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RESISTANCE FROM TRADITIONAL TOURISM OPERATORS

Due to concerns related to possible costs increase or reduced profits, a number of traditional tourism operators may resist the transition to sustainable practices.



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LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

The lack of key infrastructure such as eco-friendly accommodations, renewable energy sources, recycling facilities, waste management systems may hinder the development of sustainable tourism.





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IMBALANCE BETWEEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Possible lack of balance between the urge to achieve local economic growth through tourism and to ensure environmental conservation may become a serious challenge for the green agenda.





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LACK OF FUNDING FOR GREEN INITIATIVES

Limited financial resources may impact municipality's ability to provide adequate support for green transition initiatives, as well as may impact local businesses readiness to invest in eco-friendly practices.



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RESISTANCE FROM TRADITIONAL BUSINESSES

Traditional businesses may resist transitioning to green practices due to skepticism, concerns about increased costs, complex operational changes etc.



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LIMITED ACCESS TO ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGIES

Due to many reasons, some local businesses may face challenges in accessing affordable eco-friendly technologies and solutions necessary for their green transition which may limit their ability to adopt sustainable practices.



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RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

Due to lack of awareness about the benefits of sustainable practices, or concerns about potential impacts on crop yields and profitability, many traditional farmers may resist adoption of new sustainable farming practices.





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LIMITED ACCESS TO RESOURCES

Residents of rural areas may have limited access to necessary funding opportunities, technical assistance, support, and infrastructure, to transition to sustainable farming.



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MARKET ACCESS AND DEMAND

Fear from limited access to market as well as limited demand for sustainable Agri products, farmers may resist the transition to sustainable practices.



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HIGH COSTS

Perceived higher costs associated with sustainable land management practices, compared to traditional practice pose challenge to this initiative.



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RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

Resistance to change from conventional landscaping practices may hinder the adoption of sustainable land management.





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LACK OF EXPERTISE

Limited expertise and knowledge about sustainable land management practices pose challenges to implementation.



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CLIMATE - PRESENT AND FUTURE

Spatial variation in climate, as well as high annual weather variability are one part of the challenges faced by vegetation managers and restoration practitioners in the municipality that may limit the effectiveness of the initiative.



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INVASIVE SPECIES, SOIL DEGRADATION AND POOR QUALITY

Expansion of invasive plant species poses a challenge to native plant restoration efforts, threatening biodiversity and ecosystem stability, same as poor soil quality and degradation in urban and suburban.



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URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Urban development is one of the challenges that impacts availability of space for native plant restoration.



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CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Ensuring climate-resilient green spaces that will withstand extreme weather events and climate change may be challenging.





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LIMITED SPACE AVAILABILITY

Due to limited land available for green space expansion, ensuring more green space in the municipality is almost impossible.



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STAKEHOLDERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES' RESISTANCE

Afraid of changes made to their public space in their neighborhoods, local communities and stakeholders may resist the green initiative.



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INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITATIONS

Lack of appropriate infrastructure for green waste management, including composting facilities and collection systems to support green waste management, poses a significant challenge to this initiative.



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LOW LEVEL OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lack of public awareness and participation are a serious threat since the effectiveness of the green waste management program depends on residents' readiness to accept and integrate this practice in their everyday life.



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TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS

Limited access of the municipality to appropriate technologies and expertise may limit the effective green waste management.



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COST AND AVAILABILITY CONCERNS

The perceived higher cost of eco-friendly products and equipment, as well as the lack of availability of such products are primary barriers to implementing the green cleaning initiative.





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PERFORMANCE DOUBTS

Doubts in the effectiveness of the green products, as well as lack of standardization in the green cleaning industry green products may hinder the effectiveness of the initiative.



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RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

Green cleaning practice may meet with resistance from the accustomed to traditional cleaning methods decision-makers and the general public. This too may impede adoption of green cleaning practices.



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SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS

Difficulty sourcing sustainable materials locally, coupled with limited availability and high costs, presents a barrier to implementing green building standards. To overcome this challenge, foster partnerships with suppliers, promote local sourcing, and explore alternative materials and construction techniques.



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MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

Inadequate monitoring mechanisms and lax enforcement of green building standards lead to non-compliance and subpar outcomes. Mitigating this challenge involves implementing robust monitoring systems, conducting regular inspections, and imposing penalties for non-compliance to ensure adherence to standards.



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LIMITED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

A shortage of professionals skilled in green building design and implementation hampers progress. Addressing this challenge requires investment in specialized training programs, educational initiatives, and partnerships with academic institutions to cultivate a skilled workforce.



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DESIGN COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Ensuring compatibility and integration of green infrastructure elements with existing urban infrastructure presents challenges, requiring careful planning and coordination.



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MAINTENANCE AND LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT

Ensuring proper maintenance and long-term management of green infrastructure elements presents challenges, including funding constraints and capacity limitations within municipalities.



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LIMITED PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

Lack of support for the initiative from local communities, due to lack of understanding and disbelief in the benefits and importance of green infrastructure integration may challenge the success of the initiative.



