

## **Environmental Justice Statement:**

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The Bloomington Environmental Commission is committed to ensuring our community develops in a way that does not disproportionately expose vulnerable minority and low-income populations to environmental hazards, such as increased rates of air pollution, water pollution, flooding, dust, odor, noise and light pollution, illegal dumping, toxic runoff into neighborhoods and nearby waterbodies, and ensuring impartial greenspace. We are committed to viewing new development plans through the lens of environmental justice and will incorporate this perspective into our recommendations going forward. We cannot challenge these injustices without recognizing our own existing biases, and it is our jobs as Commissioners, not only to protect the environment but to ensure that the decisions we make create a positive and equitable impact.