



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

November 20, 2025, 6:00 PM
Hooker Meeting Room #245
City Hall, 401 N Morton Street Bloomington, IN 47404
Hybrid Meeting

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Environmental Commission Members

Carrie Albright, Chair

Appointed by Mayor

Term: February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026

Heidi Brown

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Nadia Cain

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Matt Caldie, Vice Chair & Treasurer

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Mitchell Owens

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David Parkhurst

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Vacancies: 1

1. Call to order and quorum confirmation: 6:06 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, Rachael Johnson	X		

3. Approval of October 16, 2025 minutes*

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

4. Public comment

Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

Karl Gaisser is interested in filling the vacancy and wanted to observe the meeting.

5. New Business

a. Name Badges

David Hittle mentioned that commissioners will not be issued name badges and requests that any existing named badges be turned in.

b. Handbook Revision* – Quorums for Working Groups and Full Commission (Rachael)

Our “50%” language in our quorum determination would require us to round up. Rachael is proposing that we explicitly mentioned a de minimis of 6.

c. Sustainable Energy Utility capstone project (Matt & Heidi)

Heidi wrote some recommendations to send to BCOS regarding the Sustainable Energy Utility capstone project that was presented in the October meeting.

d. Clean Air Act: Examining the Socioeconomic and Political Drivers of Enforcement (Nadia)

Nadia presented her thesis about enforcement of the Clean Air Act.

e. Annual Planning Meeting (Carrie)

Carrie started by recapping our 3-5 year priorities that were presenting to the common council earlier in the year.

Dark Sky certification is a potential goal to move towards.

Heidi mentioned spreading information to the public about water quality (probably falls under water quality working group).

Nadia suggested giving presentations to schools or classes.

The group discussed ways to encourage the public to bring ideas and suggestions to the commission

3-5 year priorities:

- Continue to review and potentially improve the process for on-boarding new commissioners
- Create a water quality report
- Create a stream inventory
- Achieve and retain relevant city certifications
- Look for ways to utilize funding

Potential 2026 goals:

- Move towards Dark Sky International certifications – light pollution
- In-school presentations – outreach
- Eco-Heroes – biodiversity
- Improve the public input process – outreach
- Spread awareness of the Habitat Connectivity Plan – biodiversity

- Conduct a riparian buffer inventory of certain streams in Bloomington – water quality
- Consider requesting UDO changes – any/all
- General outreach – outreach
- Update/overhaul literature – outreach
- Continue ECPC – ECPC
- Update website materials – outreach
- Social media / outreach / education working group – outreach

Working groups and members (informal leaders/wranglers underlined, potential members in parenthesis):

- ECPC
 - Rachael, Adam M., Matt, Mitchell, David, Carrie, (Norm), (Nadia)
- Water quality
 - Mitchell, David, Heidi, Kasie, (Carrie)
- Light pollution
 - Adam M., Matt, Adam F., (Nadia)
- Biodiversity
 - Shannon, Carrie, Adam F., David, Matt
- Eco-heroes
 - Carrie, Matt, Adam M., Shannon, (Nadia), Heidi
- Special projects
 - Carrie, Mitchell, Adam F., (Matt)
- Outreach/education
 - Adam F., Matt, Shannon, (Nadia), Carrie, Heidi

6. Old Business

a. Working group updates

i. Biodiversity

Bee City groups are beginning to meet.

We've ordered stickers to give out to those who add their data to the habitat connectivity map.

ii. Eco-Heroes

Carrie proposed some ideas.

Theme: Our Nature at Night

We would add additional language about what happens in nature at night.

Also providing examples of what participants could submit.

The city's Earth Day event is April 18th. Winners should be informed by April 10th. Carrie suggested the cutoff date for submissions to be the 7th.

Information will be sent to educators the week of December 8th.

The week of January 12th we will send additional materials. Flier, city website, etc will also be sent around this time.

We will also solicit donations at the same time.

March 17th is a potential date to begin accepting submissions.

iii. ECPC

1. Draft 2026 Schedule

The St Remy dam project was presented to the BZA. Additional remediation was requested.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday the 25th.

Rachael proposed a meeting schedule.

iv. Light Pollution

No update.

v. Special Projects

The commission has a new tablecloth.

vi. Water Quality

Ask Mitchell about preliminary water quality results.

7. Staff Update

There is a new system for applying to the commission. Many commissioners' terms are ending soon.

8. Reports from:

a. Tree Commission (TC)

David gave a recap of the recent meeting.

b. Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)

Did not meet.

c. Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)

David has no notes.

d. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS)

The meeting was mostly administrative.

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

Rachael gave a recap of the recent meeting.

f. Clean Community Program

No commissioners attended the recent meeting. Bloomington is 1 project away from achieving Silver.

9. Commissioner announcements

- a. Lawn Mowing “Management” Public Engagement (Norm)
Norm was not present to make an announcement.

10. Upcoming Meeting

- a. December 18, 2025, 6:00 pm, Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

11. Adjournment

8:04 PM

** Item to be voted on*

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