

# Overview: Office of Sustainability City of South Bend

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# Office of Sustainability

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# Sustainability: The Triple Bottom Line



Balance a healthy **planet**, healthy **society**, and healthy **economy** in our community, today – while making sure future generations will have what they need to live well.

# Sustainability Office Goals



# History of the Sustainability Office

## Recovery Act (2009-2014)

- Mayor Luecke convened Green Ribbon Commission
- Municipal Energy Office formed
- Federal grant monies expended

## Operations Focus (2014-2017)

MEO becomes Sustainability Office

Expand to include waste, water, infrastructure, socioeconomics

Reconvene GRC, do listening tour and community survey

Mostly internal, mostly project-level

## Climate Focus (2018-present)

Split off facilities functions

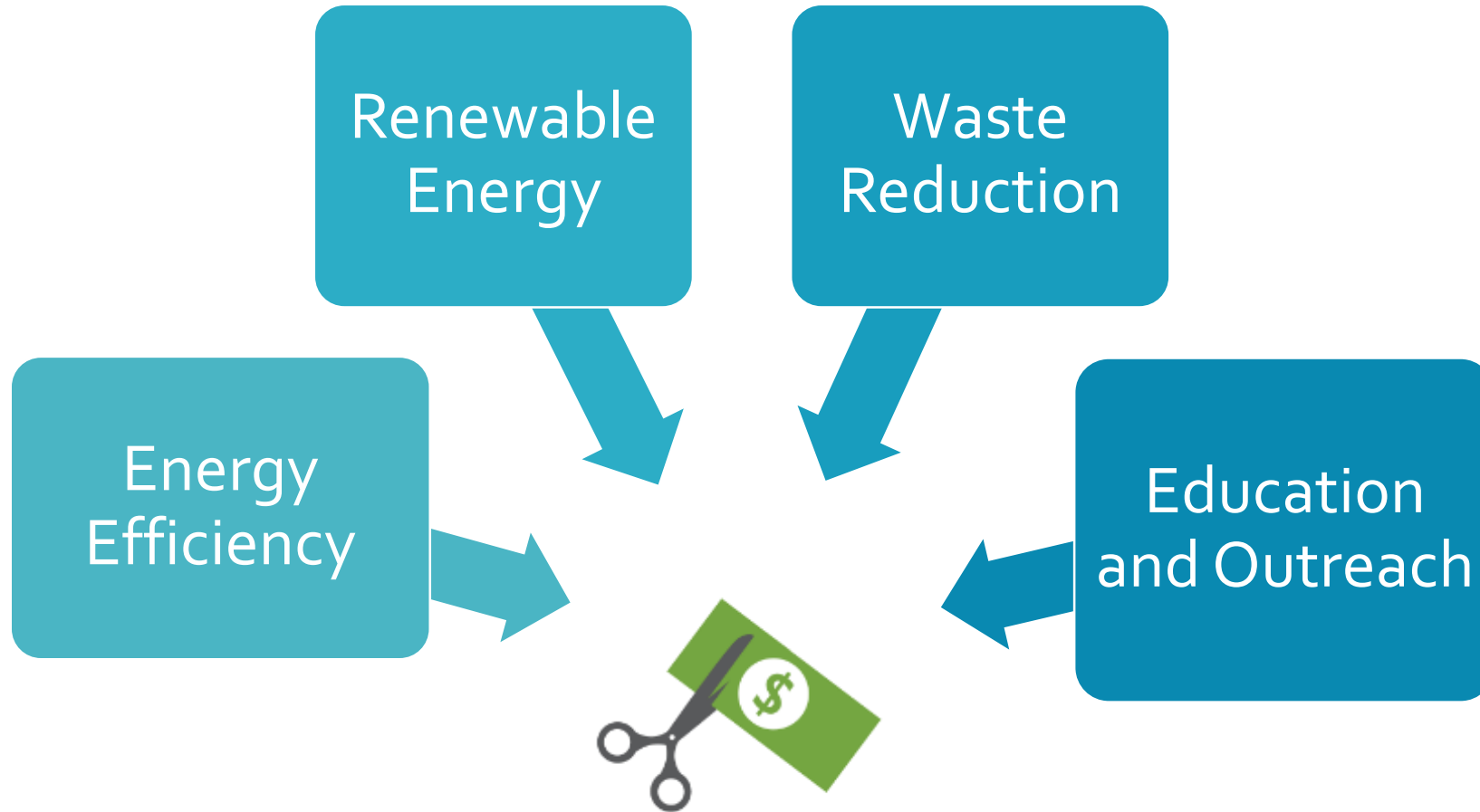
Increasingly policy-level

Reducing emissions and preparing for change

Global Covenant as guiding framework

# Sustainable Initiatives

# Find Cost Savings for City Government





Waste Reduction and Recycling



Alternative Fuel Vehicles



Education and Outreach



Green Ribbon Commission



Renewable Energy



Facility Efficiency & Energy Management





Green Infrastructure



Parks & Trails



Complete Streets



SB Green Corps



