



When you hear the term “SUSTAINABILITY,” what does it mean to you? How would you implement sustainable measures in your jurisdiction?

Sustainability means being good stewards by protecting our God-given ecological inheritance out of respect for our past, present, and future generations.

I endeavor to implement sustainable measures by:

- There’s a lot of new development coming to Covington. It may be the perfect time to introduce green building standards for new construction and major renovations, emphasizing sustainable building practices that reduce energy consumption and emissions.
- Encourage the transition to renewable energy by removing some of the red tape for people that want to install solar panels on their properties.

In a 2022 study funded by the City of Covington, the consulting firm Urban3 performed an "Economic MRI" of the city's tax revenues and cost of services to determine which types of development produce a positive cash flow for the city, vs. those costing more to service than the revenues generated. They found the best economic performance in areas with multi-story, more compact, mixed-use development. However, city residents often raise concerns about the impacts of density. As an elected official, what would be your philosophy for balancing those interests/perspectives in your municipality?

My philosophy for balancing apartments and single-family homes would be to attract the development of other types of lower density living options such as:

- Stacked Duplex
- Cottage Court
- Townhomes
- Live/Work (retail on the bottom, residential on top)

Businesses and educational institutions in our community are implementing "Zero Waste" programs to dramatically reduce the volume of waste reaching the landfill from their operations. What investments, if any, would you support your government making to pursue similar objectives?

- Foster the development and deployment of a commercial recycling program by collaborating with service providers, City staff, and local organizations to lessen our dependency on landfills.

In our area, the governments of Athens-Clarke County, Atlanta, Augusta, Clarkston, DeKalb County, Decatur, Savannah, and Winterville have all set clean energy targets for 2050 or earlier. Would you be willing to propose/support clean energy targets in your jurisdiction?

Absolutely, I believe that working collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions to share best practices, pool resources, and leverage expertise in clean energy initiatives will help Covington join the ranks.

The state of Georgia and the Atlanta Regional Commission have received EPA grants for \$3 million and \$1 million, respectively, to develop collaborating climate pollution reduction plans. These plans will open grant opportunities for municipalities in the 29-county metro Atlanta area to reduce their climate pollution. Drawdown Georgia, a statewide initiative led by researchers from UGA, Georgia Tech and Emory University, identifies 20 Georgia-specific climate solutions that provide a roadmap for reducing climate emissions across the state. What climate pollution reduction actions would you prioritize and seek funding for in your city?

My goal is to source federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support the development pedestrian-friendly infrastructure like buffered bike lanes and sidewalks. Also, create a public transportation option for seniors to reduce emissions.