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140, G29
141, G29-P4

To create a robust policy that incentivizes commercial and household composting and waste reduction, consider the following components:

1. Financial Incentives:

- Tax Credits and Deductions: Provide tax credits for households and businesses that engage in composting and waste reduction practices.
- Grants and Subsidies: Offer financial assistance for purchasing composting bins, equipment, or technology that facilitates waste reduction.
- Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT) Programs: Implement waste collection fees based on the volume of waste produced, encouraging reduced waste generation.

2. Educational Initiatives:

- Public Awareness Campaigns: Launch campaigns to educate the community about the benefits of composting and waste reduction, including workshops and seminars.
- School Programs: Integrate composting and waste reduction education into school curriculums, fostering early awareness and participation among children.

3. Community Engagement:

- Composting Challenges: Organize community-wide composting challenges with rewards for those who successfully reduce their waste.
- Neighborhood Composting Hubs: Establish community composting sites where residents can drop off organic waste and learn about composting techniques.

4. Support for Businesses:

- Business Certifications: Create a certification program for businesses that actively participate in composting and waste reduction, offering them marketing advantages.
- Partnerships with Local Farmers: Facilitate partnerships between businesses and local farms for organic waste recycling, benefiting both parties.

5. **Infrastructure Development:**

- **Composting Facilities:** Invest in the development of local composting facilities to handle organic waste efficiently.
- **Convenient Collection Services:** Provide curbside composting collection services to make it easier for households and businesses to participate.

6. **Regulatory Measures:**

- **Mandatory Composting:** Implement regulations requiring large generators of organic waste (e.g., restaurants, grocery stores) to compost or divert their organic waste from landfills.
- **Waste Diversion Goals:** Set measurable waste diversion targets for municipalities and businesses, with regular progress reports.

7. **Monitoring and Reporting:**

- **Data Collection:** Establish a system for tracking composting and waste reduction efforts, providing transparency and accountability.
- **Annual Reports:** Require annual reporting from businesses and municipalities on their composting and waste reduction achievements, showcasing successful practices.

8. **Recognition Programs:**

- **Awards for Excellence:** Create recognition programs for individuals, businesses, and communities that demonstrate significant efforts in composting and waste reduction.
- **Spotlight Success Stories:** Highlight successful composting initiatives in local media to inspire others to adopt similar practices.

By combining financial incentives, education, community engagement, and supportive infrastructure, this policy can effectively promote composting and waste reduction in both commercial and household settings.

144, G30-P1

*Producing and purchasing goods locally.

145, G31

* Incentivize using less and supporting a reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled and composting business items.

If it can't be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, refinished, resold, recycled or composted, then it should be restricted, redesigned or removed from production.

147, G31-P2

148, G31-P3

To strengthen and create an overarching policy that supports existing goods reuse and repair programs, and sponsors events and initiatives to enhance the demand for reused and recycled goods, consider the following elements:

1. **Comprehensive Framework:**

- **Policy Mandate:** Establish a clear mandate that prioritizes the promotion of reuse and repair across all county departments, businesses, and community organizations.
- **Interagency Collaboration:** Form a task force that includes representatives from various county departments, businesses, and community groups to coordinate efforts and share best practices.

2. **Financial Incentives:**

- **Subsidies for Repair Businesses:** Provide grants or subsidies to local repair shops and businesses that focus on reused goods, making it financially viable for them to operate and grow.
- **Discounts for Reused Goods:** Implement discounts or loyalty programs for consumers who purchase reused or repaired items, encouraging more sustainable purchasing behavior.

3. **Educational and Awareness Campaigns:**

- **Public Awareness Programs:** Launch campaigns highlighting the environmental and economic benefits of reusing and repairing goods, showcasing local success stories.
- **Workshops and Training:** Offer workshops on repair skills, DIY projects, and upcycling to empower residents and businesses to extend the life of their products.

4. **Community Events and Initiatives:**

- **Reuse and Repair Fairs:** Sponsor community events where individuals can bring items to be repaired, swapped, or donated, fostering a culture of reuse.
- **Maker Spaces:** Support the establishment of maker spaces that provide tools and resources for community members to repair and create, promoting innovation and sustainability. Free Wi-Fi. A Maker space to share skills and form reciprocal relationships.

5. **Collaboration with Local Businesses:**

- **Partnerships with Retailers:** Encourage local businesses to offer incentives for customers who bring in items for repair or exchange, creating a circular economy.
- **Vendor Events:** Host events where businesses can showcase reused and recycled goods, creating a marketplace for sustainable products.

6. **Infrastructure Development:**

- **Repair Cafés:** Establish community-based repair cafés where volunteers help residents repair items, creating a sense of community and reducing waste.
- **Resource Hubs:** Create online platforms or physical resource hubs that connect residents with information about local reuse and repair services.

7. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- **Data Tracking:** Develop a system to track the impact of reuse and repair programs, including metrics such as the volume of goods reused, repaired, or recycled.
- **Feedback Mechanisms:** Implement regular surveys and feedback loops to assess community engagement and identify areas for improvement.

8. **Policy Integration and Enforcement:**

- **Incorporate into Local Legislation:** Integrate reuse and repair initiatives into existing local laws and regulations, ensuring they are supported at all levels of government.
- **Incentives for Compliance:** Offer incentives for businesses and organizations that align with the reuse and repair policy goals, promoting compliance and participation.

9. **Recognition and Awards:**

- **Recognition Programs:** Establish awards for businesses and community organizations that excel in promoting reuse and repair, showcasing their contributions and inspiring others.
- **Spotlight Reuse Successes:** Regularly feature success stories in local media, highlighting the positive impact of reuse and repair initiatives on the community.

By implementing these strategies, this overarching policy will not only support existing reuse and repair programs but also foster a culture of sustainability, ultimately leading to increased demand for reused and recycled goods and materials in the community.

149, G31-P4

A local pollution surcharge shall be levied on large producers of air pollutants, wastewater, and non-recyclable solid waste. Revenue generated from this surcharge will be allocated to fund complementary environmental resilience projects in overburdened communities.

Goals:

1. Deter excessive pollution by imposing financial accountability on major polluters.
2. Invest in environmental resilience initiatives that support the health and welfare of vulnerable communities.
3. Foster a sustainable and equitable environment for all residents.

Implementation: The surcharge will be assessed based on the volume and impact of pollutants produced, ensuring a fair and effective approach to environmental stewardship.

150, G31-P5

****Policy:**** Strengthen and expand programs for the removal and composting of solid waste and large vegetative debris following storms or severe weather events.

151, G32

"Achieve robust and impactful implementation of comprehensive climate policies."

152, G32-P1

Develop, maintain and enhance the capacity, technical expertise, and skills of local government staff members in climate change and environmental justice to drive equitable community-wide policy development, implementation, and resilience."

153, G32-P2

"Establish a cohesive and strategic framework for the coordinated implementation of climate policies across all government departments, designating a centralized Department to spearhead efforts, oversee coordination, and appoint specialized staff within each department to lead the execution of specific policies."

154, G32-P3

In alignment with the mandatory 5-year Department of Commerce Climate Element monitoring is too long. Every 2.5 years is better to identify implementation, successes and barriers.

155, G33

"Enhance the resilience of County operations against hazards intensified by climate change."

156, G33-P1

"Strategically reinforce and integrate redundancy into County infrastructure, with a focus on safeguarding potentially isolated areas."

157, G33-P2

"Incorporate climate impact assessments into County response planning, encompassing public works, road clearing strategies during and post-severe weather events, and sheriff's office operations during extreme conditions."

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****Policy for Establishing Accessible Recycling Centers****

****Objective:****

To enhance community sustainability by establishing multiple, easily accessible recycling centers dedicated to the collection and processing of diverse recyclable materials, including multi-layer plastics, plastic films, single-use plastics (types 1 through 6), plastic fasteners, threads, batteries, light bulbs, pet supplies, kitchenware, corks, electronics, Styrofoam, latex paint, and fluorescent light tubes.

****Policy Components:****

1. ****Site Selection and Accessibility:****

- Identify strategic locations for recycling centers in urban, suburban, and rural areas to ensure equitable access for all community members.

- Ensure that centers are easily accessible by public transportation and have adequate parking facilities.

2. **Facility Design and Infrastructure:**

- Design facilities to accommodate a wide range of recyclable materials with clearly labeled drop-off points for each category.
- Incorporate user-friendly layouts that allow for efficient drop-off and processing of materials.

3. **Public Awareness and Education:**

- Launch community outreach programs to educate the public about the importance of recycling and proper sorting of materials.
- Develop informational materials, workshops, and online resources to guide residents in recycling efforts. Create signage and use billboards to inform the public of the facilities.

4. **Operational Efficiency:**

- Implement a robust system for the regular collection, sorting, and processing of materials to ensure efficient operations.
- Employ trained staff who can assist the public and ensure compliance with recycling protocols.

5. **Partnerships and Collaboration:**

- Collaborate with local businesses, environmental organizations, and government agencies to support the recycling centers.
- Establish partnerships with recycling companies to ensure proper handling and processing of collected materials.

6. **Incentives and Engagement:**

- Offer incentives such as discounts, rebates, or loyalty programs to encourage community participation in recycling efforts.
- Host community events and recycling drives to engage residents and raise awareness.

