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SUSTAINABLE SALT LAKE CITY

This year, Salt Lake City proudly hosts the 2019 United Nations Civil Society Conference. Every year the conference focuses on one of the UN's major goals and topics of interest concerning the work of civil society and non-governmental organizations on a global scale. The 2019 theme for the UN Civil Society Conference is Goal 11, "Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities."

Goal 11 lays out a series of targets for cities to reach by 2030, including access to safe and affordable housing, transportation, and green and public spaces. Goal 11 also encourages cities to adopt and implement plans to reduce the environmental impact of cities, with a particular focus on air quality.



GOAL 11.1

Ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums.

Salt Lake City is a growing hub, culturally and economically, creating the need to provide affordable housing options for all income levels. Growing SLC is the City's affordable housing plan that focuses on ensuring safe housing opportunities for all, especially for those whose rent comprises over half of their monthly income.



GOAL 11.2

Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport.

Public transportation is a vital service for people living in cities. It provides equitable access to jobs, recreation, and shopping. Public transportation also helps to improve air quality by reducing the number of cars on the road which in turn reduces emissions. Under the Transit Master Plan, Salt Lake City is working to fund important priorities to expand the transit system to better serve our city.



GOAL 11.4

Strengthen efforts to protect the world's cultural and natural heritage.

Salt Lake City values the preservation of historic and natural landmarks of our city. The City has recently invested funds toward preserving landmark places, such as the Fisher Mansion Carriage House, which is planned for restoration to become a nature center along the historic Jordan River Trail.



GOAL 11.6

Reduce the adverse environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.

Air quality and waste management are both prominent areas of focus for the city. With energy benchmarking for municipal and commercial buildings and improvements in public transportation, Salt Lake City is making efforts towards cleaner air. Our waste and recycling program collects and processes over 750 tons of recyclables each month from over 40,000 homes. Salt Lake City has a community-wide goal of achieving zero waste by 2040.



GOAL 11.7

Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces.

Public parks in Salt Lake City foster community by providing inclusive and green gathering places. Access to green space is a priority that Salt Lake City preserves by ensuring that new and existing parks are inclusive, accessible, and sustainable through thoughtful design and maintenance strategies.



GOAL 11.6

Substantially increase the number of cities adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and resilience to disasters.

Salt Lake City's Climate Positive 2040 plan details the city's long-term climate and energy goals. Major goals include: 50% municipal renewable electricity by 2020, 100% community-wide renewable electricity by 2030, and an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. Salt Lake City prioritizes collaboration across sectors to enhance understanding of climate risks and foster joint opportunities to reduce pollution and create robust climate solutions.