



Sustainable Model Ordinance Engagement Program

Sustainability Programs Manager

I. Introduction

- **The County Board's 2023 Strategic Plan goal: Implement a Sustainability Model Ordinance Engagement Plan**
- **Effectively showcase the sustainability efforts of the County Board to public partners and residents**
- **Encourage land managing departments to consider sustainability considerations when developing any regulation**
- **Program designs a framework to catalog, assist adoption, and track the implementation Lake County's sustainability regulations with municipal and public stakeholders**

II. Scope and Intent

- **Sustainable Model Ordinance: Those ordinances, regulations and best practices which integrate environmental sustainability into the practice of local government management by reducing negative impacts on human and environmental health and advance communities' climate and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals**



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Department
County Administration
Planning, Building, and Development
Division of Transportation
Stormwater Management Commission
Facilities and Construction
Environmental Health
Public Works

II. Scope and Intent (Cont.)



Notify

Survey

Assist

Record Adoption

III. Existing Regulations & Best Practices



- **Developed an SMO Inventory**
- **A shareable resource that organizes regulations and best practices so that any size community can freely and easily access sample text and concepts**
- **Will be an online platform with all historic and modern code numbers, titles, and summaries**
- **New SMOs will be added to the SMO Inventory so that all can use the Lake County model as a guide for their own communities immediately upon passage**

Inventory Platform Draft



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Sustainable Model Ordinance Inventory

AIR BIODIVERSITY ENERGY FUTURE PLANNING TRANSPORTATION WASTE WATER

As communities strive to balance growth with environmental responsibility, sustainability model ordinances serve as a vital tool for local governments seeking to implement effective and forward-thinking policies. Lake County has compiled its sustainability ordinances in one inventory to make it easier for other communities to get started on integrating sustainable practices into their regulations, promoting long-term environmental, economic and social benefits. Lake County will continue to update this inventory as sustainability ordinances are amended or adopted by the Lake County Board.

If you would like additional information on a particular ordinance, please contact [Robin Grooms](#), Lake County Sustainability Programs Manager.

Biodiversity Ordinances

Energy Ordinances

Food Ordinances

Waste Ordinances

Other

Bird-Friendly Building Design

[Ord. 24-0731](#) - Adopted June 11, 2024

Amendments to the building code require bird-friendly building design as part of new construction or major renovation of non-residential development in unincorporated areas of Lake County. These projects must use at least 80 percent bird-friendly glass on their exteriors from ground level to 100 feet high. This ordinance also applies to non-residential accessory structures such as free-standing glass walls, accessory storage buildings, glass-enclosed gazebos and pavilions and similar structures.

[Additional Info](#)

Native Trees and Plants

[Ord. 24-0924](#) - Amended August 13, 2024

Related to the enhanced planting and protection of native tree and plant species in unincorporated Lake County. The amendments included modifying the plant materials list to remove invasive or disease-affected trees, adding trees that are either native or adapted to future climate conditions, reducing required minimum plant caliper width and increasing species mix limits to ensure more biodiverse and resilient plantings.