7. **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

- Regularly assess the performance and impact of recycling centers through data collection and analysis.
- Make data-driven adjustments to improve efficiency, accessibility, and community engagement.

8. **Compliance and Safety:**

- Ensure all facilities comply with local, state, and federal regulations regarding waste management and environmental protection.
- Implement safety measures to protect staff and visitors, including proper handling and storage of hazardous materials like batteries and fluorescent tubes.

This policy aims to foster a culture of recycling and sustainability within the community, contributing to environmental conservation and resource efficiency.

Waste reduction programs: Establish recycling and composting programs in ~~these~~ ^{all} areas to minimize waste and promote sustainable practices. ^{robust / strong}

Sorting Order (1/6/25)	Sub-element	Tentative Category for Climate Element Organization	1/6/24 Version Proposed Revised Goal/Policy	Tentative: Comp Plan Chapter Location	Tentative: Goal-Policy Numbers
140	GHG	Waste Management	P3: Incentivize commercial and household composting and waste reduction.	Climate or Environment	G29-P3
141	GHG	Waste Management	P4: Provide outreach, education, and technical assistance to households and businesses, and advocacy to the state on improving access to and participation with recycling and composting to encourage behavior change, including County-led programs and community-based programs.	Climate or Environment	G29-P4
142	GHG; RES	Waste Management	P5: Repurpose organic waste for compost, energy, or other practical purposes (such as an input for renewable natural gas or providing compost to farmers). This policy must be implemented through approaches that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and do not worsen air quality.	Climate or Environment	G29-P5
143	GHG	Waste Management	G30. Reduce waste emissions associated with County purchases	Climate or Environment	G30
144	GHG	Waste Management	P1: Review, revise if needed, and implement county green purchasing guidelines, including prioritizing low carbon construction materials, sustainable packaging, and purchasing goods locally.	Climate or Environment	G30-P1
145	GHG	Waste Management	G31. Encourage using less and supporting a local repair, reuse and resale economy for household and business items	Climate or Environment	G31
146	GHG	Waste Management	P1. Policies under this goal related to education and community programs should be designed to be accessible to community members with any household income level and who speak languages other than English. County provided education should be available in multiple languages, in multiple formats, and in culturally relevant ways in collaboration with schools and community organizations. <u>to vague</u>	Climate or Environment	G31-P1
147	GHG	Waste Management	P2. Support existing goods reuse and repair programs, and sponsor events and programs led by the County, businesses and community that improve the demand for reused and recycled goods and materials.	Climate or Environment	G31-P2
148	GHG	Waste Management	P3. Provide accessible public education on household and business repair and reuse strategies, as well as the benefits of purchasing used goods.	Climate or Environment	G31-P3
149	RES; GHG	Waste Management	P4. Develop a local pollution surcharge -- for large producers of air pollutants, wastewater, and solid waste that cannot be reused or recycled -- which may be used to fund complementary environmental resilience projects in overburdened communities.	Climate or Environment	G31-P4
150	RES	Waste Management	P5. Where possible, enhance capacity or programs for removing and composting of solid waste and large vegetative debris in the aftermath of a storm or other severe weather event.	Climate or Environment	G31-P5
151	GHG; RES	County Governance	G32. Effectively implement Climate Element policies	Climate	G32
152	GHG; RES	County Governance	P1. Develop and maintain local government staff members' capacity, technical expertise, and skills related to climate change and environmental justice so as to improve communitywide policy implementation, equity, and resilience.	Climate	G32-P1
153	GHG; RES	County Governance	P2. Establish a clear and coordinated approach for organizing implementation of Climate Element policies across county departments, including a designated department for leading implementation coordination and designated staff across departments to lead implementation of specific policies.	Climate	G32-P2
154	GHG; RES	County Governance	P3. Develop Climate Element priority policies and greenhouse gas emissions inventory updates in alignment with the mandatory 5-year Department of Commerce Climate Element monitoring and reporting schedule. For each 5-year cycle, identify implementation successes and barriers to progress to help inform priorities for the next 5-years. <u>5 year cycle 25</u>	Climate	G32-P3
155	RES	County governance	G33. Improve resilience of county operations to hazards exacerbated by climate change	Climate	G33
156	RES	County governance	P1. Plan to strengthen and build redundancy into county-owned infrastructure, prioritizing areas that may be potentially isolated areas.	Climate	G33-P1
157	RES	County governance	P2. Consider climate impacts when planning county response operations including public works road clearing strategies during and after severe weather events, and Sheriff's Office operations during severe weather.	Climate	G33-P2

Collaborate with every willing organization to learn

Drug & Alcohol AA, NA Treatment Facilities

* Add policy about single use plastic recycling.

* Cross Sector Collaboration

Hospitals
City transportation
POB Schools
Port Jails