

Sustainability Priorities

Our Record & Values



We're not waiting, we're acting now to combat climate change and make Albuquerque a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable city. From electric vehicles and buses to dozens of new solar projects, we've put together the framework today for a more sustainable future for our children tomorrow."

—Mayor Tim Keller

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

City government can lead by example in sustainability. With over 6,000 employees, over 400 buildings, and major vehicle fleets, Mayor Keller saw the opportunity to take bold climate action within city government. By investing in solar, energy efficiency and clean transportation across all departments, the City is poised to make serious reductions in greenhouse gases and pave the way for other local institutions to do the same.

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Partnered with PNM and Jicarilla Apache Nation to launch the Solar Direct project to reach over 80% renewable energy use by Fall 2021, making Albuquerque a top 10 renewable powered US.
- Signed the Paris Agreement committing to 26% greenhouse gas reduction by 2025
- Won a \$2.7 million federal grant to bring the first electric buses to Albuquerque
- Installed 38 solar projects at city-owned buildings
- Transitioned to more sustainable LED street lights citywide
- Purchased the first electric vehicles for the City fleet, and enacted a "Zero Emissions First" fleet vehicle adoption policy
- Committed to making energy efficiency upgrades to over 2 million square feet of City facilities
- Created the Energy and Sustainability Management Division to oversee energy reduction and efficiency improvement across City facilities and vehicles
- Launched the Green Team to expand sustainability across departments

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

The Keller Administration focused on creating infrastructure and opportunities throughout the community to help residents go green. Albuquerque is centering equity in our sustainability projects with the goal of bringing services and support to all residents, especially those most impacted by climate change. That approach is evident in the public process to develop the 2021 Albuquerque Climate Action Plan, and in the City's support for low-income homeowners to receive energy efficiency updates to cut utility bills while reducing their carbon footprint.

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Launched the Mayor's Energy Challenge to support local businesses as they reduce their energy use
- Provided over 200 homes with free energy audits and upgrades in partnership with PNM, Partnership for Community Action, and Prosperity Works
- Developed the equity-focused 2021 ABQ Climate Action Plan to guide the City's future sustainability priorities
- Received \$300,000 in VW settlement funding to add 18 electric charging stations for public use in Albuquerque by summer 2021.
- Launched Let's Plant Albuquerque with government and community partners to share resources and education on tree planting efforts
- Was awarded a grant from U.S. NOAA to launch an urban heat island campaign in summer 2021
- Preparing to launch the EV Ready Dealership Program in summer 2021
- Working with community partners to launch the Community Energy Efficiency Project to provide low-income homes with deep energy efficiency retrofits

Albuquerque Green Stats



11,862 trees planted since 2018



23% total land area dedicated to green space



87% of residents live within a 10 minute walk to a park



400 miles of bike trails and paths



Nearly 300 city owned and operated parks



Albuquerque is leading in a national effort to switch how we move, how we build, and how we use energy to greatly reduce our environmental impact.”

—Kelsey Rader,
City of Albuquerque, Sustainability Officer

BECOMING A NATIONAL LEADER

Mayor Keller is pushing Albuquerque to become a national leader in sustainability. With Albuquerque’s ideal conditions for solar energy and commitment to a more sustainable future, Mayor Keller wants to see Albuquerque achieve at the highest levels. Working towards sustainability accomplishments that resonate throughout the country will establish Albuquerque as a site for future investment while supporting quality of life for all residents.

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Albuquerque named top 3 U.S. City for most solar per capita
- Achieved LEED for Cities Silver certification,
- Won Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge with funding for sustainability efforts
- Ranked 40th of 100 U.S. Cities on the 2020 City Clean Energy Scorecard and 5th most improved, by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)



Mayor Tim Keller is challenging for residents of the Duke City to become more aware of the environment.”

—KRQE

CAP Public Engagement



Over 3,000 CAP Survey responses



19 CAP Task Force members



15 total deliberations and meetings



Over 600 public comments



Participation from 36 zip codes