

Title - *Results of the 2015 National Survey on Sustainability Policy Actions by US Local Governments*

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While national policy lags, some local governments are taking a lead in addressing environmental sustainability. But how common is local government action across the full range of communities in the US? The 2015 Sustainability Survey, conducted in collaboration with the International City/County Management Association, is the most recent comprehensive national survey of what local governments are doing in the areas of environmental sustainability policy. The survey covers energy use, waste management, water and stormwater, land use, etc., and the goals, motivators and barriers to local action. We find economic motivators are key drivers - suggesting strong links between environmental sustainability and economic development. However, attention to social equity lags behind. A brief presentation will be followed by discussion of themes and issues.