

#	Action Item	Assignee	Status
1	Get waste tonnage data, disposal fees, and composting capacity from MCSWMD	Stephanie	Report received from January 2018 located in "Resources" folder
2	Determine composting capacity of each facility: -Green Camino -JB Disposal -Ancillary public drop off locations (community gardens/orchards etc.)	Joseph	Three facilities utilized by the county for composting operations: Green Earth: currently 540 to 610 tons/year with potential to increase to 6000 tons/year. Permitting for expansion is a hurdle Good Earth: compost only yard waste. Regulatory requirements too burdensome for inclusion of food waste. Fable Farms: plans to expand to 3000 tons/per ("a number of factors limit the timing and ability to expand.") Reports with figures are in the working group folder.
3	Sustainable Business committee: is waste reduction part of their scope?	Joseph	Email response: The certification process they are using as a model is "Certified B Corporation" certification. Certified B Corps do, indeed, factor waste reduction into the certification process for a business. Becoming a certified B Corp would include answering questions about waste practices, recycling, etc. However, the pathways to become a B Corp are many (scoring 80 or higher out of 200 on the B Impact Assessment), so it wouldn't guarantee good practices in that area necessarily. Additionally, uptake may be limited to a small subset of companies locally, even if we're successful, so a separate focus on waste reduction, per the SAP, might be a good idea.
4	Information on the food waste reduction program at Child's Elementary	Stephanie	Presentation - Elle Spier, GardenQ LLC, Childs Elementary PTO Sustainability Chair From Bloomington originally, and returned to Bloomington with children now at Childs Elementary. My kids noted the wastefulness at their school, specifically with food and other waste in the cafeteria. As a result she suggested a waste audit at their school and piloted a composting program. We were able to find grants and volunteers to conduct this audit and implement the pilot program. Over the past year and a half, we have tweaked the composting process, and see how best to engage the students appropriately. The school has now taken up the program themselves. In order to make these changes more official, rather than just a group of renegade parents, we started a sustainability committee to conduct these improvements. However the programs still depended on the parents acquiring the funding themselves either through fundraising or grants. From this pilot project, we discovered a drainage issue at the school, resulting in pooling water. This led to installation of a rain garden to address the problem, this project still required parents finding funds. We partnered with the sycamore knolls neighborhood association and utilized grant money from HAND to construct this rain garden. However, discovered that this project was going to cost a significant amount more than the grant. We had over 20 different community partners, who were able to donate equipment and expertise. Students were involved in some aspects of the process, such as planting and mulching, to educate them on the project. The Girl Scout troop at Childs conducted research to create educational signs for the rain garden. This rain garden will be open to the community. In planning this project, we talked with previous installers of rain gardens to figure out what has worked and not worked, such as making paths between planting rows wide enough for movement of wheelbarrows during maintenance. Now we are currently putting together a maintenance plan so that this project can be owned and managed by the school after my own children leave. In terms of the compost project, we are utilizing food from the cafeteria, however this has been a bit limited due to using a worm based system and the lack of a hands-on manager employed by the school. We did a pilot harvest for the vegetable garden to the students teach how to use these gardens to cook and try and incorporate it into the classroom curriculum. Right now we are looking to expand this program to other organizations until MCCSC wants to run the program. The Boys and Girls Club Crestmont is interested. Looking for community partners, in the form of volunteers, or building connections with qualified individuals.

5	<p>Reach out to Lauren: (Joe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Methane Production Facility -Action Items contained within the SAP, chapter 5. -Grant creating/application process of the commission 	Joseph	<p>Response from ECD: Most recent update about the anaerobic digester from Climate Action Cabinet- there was a report of preliminary findings that the Mayor is likely to release to the public early next year. Basically, given the need for primary clarifiers and other upgrades the price tag would be \$35 million which translates into a \$3 rate increase per customer for Utilities. That could change if renewable energy credits could be traded for the project, but that's in the air.</p> <p>5.1.a the only waste characterization study that has been done is the one by the County, but I would expect the breakdown to be similar in City limits in terms of what is being thrown away</p> <p>5.1.b. is completed for 2019, but there is some question about what the Hoosier to Hoosier sale will look like next year given that the space at the Warehouse will not be available.</p> <p>5.1.c. Needed! But not started- working with our staff to get better designed recycling signage in early January that I can share with you all.</p> <p>5.1.d. I've applied for intern support for this in summer 2020</p> <p>5.1.e. Nothing has happened to my knowledge, but I will be sitting in for the Mayor on the Monroe County Solid Waste Management board soon</p> <p>5.1.f. No idea</p> <p>5.1.g. Seeing how the Green Camino pilot at the recycling centers works out and using that to create a program through Public Works, likely in 2021</p> <p>5.1.h. That's the waste to energy plant</p> <p>3) Yes! Applying for grants would be very useful- ESD would be the applicant so that the grant money could be managed by our department, but if you find some that seem relevant we can talk further!</p>
6	Reach out to Iowa City about their curbside composting program and feedback thus far.	Jarrett	Response received from Iowa City; report located in "Resources" folder