



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, February 7, 2023

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Rutledge at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
ABSENT	Evans

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

No remarks were offered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus of International Dark Sky Association presented himself to the committee as a resource. Mr. Barcus explained that International Dark Sky Association assisted with policy and education on outdoor lighting. It is also involved in attempts to stop the increased pollution due to LED lighting. Mr. Barcus announced that he anticipates continuing to be present in future committees.

Executive Director of SCARCE, Kay McKeen, also took part of Public Comment. Ms. McKeen updated the committee on a past open house event. She announced upcoming event dates and education training on proper donation. Member LaPlante and other committee members requested a list of tips on how to properly donate, on which Ms. McKeen agreed to. SCARCE has weekly electronic correspondence for those who wish to sign up to receive announcements or donations.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-0667](#)

Minutes of January 3rd, 2023 8:30 AM

Attachments: [1-3-23 minute summary](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. [23-0668](#)

Environmental Division Introduction

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, presented on the Environmental Division mission. Ms. Hinz explained the source of the divisions' funding and revenue. She recapped typical committee items for the new committee members. Ms. Hinz also mentioned the new and upcoming initiatives such as the Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling project. Chair Rutledge asked Ms. Hinz if the Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Rate Study would be able to point out how much a particular area recycles? Ms. Hinz clarified that it was simply a rate study and would not be comparing that specific statistic. Ms. Hinz mentioned the Geothermal Heat Pump and Air Source Pump Group Buy as a potential program project, if the committee sought out to support it. This program would be in partnership with Citizens Utility Board and Midwest Renewable Energy Association & Geothermal Alliance of Illinois. The program will have incentives for residents like a variety of tax credits and the possibility of lower cost due to group sales. The program will not entail funds from DuPage County. DuPage County will review the contracts, proposals, and pricing to assist residents get a fair price with safe contracts. The committee members were in agreement to pursue the Geothermal Heat Pump and Air Source Pump Group Buy. The presentation closed with different ways of staying informed of upcoming events and information from the Environmental Division via email or social media platforms, along with their informational webpage.

Attachments: [2023 Presentation Environmental Division](#)

7. **PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL**7.A. [EN-R-0014-23](#)

DuPage County Electronics Recycling Program 2023 Notice of Participation

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Lynn LaPlante

7.B. [23-0669](#)

GPN-008-23: Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program PY23 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - \$684,282.80. (Building & Zoning - Environmental Division)

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant would enable funds for three elements. One of the proposed purchases with this grant would be a refrigerated van that would transport any recovered produce left over from the local farmers markets to smaller food pantries who have limited access to fresh produce. The grant would also be used to purchase a commercial compost unit for the county campus cafeterias and jail. Funds would also be allocated for replacement of recycling bins for DuPage County campus.

Attachments: [GPN 008-23 - SWIFR Program PY23 - FINAL](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

7.C. [EN-P-0001-23](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure LLC, for Consulting Services for the continued study of the viability of providing waste and recycling services to unincorporated areas of DuPage County, for the period of February 14, 2023 through November 30, 2023, for a total contact amount not to exceed \$50,000; per RFP 23-007-BZ.

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, reported that the next step to the study project would be to take the data gathered from the survey to present it to different committees and townships. During this time, the committees and townships would make the decision on which actions to take moving forward. Chair Rutledge asked if there was going to be communication with the haulers before any action is taken? Ms. Hinz informed her that communication with the haulers would be determined later.

Attachments: [APTIM - PRCC](#)
 [APTIM - Proposal 23-007-BZ](#)
 [APTIM - Pricing](#)
 [APTIM - RFP 23-007-BZ BID TAB](#)
 [APTIM - Vendor Ethics](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.A. 2023 Document Shredding Program

Austin Knight, Environmental Specialist, shared that funds were distributed for the Document Shredding Program and 15 organizations accepted to participate. Three of those organizations that accepted to participate are new. Those new organizations include West Chicago, Oak Brook Terrace, and Wayne Township. The program will take off in April and event dates will spread out throughout the year.

8.B. U.S. EPA Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program

DuPage County will be cooperating with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Solid Waste Agency where they will be the applicant for the U.S. EPA Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program.

DuPage County will be partnering with Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, Lake County, Kane County, and McHenry County as well.

10. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 AM.