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Re: Board questions about 2023 commission work plans

Response:

- The Energy & Environment Commission updated its workplan to define distinct projects and projects teams, and add detail about tasks and goals that reflect priorities identified through the *Climate Ready Oak Park* plan.
- The 2023 budget requests funding for various projects, as the EEC shifts from solely a policy discussion focus to assisting Village staff with on-the-ground implementation. In addition, last year some commissioners donated their own resources in order to have tabling materials at in-person Village outreach events. The 2023 budget shifts this cost from the individual commissioner to the commission budget. Additional notes:
 - The waste reduction budget includes the cost of waste diversion starter kits to be delivered to event organizers, as part of outreach and education for zero-waste community events.
 - The benchmarking budget includes the cost of an on-site trainer for building owners, in addition to postage and other supplies to increase outreach and participation.
 - The biodiversity budget includes the cost of pollinator seeds / plants to be given away during Earth month outreach and education events.
 - The energy ambassadors budget includes the cost of compensating youth who train to do climate action outreach to their communities. See the Iowa City Youth Mini-Grants description for an example of a similar program: www.icgov.org/city-government/departments-and-divisions/neighborhood-and-development-services/climate-action-6
- This shows a cross-walk of the 2022 and 2023 EEC work plans.

Project Area	2022 Project Title	2023 Project Title	Budget change
Waste reduction	Single-use plastics source reduction	Community waste reduction program	+\$600
Cross-commission collaboration	Collaborate with other commissions with CAP overlap	New Construction Building Stretch Energy Code	+\$200
Green infrastructure	Community outreach	Biodiversity program	+\$400
Cross-community outreach and education	Public outreach and education	Regional energy outreach program	+200
Community awards	Green awards	Sustainability awards	+\$500
Sustainability ambassadors	Public events Public information	Building benchmarking program	+1,000

	outreach and education	Energy ambassadors	\$1,000
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