

## Progress Toward Strategic Priorities



At its January retreat, the Tallahassee City Commission reaffirmed its commitment to the seven strategic priorities outlined in the City of Tallahassee's five-year strategic plan and discussed key strategic initiatives, some of which are discussed below. View the entire strategic plan at [Talgov.com/2024](https://www.talgov.com/2024) and track progress toward its goals at [Talgov.com/PerformanceDashboard](https://www.talgov.com/PerformanceDashboard).

Implementing proactive and preventative solutions that ensure the resilience, strength and safety of the community remains a focus for the City. Some of these innovative efforts include:

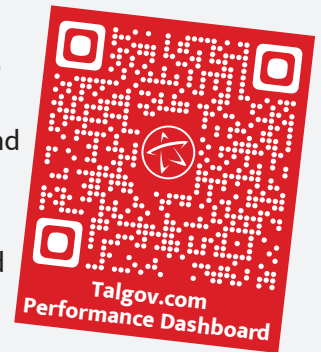
- **Affordable housing:** Currently, more than 250 affordable housing units have active permits, and more than 1,200 units are in the pipeline.
- **TEMPO:** Through this program, the City has engaged 1,600 disconnected youth in the community, providing a pathway to essential services, education opportunities and workforce training.
- **Tallahassee Emergency Assessment Mobile unit (TEAM):** Since its debut in March 2021, TEAM has assisted more than 772 individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- **Southside Action Plan:** Over the last year, citizens who live, work, learn and worship on the Southside shared their priorities to help set the course of action to further support neighborhoods and residents in the area. The SAP is a strategic initiative that seeks to encourage quality land development and redevelopment that improves amenities, services and quality of life within the Southside community. A dynamic website for the SAP recently launched to continue engaging and informing the community.

As the City looks toward the future, the Commission indicated its desire to further enhance these and other community service focused initiatives.

Fiscal Year 2021 was a year of both progress and immense challenges for the City, which continued to make significant strides toward goals. Some of the noteworthy accomplishments included being recognized as one of the best public utilities in America by the American Public Power Association and one of only five cities in the world to achieve a Gold level designation for LEED certification.

The City continues to press forward in the face of global and national challenges. Its team of roughly 3,000 public servants delivers best-in-class service, adapts continuously to best serve Tallahassee and remains committed to its mission - to be the national leader in the delivery of public service.

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## Sustainability Tip

Wear your winter wardrobe indoors.  
For every degree you drop your thermostat,  
you save energy and money.  
Let your clothes help keep you warm.

## MARCH MEETINGS

Visit [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meetings and workshops. Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information and view the current meeting agendas online at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com). Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.

Spring isn't far off, and soon, utility customers will be placing piles of yard debris curbside for collection. Yard debris refers to vegetative fragments like tree trimmings, grass clippings, pine straw and leaves. Residential yard debris is collected at the curb in front of each residence every other week, per the Red/Blue Week schedule. When disposing of yard debris, place it within three feet of the curb and away from low-hanging wires, trees and other obstacles, such as mailboxes, fences, etc. For shrubs and limbs, piles should be no larger than 6 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. For more information on how to properly dispose of yard debris, visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

## Yard Waste Tips

### Senior Games Return

The annual Capital City Senior Games will take place March 2-15.

You can participate by competing, volunteering or cheering on the athletes. Sports featured this year include archery, bowling, cycling, golf, pickleball, swimming & more.

Get more details at  
[Talgov.com/SeniorGames](http://Talgov.com/SeniorGames).



## Grow Your Garden

Just in time for spring, rain garden grants are again available through the City's Think About Personal Pollution (TAPP) program. A rain garden is a landscaped area that is designed to capture and hold excess rainwater for a short period of time, allowing it to soak into the soil and recharge the groundwater. They help slow the flow of water from a yard during and after a storm, which helps reduce water pollution to area waterbodies.

Grant applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Only owners of property located within the Tallahassee City limits are eligible, and first-time applicants will receive priority. Access the application and more information at [TAPPwater.org](http://TAPPwater.org).



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### Stop Thieves with One Step

Did you know that the easiest way to prevent your car from being burglarized is to simply lock your doors? There are criminals who walk parking lots and neighborhoods looking for only unlocked vehicles. They simply skip the locked ones and take whatever they want from your unlocked car. Do yourself a favor: Lock it. Hide it. Keep it. Learn more from the Tallahassee Police Department at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

