



CITY OF WORCESTER

Meeting Agenda

Green Worcester Advisory Committee

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Levi Lincoln, City Hall, 455 Main St.

This meeting will be held in-person with an option to also join remotely (see the bottom of the agenda for details).

Committee Members

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Dept of Sustainability and Resilience

Our Mission:

To implement the ambitious and urgent goals of the Green Worcester Sustainability and Resilience Strategic Plan (GWP), a roadmap for making Worcester the greenest mid-size city in the country.

Our Staff:

John Odell, *Chief*
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Translations

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Call To Order

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2024 (*Attachment A*)

3. New Business:

- a. Presentation by Thomas Irwin: Seeking support for the Paint Stewardship Legislation

4. Continued Business:

- a. Lakes and Ponds Program: Summary of community concerns regarding use of chemical treatments on public water bodies
- b. Discussion of how to maximize progress on sustainability initiatives by making the best possible use of available resources

5. DSR Major Projects' Status Updates

- a. Summary and Main Takeaway Lessons from Organizing the first Green Worcester Summit (Building Resilience, Together; 5/11/2024) (*Attachment B*)
- b. Community Cleanup with the City Manager's Clean Team – 5 upcoming events
- c. Miyawaki Forests and CoolPockets (MVP Grant); Status Update and Upcoming Events (*Attachments C, D*)
- d. Drainage and Stormwater Master Plan (MVP Grant); Status Update

6. Standing Items

- a. Community Outreach
- b. Community Feedback
- c. Media
 - i. 'Trash Talk' with Miranda Hotham (Zero Waste)
 - ii. Planting Miyawaki Forests and CoolPockets in Worcester, News and Press (*Attachment E*)
- d. Upcoming Events (not DSR organized)

Adjournment

Attachments

Attachment A: April 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attachment B: Agenda - Green Worcester Summit: Building Resilience, Together; 5/11/2024

Attachment C: Miyawaki Forest Planting Days Flyer

Attachment D: Vernon Hill Community Design Workshop Flyer

Attachment E: News Article

2024 Upcoming Meetings

Green Worcester Advisory Committee meetings begin on Mondays at 5:30pm:

June 10 - Esther Howland

July 15 - Esther Howland

September 9 - Esther Howland

October 21 - Esther Howland

November 18 - Esther Howland

Virtual Meeting Information

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