

GRAYWATER KIT PROGRAM

City of Benicia

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HOW DID IT START?

Key Documents

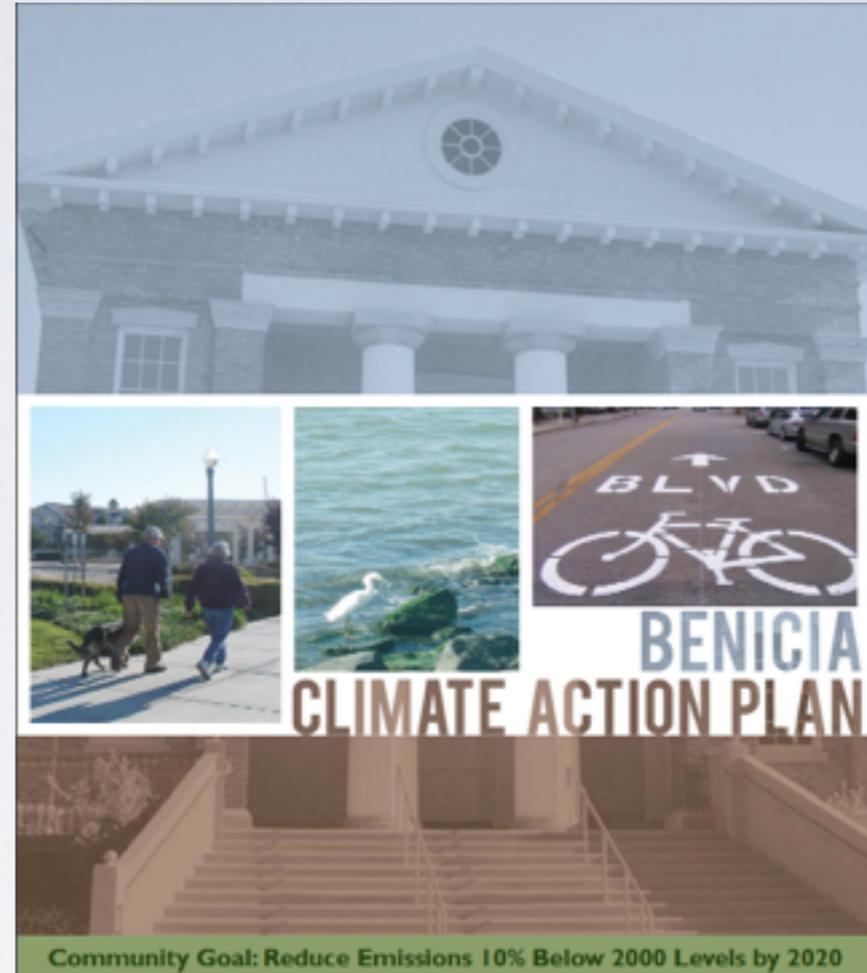
Climate Action Plan

Motivating Factors

- over 55% of residential water use is outdoors
- elected officials support
- staff experience with kits

Budget

\$ available via Settlement Agreement



HOW DO I GET A KIT?

- Fill out an application
- Attend a City-sponsored installation workshop (video available online)
- Sign up for energy/water assessment
- Install system and follow Bldg. Code checklist
- Inspection/photos



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Community Sustainability Commission
- Promotion on City website
- Articles in local paper
- Staff person to answer questions
- Coordination with on-going City programs



PROGRAM STATS

- 20 kits handed out (30 available)
- 11 kits returned to City, why?
 - ~installation too difficult
 - ~washing machine downhill from yard
 - ~landlord approval
- 30 residents attended free installation workshop
- 4 people submitted photos of completed installations
- 25-30 completed home energy/water assessments



LESSONS LEARNED

- Verifying installation is tough
- Applicants felt overwhelmed by installation
- Already completed energy/water assessment
- Eligibility criteria - focus on high water users?



WHAT WENT WELL?

- Addressed highest water use in Benicia
- More energy/water assessments completed



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