



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Saba Haider at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other members present: Paula Deacon Garcia, Yeena Yoo

Staff Present: Steve Travia, Joy Hinz, Geoffrey Matteson, Myles Barnes, Jennifer Boyer, Ian Johnstone, and Nicholas Alfonso.

PRESENT	Evans, Haider, Honig, LaPlante, and Martinez
ABSENT	Cronin Cahill

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

Chair Haider welcomed committee members and shared news about a new sustainability initiative she is leading.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Mckeen - Executive Director of SCARCE updated the board on the success of their outreach events and highlighted the upcoming events SCARCE is preparing for.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-0843](#)

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Attachments: [2-3 Minutes Summary - Final Revised.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. [26-0910](#)

Kane DuPage Soil Water District Presentation

Attachments: [Kane DuPage Soil Water District Presentation.pdf](#)

Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator for Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District talked about the Soil and Water Conservation District's history in Chicago. Kat shared how SWCD is mandated to exist and highlighted how its leadership operates. Additionally, Kat explained SWCD's work with local community Urban Development Projects and how it has expanded over time in the greater Chicagoland area. Kat concluded her presentation by detailing KDSWCD's leadership in providing education to both the community and industry professionals. Chair Haider responded to this presentation and thanked Kat for coming today.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. [26-0844](#)

2026 Spring Sign Recycling Flyer

Attachments: [2026 Spring Sign Recycling Flyer .pdf](#)

Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager reminded the committee members about the upcoming Spring 2026 Sign Recycling event happening on March 20th-March 21st. Vice Chair Lucy Evans commented on the timing of this event and Joy clarified the thought process behind the decision on when to have this event for the public.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Member Andrew Honig updated the committee with a brief overview of his meeting with the mayor of Lombard and SCARCE about reviving the Village's Recycling Extravaganza. County Board Member Paula Deacon Garcia requested information regarding existing educational programs that promote best practices for the disposal of 'flushable' wipes. Nicholas Kottmeyer - Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Public Works responded to Paula and shared about how much of an environmental hazard 'flushable' wipes can be. Chair Haider responded to all comments by expressing the need to brainstorm and collaborate on ways to educate the community on the proper disposal of 'flushable' wipes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.