



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

December 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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Meeting ID: 865 723 1124

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or on Community Access Television Service (CATS): <https://catstv.net/government.php>.

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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

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

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Adam Martinez, Secretary

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Mitchell Owens

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026

David Parkhurst

Appointed by Mayor

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Vacancies: 2

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

| | <u>In Person</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>Zoom</u> |
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| Carrie Albright | X | | |
| Heidi Brown | X | | |
| Nadia Cain | | X | |
| Matt Caldie | 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 November 20, 2025 minutes*

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

4. New Business

- a. Hoosier River Watch Presentation – presented by Dylan Allison

Dylan gave a presentation on the Hoosier Riverwatch program.

- b. Commission Residency Requirement Discussion (Carrie Albright, Councilmember Matt Flaherty)

Matt Flaherty asked the commission about their opinion on residency requirements for advisory boards, including the environmental commission. If there is a change, it will likely not apply to all boards and commissions. If the group decides on making a change, a motion formalizing the opinion would suffice. David mentioned it may be beneficial to have someone from the county since watersheds do not respect municipal boundaries.

5. Old Business

a. Working group updates

i. Biodiversity

Has not met since the last EC meeting.

The parks department Bee City committee met for the first time.

ii. Eco-Heroes

The EC's website now has language about the 2026 contest. The group will meet on January 6th at 5:30.

The city intends to review any public communications made by boards and commissions.

iii. ECPC

The memo about 503 N Rogers was sent to the BZA as part of the December 18th meeting packet.

The group has the option to write a memo about the potential 2511 N Dunn development. Any memo for the petitioner will need to be submitted by December 29th. A memo for the plan commission will need to be submitted by January 2nd. The ECPC could also make a public statement at the January 12th meeting.

iv. Light Pollution

Has not met since the last EC meeting, a meeting will likely be scheduled for January.

v. Outreach & Education

The group had its first meeting.

vi. Special Projects

Has not met since the last EC meeting.

vii. Water Quality

Has not met since the last EC meeting.

6. Public comment

Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

No public comments.

7. Staff Update

a. 2026 Schedule

Rachael proposed a 2026 meeting schedule. She also suggested the idea of a recess during any potentially busy months. The group seems to prefer keeping all months on the scheduling.

Rachael encouraged working groups to create a schedule for the year in advance.

Heidi suggested scheduling a tour for the waste water treatment plant.

b. Attendance Requirements

Rachael informed the group about rules in the Bloomington Municipal Code about attendance.

Commissioners may not miss 3 consecutive meetings or 4 meetings in a 12-month period.

The commission is generally supportive of updating the EC handbook to reflect the city's rules.

8. Reports from:

a. Tree Commission (TC)

Haskell Smith gave an update on tree prunings, removals, etc.

IU will have a tree inventory released soon.

David may leave the Tree Commission and encouraged another commissioner to apply.

b. Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)

David gave an update on deer hunting and the affect it had on local plant populations. There was also a report on the treatment of the water at Griffy Lake. It seems to be going well.

c. Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)

No updates.

d. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS)

No EC members attended.

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

No EC members attended.

f. Clean Community Program

Bloomington is 1 submission away from silver status.

9. Commissioner announcements

a. Lawn Mowing “Management” Public Engagement (Norm)

Norm was not present to give his announcement.

The Monroe County Christmas Bird Count is on Saturday December 20th at Lake Monroe.

Haskell Smith planted trees in Matt's neighborhood.

10. Upcoming Meeting

a. January 15, 2026, 6:00 pm, Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

11. Adjournment

7:52 PM

** Item to be voted on*

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