



City of Bloomington

Environmental Commission

The mission of the Environmental Commission is to advise the City of Bloomington on how its actions and policies may preserve and enhance the quality of Bloomington's environment, including the life-supporting processes that natural ecological systems provide to humans and other organisms.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOTICE and REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

April 17, 2025, 6:00 PM
Hooker Meeting Room #245
Hybrid Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/8657231124?pwd=mPqboSiD0AhVwKSgkuW2aO7NHixihO.1&omn=81563021562>

Meeting ID: 865 723 1124

Passcode: COBPT

or on Community Access Television Service (CATS):

<https://catstv.net/government.php>.

Auxiliary aids are available upon request with adequate notice.

1. Call to order and quorum confirmation:
2. Introductions and Roll Call

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Zoom</u>
Carrie Albright	X		
Nadia Cain	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Kasie Chappell	X		
Adam Fudickar	X		

Shannon Gayk	X	
Adam Martinez	X	
Mitchell Owens		X
David Parkhurst	X	
Rachael Johnson, City Liaison	X	
Fiona Kilgore, Graduate Fellow		X

3. Approval of March 2025 minutes*

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Carrie Albright	X		
Nadia Cain	X		
Matt Caldie	X		
Kasie Chappell	X		
Adam Fudickar	X		
Shannon Gayk	X		
Adam Martinez	X		
Mitchell Owens			
David Parkhurst	X		

4. Public comment

Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

5. New Business

a. None

6. Old Business

a. Working group updates

i. Light Pollution

No update.

ii. Water Quality

“Clean community” grant, potential for collaboration with Special Projects group. Focuses on non-point source pollution. Notice of intent due in June.

iii. Biodiversity

1. Bee City USA

Council-member Piedmont-Smith requested clarification, potentially wants a meeting with a commission member.

IU has officially been designated a Bee Campus. The Bee City questions mostly revolve around the application / renewal fees and what the funds are used for.

The organization's website is at:
beecityusa.org

2. Habitat Connectivity Map

- a. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/70c3c09af677437aad0be4b9d5ef53e2/page/Map>

The data on the site is the same as the previous map. Carrie recommended adding easily digestible information about the map, especially in the FAQ and Legend. Shannon mentioned that the process for adding your own property wasn't clear.

Adam F. asked about any "Potential Corridor Links" on city property.

Kasie suggested that the page open on the Legend tab to make the map more understandable.

Matt said that the Potential Corridor Links aren't very useful and recommends removing them. He also mentioned adding "orange diamonds" (user reported greenspace) on city land, such as parks.

Kasie asked about differentiating between user submissions and existing greenspace like parks.

iv. Special Projects

Carrie talked briefly about the aforementioned water quality grant. The group is planning to meet on May 8 (see city calendar).

b. Eco-Heroes Planning

Commissioners signed cards that will be handed out to participants.

The event will be indoors due to weather concerns.

The commission will bring tote bags for the public to decorate and give away extra donations.
Most winners will be in attendance at the Earth Day celebration.
The EC will setup at the tables labeled 22.
Shannon told us about an event where a group walks around local “wastelands”. The first one is April 19th at 10:30 weather depending.

c. Handbook Update*

Rachel showed the document with updated language around using a standardized template and the history of the EC.

Adam F moved to adopt the new language. All present voted Yes.

7. Staff Update

a. Confirm June Meeting Date

The 3rd Thursday of June is Juneteenth which is a city holiday.
Rachel asked about moving it to the 4th Thursday, June 26th.

8. Reports from:

a. Tree Commission (TC)

No update.

b. Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)

Dave gave a recap of the meeting. An insect survey was conducted at Lake Griffy.

c. Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)

No update.

d. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS)

Matt gave a recap.

e. Monroe County - Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS)

Rachel gave a recap.

9. Commissioner announcements

Nadia is going to Chicago to promote composting at Wrigley Field.

10. Social Media
 - a. May Posts

Adam M. will send a photo and information about a native bird, why they are important, and how to attract them.
Rachel reached out about the Parks Department sharing posts from the Environmental Commission.
11. Upcoming Meeting
 - a. May 15, 2025, 6:00 pm, Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS
12. Adjournment: 7:16 PM

** Item to be voted on*

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As a quorum of the Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

The Bloomington Environmental Commission (EC) wishes to acknowledge and honor the indigenous communities native to this region, and recognize that the City of Bloomington, Indiana was built on indigenous homelands and resources.