

Model Ordinances for Sustainability

Community Interviews Questionnaire

The City of La Crosse is currently in the process of updating its zoning code and is interested in incorporating recommendations from its climate action plan into this update. The City has identified six topic areas of interest and wishes to identify model ordinances that can be applied to its code update. Your community was selected as a model for the following topic(s): (pick the ones that apply):

1. EV charging and sustainable parking lots
2. Sustainability incentives for large buildings
3. Tree preservation on private property
4. Multi-modal transportation-oriented development
5. Accessory commercial units
6. Community gardens and use of private property for food/native plantings

The purpose of this interview is to understand how your local government has implemented these ordinances to support climate action goals and sustainability planning efforts within your community.

Introduction

- 1) What is the name of the community you work for?
- 2) What is your name and role/job title?
- 3) How long have you worked in this community?

General Questions

Ordinance development questions

- 4) What prompted the development of this ordinance/these ordinances?
- 5) What examples, frameworks, or experts did you consult in developing this ordinance/these ordinances?
- 6) How were other City departments and/or commissions involved in the ordinance development/update?
- 7) What enabling conditions made it possible to pass this ordinance/update (e.g., strong support from a commission, technical support, grant funding)?

Ordinance implementation questions

- 8) How long has this ordinance/updated ordinance been in effect?
- 9) Please describe specific examples of how this ordinance has furthered sustainability goals in your community.
- 10) Have you found success in applying the ordinance to new development, re-development, or city initiatives? If yes, please describe how you implemented the ordinance.
- 11) What challenges have you faced in implementing and/or enforcing this ordinance/these ordinances?

Lessons learned

- 12) What would you recommend to other communities looking to develop and implement a similar ordinance?
- 13) If you had to do this all over again, what would you do differently?
- 14) Anything else you'd like to share?

Other questions

Additional questions may be addressed regarding details of specific ordinances as needed.