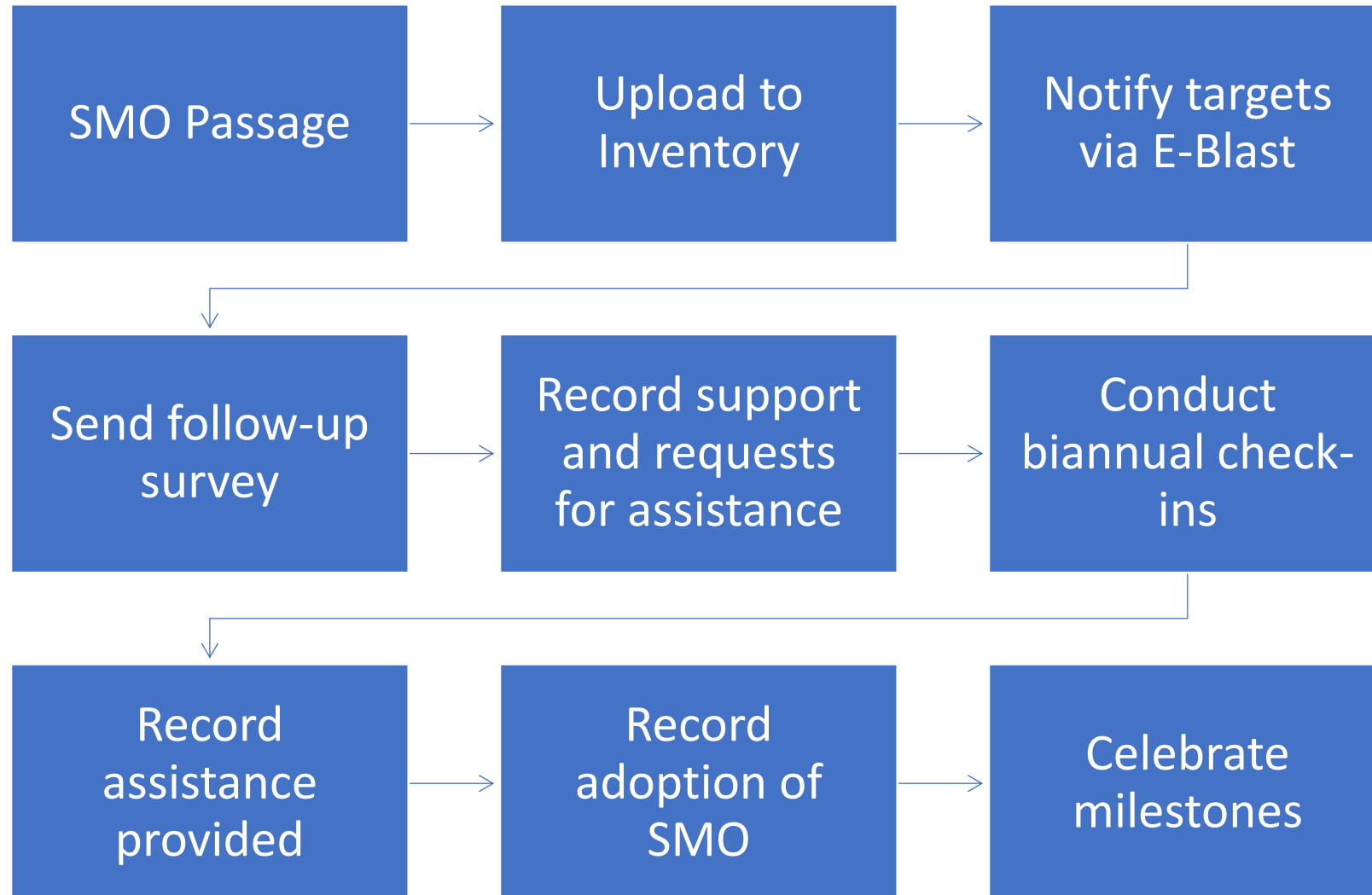
Landscaping

[Ord. 09-2054](#) - Amended October 13, 2009

Introduced various sustainable landscaping-related amendments, including enhanced parking lot landscaping features, best management practices for landscaping and low impact development features.



IV. New Regulations & Best Practices



V. Department Expectations

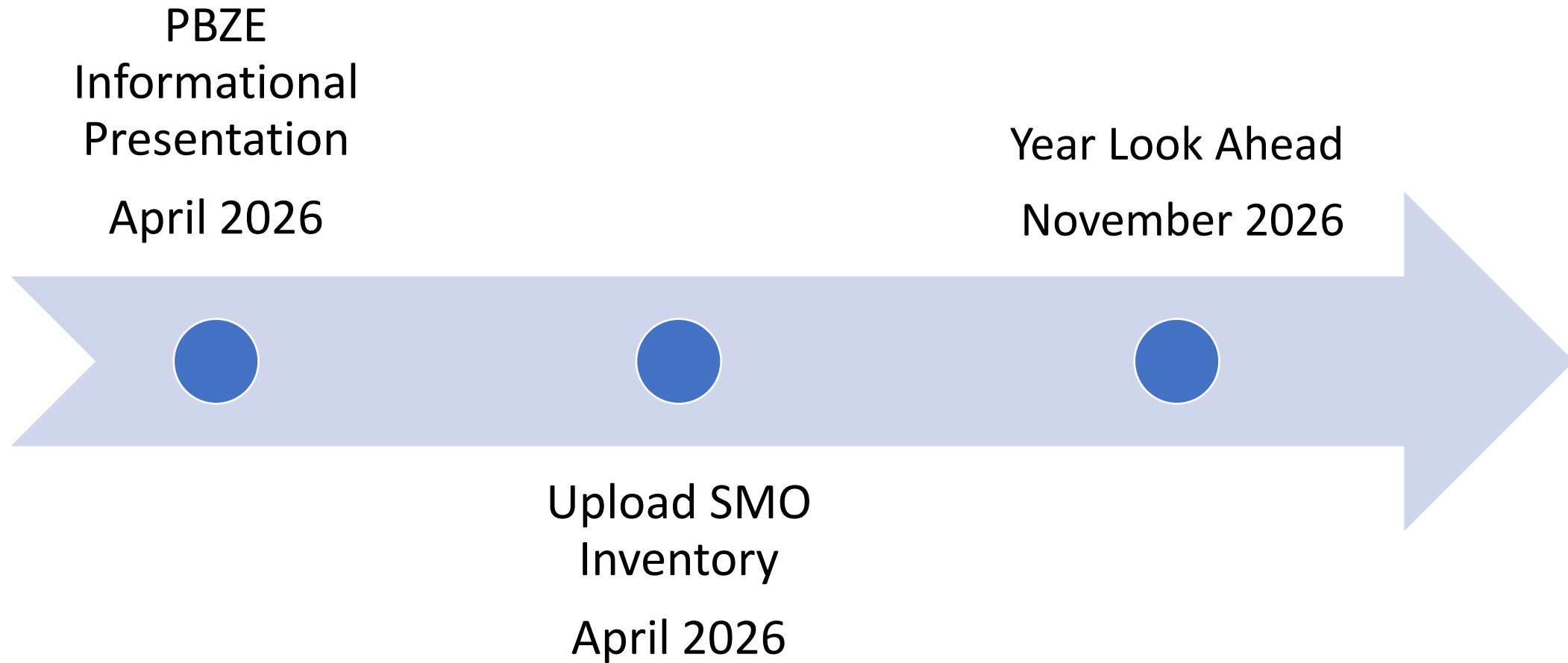


Annual look-
ahead

Draft
language
review

SPM update
inventory

Next Steps





Questions