



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Summary

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Tuesday, November 5, 2024

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

3.A. DuPage Pollinator Mapping

Chair Rutledge thanked Member Evans for her leadership and collaboration with the GIS division and environmental organizations to map out pollinator deficits within the county. Member Evans explained that this is an effort to see where pollinators are, what can be changed to the habitat, and give people the opportunity to see how they can contribute to a healthy pollinator habitat on their own properties.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [24-2938](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

6.A. [FI-R-0203-24](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Recycling, Education, & Outreach Grant PY24, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1006, \$83,338. (Facilities Management)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. [24-2939](#)

America Recycles Day

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared that America Recycles Day is November 15. It is an initiative of Keep America Beautiful and a nationally recognized day dedicated to and celebrating recycling. The U.S. EPA is observing the day and will be promoting recycling in support of the National Recycling Goal to increase the recycling rate 50% by 2030. Staff will be sharing resources on the Cool DuPage social media platforms.

Hinz informed members that the U.S. EPA has awarded CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) a grant to do a comprehensive climate action plan with 13 counties along with Wisconsin and Indiana. The data CMAP gathered and calculated from 2020 includes emissions by a variety of sectors. The climate action plan will be finalized by December 1, 2025 and submitted to the U.S. EPA. This plan will come to Environmental Committee for discussion and possible approval at that time. Joy Hinz and Ian Johnstone (Facilities Management Capital Project Energy Analyst) answered questions from Member Evans and Member LaPlante, clarifying and elaborating on the breakdown of the action plan at the county level and timeline.

8. INFORMATIONAL

8.A. [SM-P-0029-24](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract issued to School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE), for Professional Education Services, for Stormwater Management, for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, for a contract total not to exceed \$235,000 (\$85,000 Stormwater and \$150,000 Environmental). Per RFP #23-114-SWM, first of three optional renewals.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.A. SCARCE

Kay McKeen, Executive Director of SCARCE, presented an overview of Earth Flag awards, composting partnership with The Morton Arboretum, past and present recycling events hosted in various townships, the increased awareness of Green Your Gig dishes, the impact of the Reuse Center, the success of the Repair Fairs, and provided details for the pumpkin smash, cooking oil recycling pop-ups, and holiday light recycling.

McKeen shared her collaboration with the Garden Clubs in an effort to discourage the uplighting of trees to protect wildlife.

Chair Rutledge and McKeen discussed the fee for recycling electronics at some township locations.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Member LaPlante inquired about increasing the budget for Environmental in order to do more in comparison to the size of the county in addition to conversations about climate change. Nick Kottmeyer, Chief Administrative Officer & Director of Public Works, and Tim Harbaugh, Deputy Director of Facilities Management, discussed the adjustments that have been made thus far to substantially impact Environmental and the resources that have become available. Chair Rutledge shared she would like to see the conversation about home rule move forward in order to have the jurisdiction to do more environmentally.

Member Evans and Nick Kottmeyer, discussed the quantification of the county's efforts in environmental sustainability.

Vice Chair Garcia shared a reminder for sign recycling taking place on campus November 15th and 16th.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 A.M.