Once upon a time... just kidding! After Town leadership kickstarted substantial sustainable goals and initiatives, a new Sustainability Program was established. In July 2020, the Sustainability Team was brought on board to spearhead the Program from the ground up!

Welcome Megan Pendell (pictured left), the Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of Apex. In this role, Megan is responsible for leading and coordinating the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive town-wide sustainability program.

Welcome Valeria Mera (pictured right), the Sustainability Specialist for the Town of Apex. In this role, Val assists in planning, organizing, and facilitating the implementation of town sustainability initiatives.

Together, the Sustainability Team is dedicated to community outreach, department-wide collaboration and taking action to for a sustainable and resilient Peak of Good Living.

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**WANT A SEAT AT THE TABLE?**

**Environmental Advisory Board (EAB)**
The charge of the EAB is to assist the Apex Town Council in strengthening environmentally responsible practices that protect, promote and nurture our community and the natural world through advice and program support.

**Bee City Committee**
The Bee City Committee is a group of appointed citizens who represent the voice of the citizen as it relates to fostering an ongoing dialogue in Apex to raise awareness of the role native pollinators play in our community and what each of us can do to provide them with healthy habitat.

**Tree Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP)**
Tree CAP is a group of appointed citizens who represent the voice of the citizen as it relates to tree programs, management and regulations.

**Apex Community Coalition (ACC)**
The ACC is a community-led committee of Apex residents and stakeholders who have passion and stake in our local environment, centered around sustainability, resiliency, and environmental efforts in our community.

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Sustainability is all about ensuring the **Peak of Good Living** for current AND future generations. The big goal is to maintain & grow our personal, social, economic, and environmental wellness for us today and for centuries to come.

*Apex Sustainability branches into Eight Key Initiatives:*

**CLEAN ENERGY**
*Think* renewable & zero-emission, such as SOLAR.

**CLEAN TRANSPORTATION**
*Think* shared TRANSIT, BIKE LANES, & electric vehicles (EVs).

**CONSERVATION & EFFICIENCY**
*Think* better BUILDINGS that reduce our energy requirements.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**
*Think* REDUCE & REUSE before recycling & resorting to landfills.

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**
*Think* TREE CANOPY & native HABITAT preservation.

**LIVING LOCAL**
*Think* enhancing EQUITY & environmental JUSTICE for all.

**ECONOMICS**
*Think* responsible financing for our NEIGHBORS & BUSINESS OWNERS.

**RESILIENCY**
*Think* strategizing for “inevitables,” like high RAIN & HEAT events.

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**RAILROADS TO RENEWABLES**

**Our History**
Time travel to 148 years ago when our Town was incorporated. This area was named ‘Apex’ because it was situated at the highest point along the Chatham Railroad, where steam engines would stop and train workers would replenish their water supply. We honor our history as we look forward to the future: from Railroads to Renewables.

**Our Future**
Travel back to present day and the Town is leading by example in its operations by committing to building a sustainable and resilient future through numerous tactics, including:

- **Goals:**
  - 80% Clean Energy by 2035
  - 100% Clean Energy by 2050
  - 100% Clean Fleet by 2050 for Town operations!!!

- **Solar:** Apex is a designated SolSmart Gold community! Rooftop solar PV is installed on 9 Town buildings.

- **Electric Vehicles:** Total of 4 vehicles, 9 charging stations, and 2 grants!

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**SUSTAINABILITY SECRETS**

**On Waste**
The 3 Rs are in ORDER!
1. **Reduce** consumption of single-use items!
2. **Reuse** or upcycle old items to be used in a new way!
3. **Recycle** as a last resort. It’s still better than dumping items in the South Wake landfill!


**Bonus:** **COMPOST**! Start your own backyard compost at home OR visit the new Food Waste Recycling Center at 6120 Old Smithfield Rd. in Apex.

**On Trees & Bees**
- **Trees:** Apex is a Tree City USA! Help add to our Peak tree canopy by planting trees! Always go for native and diverse species—check them out your options at a local nursery today.
- **Bees:** Apex is a Bee City USA! Grow your own garden & plant native flowers that pollinators like bees will love!

**On Food**
- **Would you rather...** Not take a shower for 3 months OR Not flush a toilet for 6 months... OR Not eat 1 beef burger? Meat is super water & resource intensive. Try opting in for Meatless Mondays!
- **Eat local & seasonal!** Learn more at [www.apexfarmersmarket.com](http://www.apexfarmersmarket.com).

**On Clean Energy**
Apex has made it easy to install a solar array at YOUR home by eliminating fees! Solar reduces fossil fuel emissions AND saves you money. Learn more at [www.apexnc.org/Solar](http://www.apexnc.org/Solar).