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Achieving long term sustainability

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Session Intent

Discuss sustainability and where it will be in 10 years.

Sustainability in the next 10 years

- What does “sustainability” mean?
- It is hard to hit a target if you aren't aiming for it.



Total sustainability

- Consume nothing
- Energy Neutral
- Zero waste
- Everything is recycled and recyclable



Sustainability in the next 10 years

- Is 10 years a long enough look forward?
 - 6-month scorecard cycles
 - Annual budget cycle – if we are lucky
 - 2-, 4-, or 6-year election cycles
- building need identified today won't open for 10 years
- Who are your clients in 20 years?
- What do they need, what will they need then?
- What is your mission now, what will it be then?

Sustainability – the future

- Think big
 - Future population migrations
 - What technology in 100 years
 - Growth reversals?



Sustainability – the future

- No...

BIGGER

Achieving sustainability

The gap between a strategic concept and successful implementation is...

People



Achieving sustainability

- Changing culture
- Changing behavior
- Communicating



QUESTIONS ?

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