Transportation Alternatives

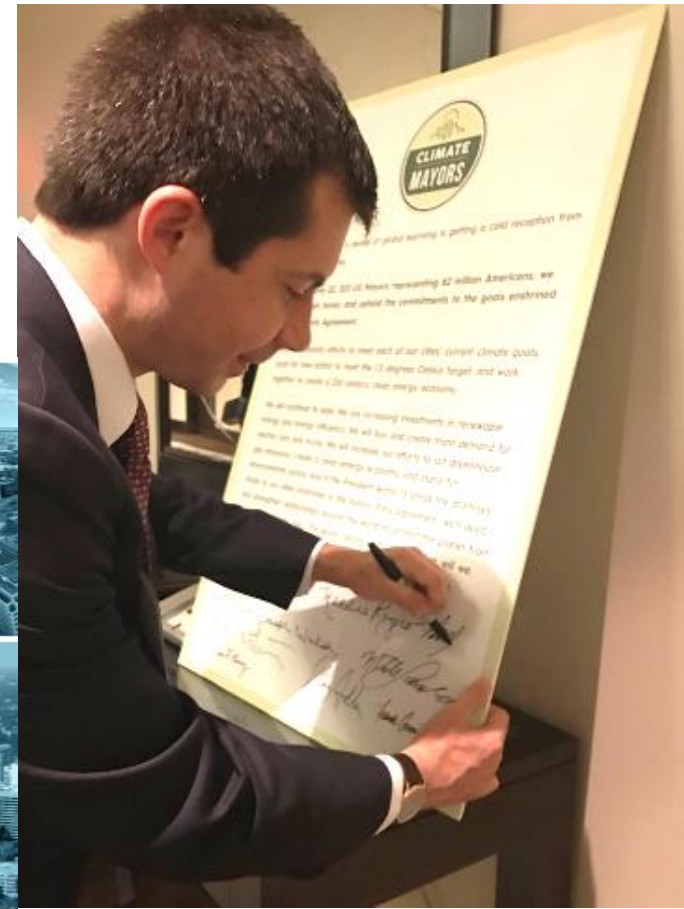
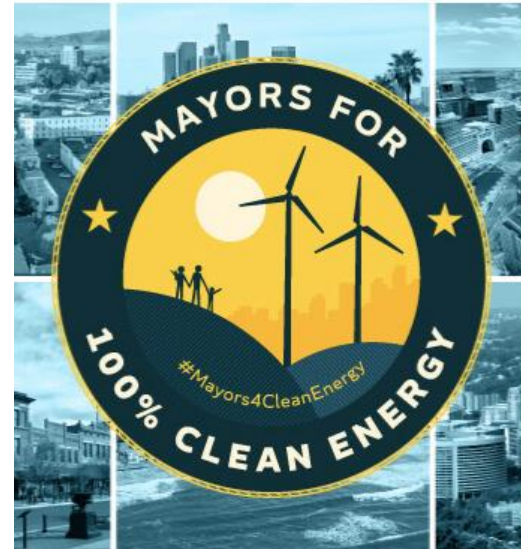
# Priority Projects



# Climate Change Focus

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**Pete Buttigieg**  @PeteButtigieg · Jun 1

One of SB's best job creators is a solar company.

One of SB's worst problems in 2016 was a climate disaster.

All climate change is local.



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ACCESSING THE DAMAGE FROM HISTORIC FLOODING



*"Either we have run some extraordinary odds these last few years, or something is changing... For South Bend, climate issues are no longer a political football. They are an on-the-ground reality that we will need to plan for"*

Mayor Pete  
2018 State of the City Address

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- 2018 - Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy – commitment to a framework



# Global Covenant of Mayors

- Commitment not just agreement
- 7,400 local govts from 121 countries
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Indiana (1<sup>st</sup> to inventory)
- Steps
  - Commit
  - Perform community GHG Inventory
  - Set emissions reduction targets
  - Make a plan to reach reduction targets
- Evaluate climate vulnerability
- Improve access to sustainable energy





# Contact the Office

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