

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 3, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Landscape Equipment Transition (LET) Implementation**

The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS) briefed the Environmental Commission (EVC) on March 8th, 2023, and the Environment & Sustainability Committee (ENVS) on March 6th, 2023, respectively, providing status updates on the plan for landscape equipment transition (LET) implementation. OEQS will provide monthly status updates on program implementation. The following provides a summary of steps taken over the previous month towards advancing this City Council goal:

### **Technical Support Contract:**

Contract with Modern Geosciences continues for technical support services including but not limited to; research of other communities' implementation, including related codes and ordinances; creation of the community survey; and development of the detailed internal and external transition plans. A draft plan is scheduled for review in April. Staff continue to meet with the technical consultant on a bi-weekly basis to coordinate efforts towards this project. Residential and Commercial Surveys were created and are in circulation and distribution. Surveys were distributed at budget town halls and the North Texas Climate Symposium.

### **Stakeholder Engagement Efforts:**

Staff have continued internal and external stakeholder meetings.

- Internal: OEQS continues to hold bi-monthly meetings with City departments that use landscape equipment to attain feedback on meeting City transition goals. Departments are working towards their conversion goals. Vendor demonstrations and talks on battery lifespans have been held.
- External: OEQS continues to engage members of the public, including homeowners, landscape companies, landscape associations, and the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). While working City Events, staff has distributed surveys of equipment use to gauge awareness and inventory.
- The technical consultant has developed a community survey and has been deployed for community feedback on the program. This survey has been provided to the public in several different ways, including through the OEQS media campaign, other departments (e.g., DWU Bill inserts), Council and EVC newsletters, libraries and community centers, and other entities.

### **Physical Equipment Inventory:**

Staff developed and distributed a template for use by departments when identifying equipment inventory. These were compiled into a comprehensive inventory of the City's current equipment. Inventory has been compiled into a centralized list and each department is working towards the 2023 incremental goal for transition.

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**Program Media Campaign:**

OEQS has implemented the LET media campaign with multi-lingual outreach and continued engagement to reach affected business and residents.

**Regulatory Engagement:**

Given the regions' current severe non-attainment status related to ozone, City staff have held related conversations with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (March 10<sup>th</sup>) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (March 24<sup>th</sup>) to discuss coordination of efforts towards a LET Plan.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Carlos Evans, Director, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability at 469-617-1925 or [carlos.evans@dallas.gov](mailto:carlos.evans@dallas.gov).



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