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LACK OF CLIMATE DATA

Limited availability of climate data and projections creates challenges for the development of accurate and effective climate-resilient design guidelines, for sustainable infrastructure planning and adaptation.



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KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE GAP

A lack of expertise and technical knowledge among local practitioners and decision-makers about climate-resilient design principles can pose challenges to the effective implementation of guidelines.



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LACK OF COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Lack of coordination and cooperation among local institutions, agencies and stakeholders can hinder the practical implementation of the guideline for climate-resilient space planning.



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LIMITED LAND AVAILABLE

The pressure to accommodate growing population while preserving natural habitats and open spaces may be challenging due to lack of space.



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BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES

Complex regulatory requirements and permitting processes may hinder the implementation of sustainable site development practices, since they can be time-consuming and costly.



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STAKEHOLDER RESISTANCE

Fears due to potential impacts on property values, changes to neighborhood character etc., local communities, stakeholders and other interest groups may oppose the initiative.



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LIMITED OPTIONS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGE

Limited available space for infrastructure expansion, the existing urban layout or land use patterns may limit the feasibility of certain sustainable transportation infrastructure, such as bike lanes or pedestrian walkways.



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LIMITED FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Convincing decision-makers to approve sufficient funding for infrastructure upgrades may be difficult due to limited availability of funds.



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LACK OF PUBLIC SUPPORT

General public resistance, or lack of interest in sustainable transportation upgrades may pose additional challenges. Convincing the public to support and embrace alternative and sustainable travel is key to successful initiative.



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RESISTANCE FROM MUNICIPALITIES

Some municipalities oppose the Initiative. They are concerned due to possible pressure from vendors, and the possible failure of green procurement due to lack of sustainable offers from sustainable vendors, or lack of vendors that meet the sustainability criteria.



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CONFUSION AMONG SUPPLIERS

Suppliers and business associations across the country have openly expressed their concerns regarding the possible adoption of a sustainable procurement framework. They fear the responsibilities, the additional costs and the possible complications that such a framework may bring to their work.



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BUREAUCRACY

Current national procurement laws favor lowest-cost criteria, making it difficult to prioritize sustainability in procurement decision-making, and some complicated procedures and a lack of understanding and support from policy- and decision-makers may hinder your task.



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LACK OF CLARITY AND FOCUS

Due to lack of clear guidelines and training, procurement staff may not be able to implement green procurement, properly, and may continue to prioritize cost over sustainability when selecting suppliers.



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RESISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENTS

Fear from possible obstacles in the implementation process, representatives from different departments may oppose the green initiative.



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RECOURSE CONSTRAINTS

Although the Guideline may be an excellent starting point for establishing green procurement within the municipality, the implementation will depend on the available financial resources to support the greening, as well as lack of human capacity to support the implementation of the procedures.



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POSSIBLE GREENWASHING

Lack of standardized "sustainability" criteria and evaluation methods may hinder the entire process of certification. Same as the lack of consistency in the implementation of those standardized criteria for certification may create issues with greenwashing.



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DOUBTS IN THE RELEVANCE OF THE CRITERIA

Doubts in the relevance of the criteria for green certification, and the complexity of the procedure, may spark resistance among key stakeholders.



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LACK OF CAPACITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Limited human capacity and knowledge within the municipality may pose challenges to the successful implementation of the certification procedure, as well as to the evaluation and progress monitoring.



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SLOW GREEN TRANSITION DUE TO RESISTANCE FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS

Due to difficulty in convincing local suppliers to adopt sustainable practices and provide green products and services, the municipality is facing slow greening of local suppliers. If not addressed properly, this may limit municipality's plan to achieve green sourcing.



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LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF SUSTAINABLE LOCAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS

Due to limited availability of green products and services, the municipality may be forced to source sustainable goods and services from non-local suppliers. Despite all the efforts to encourage green local production, availability of certain products and services is limited.



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INADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Inadequate transportation infrastructure in some areas of the municipality, may hinder local suppliers' ability to deliver goods and services, as well as it may attract negative campaign for the municipality's green ambitions if not addressed properly.





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SUPPLIERS RESISTANCE

One part of the local supplier's fear that the transition to green packaging may increase production costs, as well as may increase products prices. Other part of the supplier's fear that limited availability of eco-friendly packaging materials will put pressure on those that would want to adopt the practice.



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INADEQUATE ENFORCEMENT

Staff and experts are concerned that an inadequate enforcement mechanism may allow non-compliant products to enter the market unchecked.



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CONSUMERS WANT AFFORDABLE PRODUCTS NOT ECO-FRIENDLY PACKAGING

Local consumers fear that the initiative may increase prices. The majority prioritize affordability over environmental considerations.



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DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING SUITABLE PARTNERS

Department staff struggles to identify suitable international partners, as well as to initiate successful green collaboration that bring real benefits for any of the green objectives and targets of the municipality.



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RECOURSE CONSTRAINTS

Limited financial and human resources may impact municipality's capacity to engage in international cooperation and partnership development effectively, as well as it may limit their capacity to attend at international events; to network and participate in cooperation projects and initiatives.





