



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– PACKET ADDENDUM 2

February 19, 2026, 6:00 PM
Hooker Meeting Room #245
City Hall, 401 N Morton Street Bloomington, IN 47404
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.

Environmental Commission Members

Carrie Albright, Chair

Appointed by Mayor

Term: February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2028

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

Adam Fudickar

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Shannon Gayk

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2028

Adam Martinez, Secretary

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027

Mitchell Owens

Appointed by Common Council

Term: February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2028

Vacancies: 4

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The City is committed to providing equal access to information. However, despite our efforts, at times, portions of our board and commission packets are not accessible for some individuals. If you encounter difficulties accessing material in this packet, please contact Melissa Hirtzel at hirtzelm@bloomington.in.gov and provide your name, contact information, and a link to or description of the document or web page you are having problems with.

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 City offers virtual options, including CATS public access television (live and tape delayed) found at <https://catstv.net/>. Working group meetings may be found at <https://bton.in/ECWGreco>.

Commission appointments may serve up to 90 days after a term has expired.



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Dear Bloomington Business,

The Bloomington Environmental Commission would like to ask for your support for the 14th annual Eco-Heroes Art Contest. The Eco-Heroes contest seeks to inspire creative Bloomington residents of all ages to engage their natural curiosity and care for the world around them. As a valued member of the Bloomington community, **we would like to request your support in recognizing the efforts of these artists**, from children to adults, in the Bloomington area!

This year's theme is "Our Nature at Night"—an invitation to explore the fascinating world that comes alive in Bloomington after sunset. Contestants from pre-kindergarten through adults are encouraged to imaginatively interpret the theme through art, music, performance, or writing. Past entries have included amazingly diverse artistic expressions from creative writing and paintings to custom-made video games and imaginative dioramas.

All contest applicants will be honored as Environmental Heroes, and a city official will be presenting the winners of each age bracket with prizes donated by local businesses during the recognition ceremony on April 18. **We are asking area businesses known for contributing to our thriving city and supporting the Bloomington community to sponsor these awards and the Eco-Heroes award ceremony.** In addition to welcoming donation items such as gift cards, gift certificates for activities, or items from your business, we have also developed three levels of sponsorship:

\$100+ White Oak - Principal Sponsor
\$50–100 Sassafras - Major Sponsor
\$15–50 Redbud - Supporting Sponsor

With this sponsorship opportunity, we would be pleased to prominently recognize you as a supporter in all Eco-Heroes' materials and at the awards ceremony. Sponsors will also receive a formal certificate for your commitment to environmental consciousness and community engagement.

We hope you share in our excitement about this opportunity to encourage a budding generation of environmentalists! Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in donating or if you have any questions about the competition. **In order to plan appropriately, we would like to ask for a commitment by March 31.** Thank you again for your community involvement and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

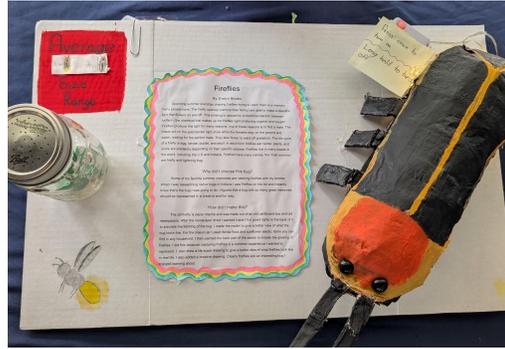
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Past Eco-Heroes Contest Entries and Winners





Seeking Artistic Submissions!

2026 Linda P. Thompson Eco-Heroes Art Contest:

Our Nature at Night

Art contest all about the fascinating world that comes alive after sunset



Submissions **due April 7**

All ages encouraged to participate

Prizes awarded!



For creative ideas, resources, and FAQs, please visit <https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/environment>





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