

## Green Team Priorities



### Environmental Aspects of Council Priorities

*The Committee on the Environment will provide counsel to City Council regarding environmental aspects of Council priorities, decisions, and policies. The Committee will also identify opportunities to incorporate new environmental actions to Council activities.*

## Priority 1 Climate Change Response

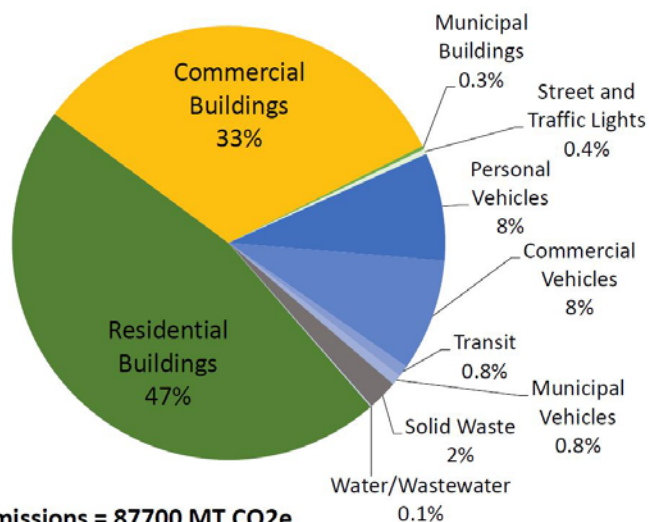
**Prioritize actions, policies, innovations, and new opportunities that mitigate the causes and effects of climate change.**

Reports from the International Panel and Climate Change (IPCC) and the National Climate Assessment have made clear that climate change is already and will continue to inflict “substantial damages” to our physical, social, and economic well-being. These damages will continue to worsen and increase without immediate significant action.

The largest contributors to climate change in Takoma Park are identified in the chart below. Priority should be placed on the largest contributing factors, such as residential and commercial buildings; and where the largest gains can be made.

Additional sources of emissions that can have a significant impact not listed in the chart should also be included in efforts.

Emissions by Sector



2015 Total Emissions = 87700 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e

## Priority 2 Environmental Quality

**Protect, plan for, and improve Takoma Park’s natural resources including urban forest health, open space, air quality, water quality, and biodiversity.**

Many aspects of environmental quality affect and will be affected by climate change. Careful consideration should be given to the mitigation value of natural resources such as the urban forest, and the protection and improvement of sensitive resources.