



**City of Bloomington**

**Environmental Commission**

The mission of the Environmental Commission is to promote the stewardship and preservation of the city's environment and natural resources by seeking out and responding to emerging issues, addressing them with sound long-term policy recommendations, and increasing local environmental awareness and engagement.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NOTICE and REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

September 18, 2025, 6:00 PM  
Hooker Meeting Room #245  
City Hall, 401 N Morton Street Bloomington, IN 47404  
Hybrid Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

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## **Environmental Commission Members**

Carrie Albright, Chair

Appointed by Mayor

Term: February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026

Heidi Brown

Appointed by Mayor

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Nadia Cain

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026

Matt Caldie, Vice Chair & Treasurer

Appointed by Mayor

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Kasie Chappell

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Norman Crampton

Appointed by Mayor

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Adam Fudickar

Appointed by Common Council

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Shannon Gayk

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026

Adam Martinez, Secretary

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Mitchell Owens

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David Parkhurst

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Vacancies: 1

1. Call to order and quorum confirmation: 6:00 PM

2. Introductions and Roll Call

|                 | <u>In Person</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>Zoom</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Carrie Albright | X                |               |             |
| Heidi Brown     | X                |               |             |
| Nadia Cain      |                  | X             |             |
| Matt Caldie     | X                |               |             |
| Kasie Chappell  |                  | X             |             |
| Norman Crampton | X                |               |             |
| Adam Fudickar   | X                |               |             |
| Shannon Gayk    |                  | X             |             |
| Adam Martinez   | X                |               |             |
| Mitchell Owens  | X                |               |             |
| David Parkhurst | X                |               |             |
| City Liaison    | X                |               |             |

3. Approval of August 21 2025 minutes\*

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

4. Public comment

Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

Steve Stanford was present. He mentioned that he works in Bloomington and is considering moving here. He was mostly interested in listening in on the meeting.

5. New Business

a. How to Make Your Grass “Greener”

Norman has written a draft of a potential flier about reducing the environmental impact of lawn mowing.

David P. asked about contractors. Norman mentioned that he planned to write additional content about this.

The goal would be for the city to distribute the flier in some fashion.

Matt mentioned potentially submitting it as a guest column for the Herald Times. It may be too much text for a pamphlet.  
Heidi mentioned that Austin Tx had an electric mower program.  
The commission will consider inviting contractor(s) to discuss the potential impact on their business.

b. Habitat Connectivity Plan – Draft

Carrie sought input on some materials to advertise the Habitat Connectivity Map.

Heidi mentioned potentially creating an email list for those who take the pledge.

Norman asked about tabling at the weekly Farmer's Market.

6. Old Business

a. Working group updates

i. Water Quality

Mitchell invited individuals from the stormwater group to an upcoming water quality meeting. The working group is also looking into potential grant applications.

Mitchell has talked with Hoosier River Watch about giving a presentation in December.

ii. ECPC

The St. Remy dam project has been pushed back.

iii. Light Pollution

Adam M. asked about language in the UDO implying that light trespass is not regulated if it comes from a public street.

David H. said that potential UDO changes are constantly gathered.

David P. brought up potentially creating / reviving a noise pollution working group.

Enforcement is always a concern.

iv. Biodiversity

Bugfest went well. Bug bingo is very popular. Carrie plans to talk to neighborhood associations about the habitat connectivity plan.

1. Mayor Monarch Pledge

The criteria has changed. Sign ups have closed for 2025.

2. Bee City USA Resolution

The resolution has been approved by the city council. It is awaiting approval from Bee City USA.

v. Special Projects

We may get a new table cloth. A project board is in the works.

Eco-Heroes planning should begin soon.

b. Presentation Schedule

There are no planned presentations for October. Nadia may present her thesis at the November meeting. Kasie will present in early 2026. Dylan from Hoosier River Watch in December. February will potentially be a representative from Indiana's deer hotline. Adam F may make a presentation about invasive animals. Mitchell recommended reaching out to MC IRIS about a presentation.

## 7. Staff Update

- a. Seeds documentary – social media post

An individual from Indiana University Cinema reached out about the EC posting information about an upcoming showing of Seeds. The group agreed to share.

## 8. Reports from:

- a. Tree Commission (TC)

Haskell Smith gave a progress report for 2025. IU has removed many invasive trees. Brian Park is now an official arboretum.

- b. Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)

No present commissioners attended.

- c. Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)

No update.

- d. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS)

The commission adopted a resolution to increase the urban forestry budget. It will head to city council.

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

No one present attended.

- f. Clean Community Program

We have 5 projects being approved. One more will lead to the city reaching Silver status.

## 9. Commissioner announcements

Carrie mentioned a debate about changing the state flower from a peony to a species of milkweed. The city is still working on environmental remediation at Hopewell.

Adam M. has native plant seeds to give out.

## 10. Upcoming Meeting

- a. October 16, 2025, 6:00 pm, Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

## 11. Adjournment

7:27 PM

*\* Item to be voted on*

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