

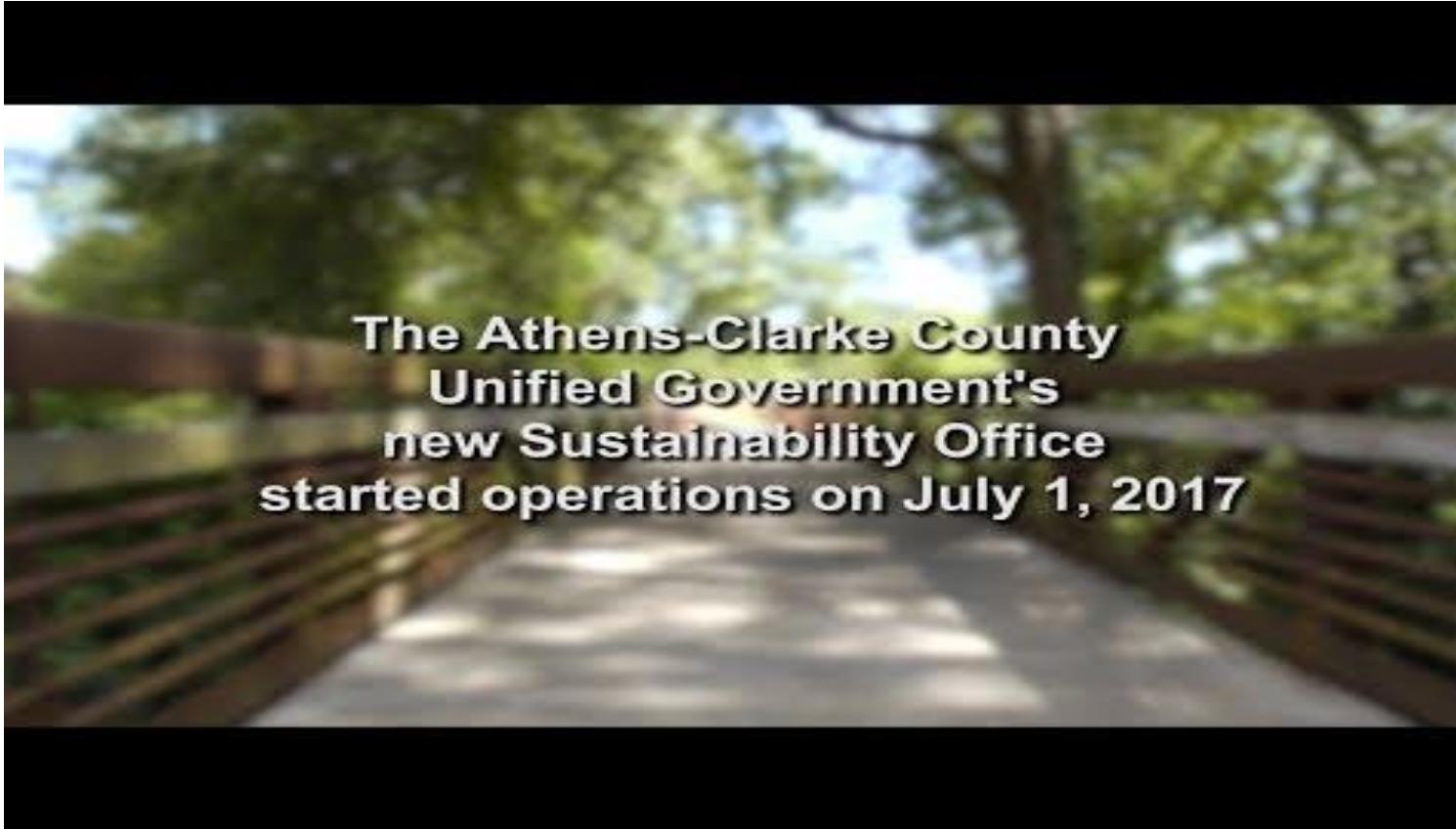
# Sustainability Hive

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**The Athens-Clarke County  
Unified Government's  
new Sustainability Office  
started operations on July 1, 2017**

# Sustainability Grant Fund Opportunity

- ▶ Problem: The Sustainability Office has an annual budget allocation specifically to “grant” funding to other departments to enhance the sustainability of their activities. In its first year, there was no structure, context, or process to these grants, so they were awarded by the Sustainability Officer on an “as-identified” basis.
- ▶ Our goal is to come up with a program that is known, structured, simple, and fair. Help us give away our money!!!

