



City of Bloomington  
Environmental Commission

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 NOTICE and REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

August 17, 2023, 6:00 PM  
Hooker Meeting Room # 245  
Hybrid meeting

Join Zoom Meeting here:

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or on Community Access Television Service (CATS): <https://catstv.net/government.php>.  
Auxiliary aids are available upon request with adequate notice.

1. Call to order and quorum confirmation:

2. Introductions and Roll Call:

In person

Absent

Zoom

Carrie Albright  
Megan Bankowski  
Matt Caldie  
Don Eggert  
Shannon Gayk  
Mike Litwin  
Kristen Mann  
Megan Murphy  
Mitchell Owens  
David Parkhurst  
Karena Tankersley  
Conner Wright  
Linda Thompson

3. Approval of May 18, 2023 minutes:\*                      Yes                      No

Abstain

Carrie Albright  
Megan Bankowski  
Matt Caldie  
Don Eggert  
Shannon Gayk  
Mike Litwin  
Kristen Mann  
Megan Murphy  
Mitchell Owens  
David Parkhurst  
Karena Tankersley  
Conner Wright

4. Public comment: Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

5. Presentation: Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission, re Alternative Public Safety Report, letter of support to council for the addition of a new city Department of Community Safety & Resilience (DSCR).

6. Old business:

A. Bug Fest planning discussion

7. New business:

A. Discussion and vote on a letter of support to Council regarding a new city Department of Community Safety & Resilience.\*

8. 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).

9. Commissioner announcements:

10. Adjournment:

\* Item to be voted on

Next EC meeting: September 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Hooker Room, Zoom, and CATS

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-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.