



City of Lake Elmo Committee Application

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Committee you are applying for: Environmental Committee _____

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1. Why are you interested in serving on this Committee?

I am a firm believer in protecting the environment for future generations. There is much good that can be done on a community level by friends and neighbors pulling together to address the most pressing issues on a local level. That said, we are part of a global environment where everyone needs to do their part to address bigger issues that cross political boundaries, like air pollution, protecting water quality, and limiting the impacts of climate change.

2. What experience and qualifications do you have that demonstrate your ability to support the Purpose and Scope of this Committee?

I have been an active professional in the environmental public health field for the last 27 years, primarily in state government (MPCA and MDH). I have also spent time in the private sector, providing me perspective from a business standpoint as well. I served on a previous iteration of this committee starting in the early 2000s when it was chaired by former Mayor Dean Johnston. I also participated (albeit on a limited basis) in the committee that met in 2016.

3. What do you consider to be the major challenges facing the City of Lake Elmo regarding issues addressed by this Committee?

- Protecting our drinking water, and finding sources of drinking water that are free of contamination will remain a pressing issue for the city as it experiences growth. This has been a big part of my professional career.
- The city can do better with its recycling programs. This is an issue examined previously, but one that still needs attention.
- Protecting our natural spaces, and finding better ways for people to access them.
- Looking for ways to increase access/awareness of public transit options to reduce air pollution.
- Looking at tools to address local air and water pollution issues.

4. How much time do you have to contribute to the Committee including meeting preparation, meeting participation and other opportunities as they may exist?

4-6 hours per month.