles for Public Works Department. In a hilly city without a lot of public transportation, an impressive 5.5% of residents take public transit to work.

3. Waste Reduction. The Town of Hillsborough has a trash diversion rate of 73.38% since all residents in Town have organics collection and there has been a significant amount of public education around waste diversion practices. The Town is compliant with all requirements related to SB 1383 with the purpose to reduce methane gas produced by organic material in landfills. As part of this effort, the Town has updated relevant ordinances (Construction & Demolition, Water Efficient Landscaping), updated the Environmental Preferred Purchasing Policy to require minimum of 30% recycled content in all paper purchases, executed an agreement with the County Office of Sustainability for an Edible Food Recovery Program, as well as other partnerships with the County to purchase compost and mulch made from recycled content and education programs. The Town has also adopted the County's Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance to eliminate the use of single-use plastic at affected food facilities in Town. As part of the Town's street resurfacing program, the Town has been utilizing recycled tires in the material used for street surfaces to improve the look and feel of the roads and reduce waste.

4. Water Conservation. Regularly promotes conservation programs and rebates, incentive programs, and workshops in Town communications. Prepared Town's Urban Water Management plan and Drought Resiliency Plan. The water consumption figure provided in the Dashboard includes all water use in the Town. Since Hillsborough is entirely residential, has a very rural landscape, and low population density due to large minimum lot sizes, the gallons per person appears high compared to other cities in the dashboard. The Town is engaging in a targeted communication plan aimed to reduce outdoor water use, which accounts for more than 70% of water use in Hillsborough. The plan utilizes electronic communications, bill inserts, traditional printed communications, as well as messaging through the Town's WaterSmart program which provides Leak Alerts to customers.

6. Public Education. The Town of Hillsborough works collaboratively with community partners to include and engage residents in addressing climate and environmental issues. The Town publishes a weekly e-Announcement that includes a "Sustainability Corner" with important tips, news, and events related to sustainability and environmental issues. This section includes information from community partners like RethinkWaste, Flows To Bay, San Mateo County Office of Sustainability, BAWSCA, Peninsula Clean Energy, and others.

7. Climate Action Plan. The Town is beginning the process to update its Climate Action Plan. This process will include a high level of engagement with residents and community partners to identify strategies to address environmental issues.

8. Air Quality. Includes regular air quality alerts in Town communications (Spare the Air). Provides various updates on Leaf Blower use in Town to the City Council and continues to monitor relevant legislation (AB 1346). The Town adopted a resolution which prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers on all Town owned and managed properties, effective July 1, 2022. An additional education campaign encourages residents and contractors to join the Town in going electric by promoting the

benefits associated with making the switch, including improved air quality, noise reduction, and cost savings.

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