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LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS DUE TO POLITICAL TURBULENCE

Geopolitical tensions, bilateral conflicts and other global and regional tensions, may impact municipality's ability to build effective partnerships with international organizations and use its communication channels to advance its green agenda.



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DIFFICULTY IN ENSURING ALIGNMENT

The Department struggles to foster collaboration among diverse local stakeholders, in order to ensure alignment with inter-municipal green cooperation initiative. Department also faces challenges due to differences in priorities, interest and level of green commitment among municipalities.



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LIMITED FINANCES

Lack of finances available for inter-municipal collaboration, implementation of cross-border or trans-border projects may limit municipality's ability to achieve its envisioned objectives and targets related to collaborative green transition, sustainability, environment protection, etc.



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LACK OF POLITICAL WILL AND LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

Differences in political ideologies, governance structures, and leadership priorities of municipal leader(s) can create obstacles to decision-making, and coordinated inter-municipal action on green topics.





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COMPLEX APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Department struggles to access international funding opportunities due to complex application procedures, eligibility criteria and administrative requirements which limits municipality's ability to secure financial support for green projects and initiatives.



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LACK OF CAPACITY FOR TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS

Lack of human resources or knowledge to meet the necessary criteria for accessing financial support for green initiatives, as well as for successful implementation of these projects and initiative, may limit municipality's ability to access green funding opportunities and successfully implement such projects.



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STRONG COMPETITORS

High competition for international funding opportunities among municipalities and organizations may pose limit municipality's access to financial support for its green projects and initiatives.



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DIFFICULTY IN ENSURING CSOs FUNDING PROGRAMS SUSTAINABILITY

Difficulty in ensuring long-term sustainability of funding programs for local CSOs green initiatives and project may limit municipality's collaboration and support for local green projects.



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LACK OF COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT AMONG LOCAL CSOs

Lack of coordination and alignment among local CSOs and municipal initiatives may create inefficiencies and duplication of efforts in green projects and initiatives.



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CSOs LIMITED CAPACITIES

Limited capacities among local civil society organizations (CSOs) may impact their ability to actively participate in the implementation of the green initiatives and to properly and effectively use the funding opportunities to contribute meaningfully to the municipality's sustainability goals.



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RESISTANCE FROM SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Due to concerns about additional costs, logistical challenges, or disruptions to established traditional practices, inherited from their founders, some of the oldest, biggest and all-residents-favorite sports organizations resist the implementation of green initiatives. Convincing them to transition to environmentally friendly practice may require significant persuasion and negotiation.



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LIMITED FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The municipality has limited budget of its own, including limited access to external funding necessary for the specific initiative. This poses obstacles to any infrastructure-type of initiative, campaigns, capacity building, etc. Without sufficient financial support, implementation may be slow or incomplete.



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INFRASTRUCTURE AND GREEN TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

Most of the local sports facilities have outdated infrastructure, and attempts to modernize them to meet the environmental standards can be costly, complex and may lead to resistance from facility owners and sports managers.



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LACK OF TEACHER TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Many teachers, especially those in the remote parts of the municipality, including those in the poorer quarts lack training and learning resources in the field of environmental education. Without adequate professional development opportunities, a continuous support and motivation, educators may struggle to effectively integrate environmental topics into their lessons.



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BUDGET CONSTRAINTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE GREEN UPGRADES

Funding limitations may hinder municipality's ability to upgrade school infrastructure and provide sustainable transportation options for students and staff. This especially may be challenging for old school buildings in remote areas of the municipality, and in poorer neighborhoods.



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CURRICULUM CONSTRAINS

Integrating environmental education into school curricula can be challenging due to curriculum constraints. This may demotivate teachers, and limit the numbers of those willing to invest themselves since they will need to find time within the existing curriculum to incorporate sustainability concepts effectively.



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LIMITED RESOURCES FOR ECO-FRIENDLY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Organizing eco-friendly cultural events and festivals, as well as integrating green principles into social service programs, requires financial resources and infrastructure support. However, municipalities may face budget constraints that limit their ability to invest in sustainability initiatives.



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COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION CHALLENGES

Due to differences in priorities, and competing interests among different stakeholders, the municipality may struggle to ensure effective coordination and communication with many of these stakeholders, otherwise needed for ensuring success of the envisioned community sustainability initiatives.





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LIMITED ACCESS TO GREEN TECHNOLOGIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRAINS

Lack of resources, same as lack of necessary green technologies and appropriate infrastructure, such as recycling facilities or energy-efficient housing options in some neighborhoods may impact municipality's efforts to promote community sustainability.



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LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Insufficient infrastructure, such as inadequate park facilities, trails, and recreational areas, can limit the availability and accessibility of outdoor activities for youngsters and youth, especially in some neighborhood.



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LOW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RATE

Encouraging youngsters, parents and youth to participate in outdoor activities and environmental projects can be challenging, particularly in urban areas where access to green spaces may be limited.



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SEASONAL LIMITATIONS

Certain outdoor activities may be limited due to seasonal changes in weather conditions in the municipality. The usual harsh winters, heavy rainfall, and the extreme summer heat, require careful planning to adapt activities and maintain participation levels throughout the year.



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