# Examples of 1<sup>st</sup> year funding initiatives

- ▶ \$5,000 was granted to Solid Waste to help complete a feasibility assessment to deploy solar on the landfill. The project is viable and is now being considered by private sector entities.
- ▶ \$4,500 was shared to Leisure Services to complete property acquisition due diligences to create a second water trail launch site on the Middle Oconee River. This remains active.
- ▶ \$6,000 is being invested in a TPW project to enhance connectivity between the Firefly Trail and adjacent bike lanes on E. Broad Street. Construction is targeted to be substantially complete by June 30

# Sustainability Hive Solution Overview

- ▶ Streamline the process of grant-funded projects
  - ▶ Simplify overall annual review and award process
    - ▶ Follow lead of existing grant policies, sustainability goals
    - ▶ Oversee contract, procurement, payments and documentation by project owner
    - ▶ Review of future applications by Innovation Ambassadors, ACC Staff, and ACC community
  - ▶ Simplify grant information and application method
    - ▶ Engage department and staff to apply for grants
    - ▶ Minimize paperwork
    - ▶ Future partnership with departments and community

# Examples of sustainability projects

Improving quality of life without disturbing our natural resources.



## Zero waste events

Hosting a zero waste event could help spread awareness about how to become a more eco-responsible consumer.

The U.S. EPA has estimated roughly 42% of all greenhouse gas emissions are caused by the production and use of goods, including food products and packaging.



## Transit corridors

Temporarily or permanently prioritize a lane for bus use only with a **Tactical Urbanism** project. The temporary congestion could serve as an incentive to increase bus ridership and act as an educational opportunity to inform residents and traffic planners about the ease of public transportation or the need to make improvements.



## Park and Ride

Partnering with empty big box lots to temporarily lease space for a park and ride or ride share lot could help encourage folks to carpool or ride the bus.



## Sustainable Landscaping

Sustainable Landscaping improvements can aid in reducing storm run-off and attract pollinators to aid in the diversity and sustainability of the ecosystem.

# Sustainability Grant Application

- ▶ Let's apply for a grant!
- ▶ use your Intranet login:
- ▶ <https://www.acgov.com/FormCenter/Intranet-3/Sustainability-Grant-Application-527>

## Sustainability Grant Application

### About

*This form is required for all requests for grants from the Athens-Clarke County Office of Sustainability. Please complete the form below in its entirety.*

Project Title	Transit Corridor (Tactical Urbanism)
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### Project Lead Contact Information

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### Project Information

Provide a brief description of the project. Include a justification for the project and any desired outcome(s) upon completion.

(EXAMPLE) Installation of a Transit Corridor Bus only lane along the westbound most right lane of W Broad St., from W. Hancock Ave. to Alps Rd. Installing 3500 LF of traffic thermoplastic gore striping, Bus stenciling thermoplastic markings, 12 flexible traffic bollards, and a large bus shelter. Transit corridors offer priority to buses, reduces travel times along congested corridors, and increases the reliability of buses. The introduction of bus lanes can significantly assist in the reduction of air pollution. Bus lanes marked with colored pavement have been shown to reduce intrusions into bus lanes, speeding travel time and increasing bus reliability.

Total Amount of Funds Requested	(EXAMPLE) \$20,000.
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Estimated Project Time Frame	(EXAMPLE) 6 months - 1 year
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Attach any supporting project documentation:	West Broad Bus Only.JPG
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To the best of your knowledge, which ACC Departments/Divisions/Offices/Courts may be affected by or involved in the proposed project?

(EXAMPLE) Sustainability Office, Transportation and Public Works, Transit, Housing & Community Development,

Is there a specific ACC Department/Division/Office/Court that will be primarily responsible for completing the proposed project?

Yes

Is the ACC Department/Division/Office/Court primarily responsible for completion of the project aware of the proposed project?

No

Has the ACC Department/Division/Office/Court primarily responsible for completion of the project approved the proposal?

Other

If "Other," explain: (Example) Not Yet!

What role(s) will the primary ACC Department/Division/Office/Court staff have during the completion of the proposed project?

(EXAMPLE) Supplemental funding, Installation, and maintenance.

How does the proposed project directly relate to the Sustainability Office's goals?

(EXAMPLE) Environmentally Sensitive, Supports transportation diversity and equitable access and Decreases energy use intensity.

Are there outside agencies, companies, or individuals who may contribute to the proposed project?

Yes

Explain: (EXAMPLE) TSPLOST dollars could possibly be used to supplement additional costs.

If an outside agency, company, or individual may contribute

Financial Contribution

# Questions ?