

Charge to Committees working on recommendations for *Empower Lexington – 2023*

Empower Lexington – 2023 is a plan to assess and improve environmental quality and sustainability in Lexington and Fayette County. The community's work in these areas will be guided by the framework found in the LEED for Cities and Communities that was developed by the U.S Green Building Council. General Information on LEED for Cities and Communities can be found at this website: <https://www.usgbc.org/leed/rating-systems/leed-for-cities-communities>

The *Empower Lexington – 2023* working groups are organized in six primary categories: Natural Systems and Ecology; Transportation and Land Use; Water Efficiency; Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Materials and Resources; and Quality of Life.

The attached Planning Tool (an Excel Spreadsheet) provides additional detail on each category and the evaluation criteria. Other information can be found at these websites:

Guide: <https://build.usgbc.org/lfcexistingbeta41>

Scorecard: <https://www.usgbc.org/resources/leed-v41-cities-and-communities-existing-scorecard>

We ask the members of each working group to reach consensus and provide a written report for their category that includes, at a minimum, the following:

1. Evaluate whether, and to what extent, the Lexington and Fayette County meets each of the category's prerequisites or credits (refer to the LfC Planning Tool for Local Governments 2020).
 - A. Identify the specific information, data, plans, policies, etc. on which you rely to make the determination.
 - B. Propose one or more specific strategies or projects that the working group recommends that, if accomplished, would improve Lexington and Fayette County's accomplishment of the prerequisite or credit. You may propose as few or as many strategies as your working group believes is appropriate.

For each strategy or project, identify the following characteristics:

- a. the priority (High, Medium, Low) for this strategy or project;
 - b. SMART goals, those that are specific, measurable, attainable/achievable and relevant;
 - c. the likelihood of success;
 - d. person or entity responsible;
 - e. the data or other method to demonstrate success or improvement;
 - f. the projected cost;
 - g. the projected timeframe; and
 - h. the benefits derived.
- C. If your working group believes that a particular strategy or project requires or implicates the work of another working group, then you may suggest a cooperative project that addresses the characteristics listed above.

2. If you believe that one or more categories should be added to the LEED for Cities and Communities framework and planning tool to reflect the specific character and needs of Lexington and Fayette County, then describe that/those categories and address the items A, B, and C from the previous section with respect to the category/ies.