

City of Southfield Public Sustainability Survey 2023

3. **Initial Thoughts:** How do you feel about the following statements?

a) I have a good understanding of what sustainability is and what it means to me.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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b) Sustainability is an important aspect of the future of our City.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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c) Sustainability is an important aspect of the future of our Region.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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d) Sustainability is an important aspect of the future of our State.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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e) Sustainability is an important aspect of the future of our Country.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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f) The City of Southfield should develop a Climate Action Plan to address factors that affect our climate.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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g) The City of Southfield should set or help establish Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction goals for City-owned assets and operations.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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h) The City of Southfield should set or help establish Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction goals Citywide.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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i) Renewable Energy sources such as solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and hydropower should be prioritized to meet current and future energy demand.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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4. **Sustainability Subcategories:** Sustainability is commonly referenced through 3 subcategories (Economic, Social, and Environmental). Which of these do you think is most important?

- a) Environmental
- b) Economic
- c) Social
- d) All of the above

5. **Sustainability Topics:** What do you feel is the most important issue regarding sustainability in today's society? (Select 3)

- Poverty
- Food Security
- Health & Well-Being
- Quality Education
- Gender Equality & Social Equity
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Renewable Energy
- Job Opportunities
- Infrastructure
- Climate Change
- Aquatic & Terrestrial Habitat
- Other: _____

6. **Common Topics of Sustainability:** The following are some topics that are commonly referenced in the discussion of sustainability. How do you feel the City of Southfield is doing to address these topics?

a) **Water & Sewer** – Safe and reliable access to clean water and disposal of waste.

1	2	3	4	5
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The City is NOT doing a good job

The City is doing an excellent job

b) **Transportation** – Maintenance of roads, bridges, public transit, bike routes, and walkable infrastructure.

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- c) **Solid Waste & Recycling** – Accessible and easily understood solid waste disposal options.

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- d) **Municipal Facilities** – Modernized, energy efficient buildings and facilities.

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- e) **Community Cohesion** – Diverse, equitable, and inclusive access to community resources and civic engagement.

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- f) **Public Health & Safety** – Accessible programs and information.

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- g) **Economic & Financial Vitality** – Responsible and transparent financial practices.

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- h) **Energy** – Dependable and resilient infrastructure.

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- i) **Education** – Competitive, equitable access to quality education and information.

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- j) **Culture** – Civic engagement through art, history, and social sciences.

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- k) **Environment** – Maintenance of ecosystems, habitats, air quality, and natural resources.

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7. **Sustainable Community:** In regards to our community as a whole, how sustainable is the City of Southfield?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Not Sustainable

Very Sustainable



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8. **Sustainable Community:** What should the City of Southfield prioritize to help make our community a more sustainable place to live? (Select 3)

- Community (Artwork, City Events, Non-profits, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion)
- Quality of Life (Recreation, Trails & Pathways, Placemaking, Education, Access to Healthy Food, Access to Healthcare Services, Affordable Housing)
- Environment (Tree Planting, Parks & Green Space, Watershed & Stream Restoration, Wetland Protection, Terrestrial & Aquatic Habitat Protection)
- Infrastructure (Water & Sewer, Stormwater Management, Utilities, Green Infrastructure, Green Buildings)
- Mobility (Walking, Biking, Public Transportation, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, ADA Accessibility)
- Energy (Renewable Energy – Solar Panels, Geothermal Wells, Wind Turbines)
- Materials Management (Recycling & Waste Management)
- Technology (Internet Access, Access to City Information)
- Economy (Business Development, Resident Attraction/Retention, Tourism)
- Government (Zoning, Ordinances, Policies at Local/State/Federal Level, Grant Funding)

9. **Access to Information:** The City of Southfield has readily available information and outreach programs that help our residents, business owners, visitors, and surrounding communities understand how the City of Southfield is addressing various topics of sustainability.

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Little Access to Information

Plenty of Access to Information

10. **Ensuring Success:** What can we do as a City to ensure the success of a sustainability program?

11. Other Feedback: How often do you personally incorporate sustainability in your life?

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| a) Participate in a Recycling Program | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| b) Donate Used Items | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| c) Use Public Transportation | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| d) Drive an Electric Vehicle | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| e) Walk/Bike/Alternative Modes of Transportation | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| f) Use Reusable Bags | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| g) Use Reusable Beverage/Meal Containers | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| h) Plant Trees/Gardens | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| i) Clean up Parks/Streams | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| j) Use energy-efficient appliances/technology | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| k) Use water-efficient fixtures | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| l) Shop at Local Businesses | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| m) Other: _____ | Always | Sometimes | Never |

12. **Optional Feedback:** Is there anything you would like to add regarding the topic of sustainability or this survey?
13. **Optional Information:** What age range do you belong in?
- a) 18-24
 - b) 25-34
 - c) 35-44
 - d) 45-54
 - e) 55-65
 - f) +65
14. **Optional Information:** Would you consider yourself a Southfield native?
- a) Yes - I grew up in Southfield, still live in Southfield
 - b) Yes – I grew up in Southfield, moved out of Southfield
 - c) Maybe – I grew up elsewhere, currently live in Southfield
 - d) Maybe - I live elsewhere, currently commuting to Southfield
 - e) No - I am an out-of-state guest
 - f) No – I am an international guest
 - g) Other: _____
15. **Optional Information:** If you are a resident of the City of Southfield, how long have you been living here?
- a) 0-5 years
 - b) 6-10 years
 - c) 11-15 years
 - d) 16-20 years
 - e) +20 years