



Environmental Committee Operating Policies & Procedures

Scope & Purpose: The committee will seek to improve the environment in Lake Elmo, and will act as a liaison between the community, regulatory agencies, private businesses, city staff, and city council.

Committee Activities:

- A. The committee will advise and make recommendations to the city council on matters pertaining to:
 - storm water run-off and storm water management
 - water quality improvements
 - wetland conservation and management
 - solid waste and recycling
 - air quality
 - ground and drinking water
 - tree preservation
 - energy conservation
 - other environmental issues
- B. The committee will advise and make recommendations to the city council on issues stemming from data released by the following agencies:
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) such as Toxic Release Inventory Data
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
 - Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
 - Valley Branch Watershed District (VBWD)
 - Other Federal/State agencies addressing environmental issues
- C. The committee seeks to ensure Lake Elmo retains status as a Minnesota Green Step City and Tree City USA.
- D. The committee will publicly recognize residential and business property owners who have demonstrated proactive initiatives to protect the environment and/or save energy.
- E. The committee will sponsor community events having an environmental focus (including those that will satisfy application criteria for a Washington County recycling grant).

Meeting Schedule: The Environmental Committee will meet once per month (day and time TBD).

Committee Composition: Not more than (2) City Council Members along with Lake Elmo Residents who have an interest in environmental issues. Citizen members will serve by appointment of the City Council.