

How are local governments handling sustainability?

In 2015, the International City/County Management Association surveyed over 8,000 local governments across the U.S. about their sustainability practices, ideologies and other municipal policies. 1,899 jurisdictions responded. Here's what they had to say:

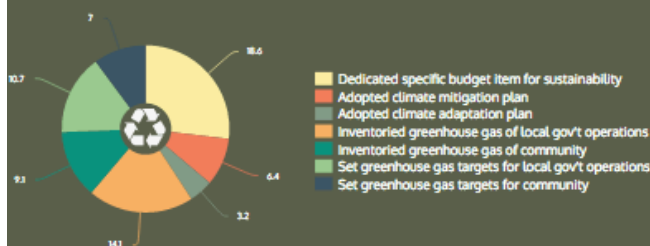
47.3 % of governments identified environmental protection as a priority, — but only — **31.5 %** of governments said they had adopted a sustainability plan.

Whereas... **90.5 %** identified economic development as a priority.

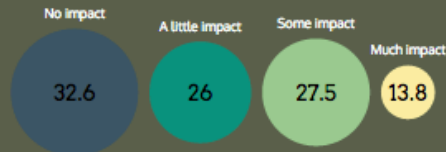
Despite few of these governments having much sustainability organization in place ...

51.5 % of governments reported that they had no dedicated sustainability staffing ...

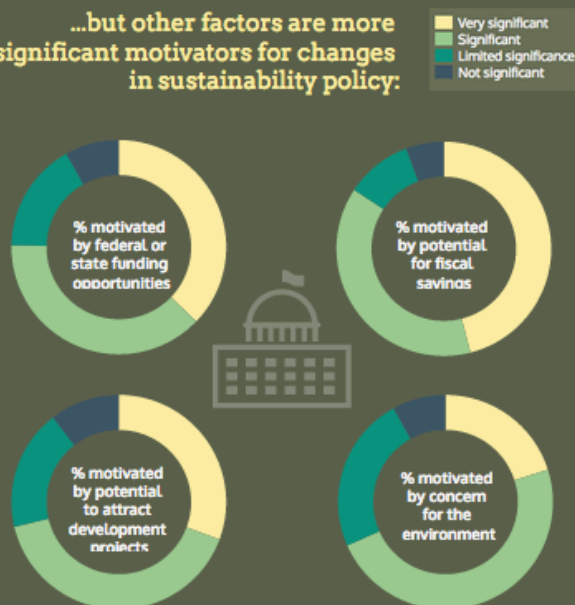
... these percentages of governments are taking specific actions towards sustainability:



The majority of governments' sustainability plans haven't been shaped much by public participation...



...but other factors are more significant motivators for changes in sustainability policy:



However, lack of funding was considered a "very significant" hindrance of sustainability efforts for

61.8 % of participating governments.