

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 AGENDA

21 April 2022, 6:00 PM

Hybrid meeting

Join Zoom Meeting: https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/81567111241?pwd=dVQvVWphTVlkME1uTXJkcktjR1NQZz09 or in person in the Hooker Room, 235, City Hall

- 1. Call to order and quorum confirmation:
- 2. Introductions:
- 3. Approval of minutes:*
- 4. Public comment: Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

5. Reports from: Tree Commission (TC), Monroe County Environmental Commission (MCEC), Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS), Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC), Metropolitan Planning Organizing-Citizens Advisory Council (MPOCAC), Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM), & Monroe County-Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS), Environmental Commission Planning Committee (ECPC).

- 6. Discussion from active working groups:__
 - A. Biodiversity working group:
 - 1. Update on Connectivity Plan
 - 2. Next steps of biodiversity working group
 - 3. BEQI progress update
 - B. Eco Heroes working group last-minute specifics:
 - C. Air Quality working group: update
- 7. New business:
 - A. Discussion on ways to support the removal of Callery pear trees
- 8. Old business:
 - A. Letter of support for ban on polypropylene erosion/turf netting *
 - B. SAGE-FEST at South HS results
 - C. Handbook revision update

9. Commissioner announcements:

10. Adjournment:

* Item to be voted on

Next EC meeting: May 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m., TBD

Statement on public meetings during public health emergency

As a result of Executive Orders issued by the Governor, Eric Holcomb, the Commission and its committees may adjust normal meeting procedures to adhere to guidance provided by state officials. These adjustments may include:

- allowing members of the Commission and its committees to participate in meetings electronically;

- posting notices and agendas for meetings solely by electronic means;

- using electronic meeting platforms to allow for remote public attendance and participation (when possible);

- encouraging the public to watch meetings via Community Access Television Services broadcast or livestream, and encouraging remote substitution of public comment (via email, to environment@bloomington.in.gov).

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.