

**LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
LAUDERDALE CITY HALL, 1891 WALNUT STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Chair Williams)**
2. **ROLL CALL (Chair Williams)**
3. **APPROVALS (Chair Williams)**
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Minutes of the January 21, 2025 Meeting
4. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**
5. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Pollinator Health and Native Plants: Speaker Russ Henry
 - b. Sustainability Fair Update and Volunteer Sign ups (Butkowski)
 - c. Topics of Interest Schedule (Butkowski)
6. **SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
 - a. Honey Bees Speaker / City Code
 - b. Confirm Topics of Interest Schedule
 - c. Continue Falcon Heights – Lauderdale Sustainability Fair Planning
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

To participate remotely:

Topic: February 18, 2025 Lauderdale Environment and Sustainability Commission

Time: Feb 18, 2025 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Josh Keller; Ewa Prochniewicz; Greg Williams; Jess Winkelaar; Ann Sisel; and Bryan Carlson.

Council City Council Members Present: Jeff Dains and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Members Absent: Mindy Nakamoto and Monika Davis

APPROVALS

Chair Williams asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda or minutes of the December 17, 2024 commission meeting. There being none, the meeting proceeded.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM

A. Defining Grass Roots Work Together

Mayor Gaasch explained that the City Council was highly committed to and excited about partnering with the Commission. She said the City Council wouldn't set goals or a schedule for the Commission. Like the work of the City Council, the Commission will be driven by the mission and vision of the members and members' roots in Lauderdale. The City has limited financial resources to devote to the work of the Commission but the best work will be done in a grass roots fashion.

B. Topics of Interest

Commissioners were asked to send in three environmental topics of interest to them. Butkowski said the three most common responses were related to pollinator health, native plantings / forestry, and stormwater management. If the Commission agrees, staff could prepare a schedule for exploring those topics. Staff suggested inviting Russ Henry to the next meeting to kick off the discussion around pollinators and native plantings. The Commission agreed.

C. Sustainability Fair Partnership with Falcon Heights

Staff shared the materials sent by Falcon Heights staff regarding the sustainability fair scheduled for Saturday, September 26. Butkowski said the increase in funding from Ramsey County for recycling allows Lauderdale to be a financial partner in the event which will provide Lauderdale residents with access to the textile, electronics, and shredded paper recycling along with resources from vendors at the fair. Falcon Heights is offering their residents free food scrap containers paid for by the recycling funds. City staff will order some to distribute to Lauderdale residents. Commissioners offered suggestions for additional fair vendors that staff will share with Falcon Heights.

D. City Website and Information Sharing

Butkowski explained that the two primary systems the City has for sharing information is the City's website with email distribution list and the city newsletter that is published quarterly. The Commission has a page on the City's website. Information about events or opportunities can be posted there and then emailed through the website to those that have signed up to receive notices. Similarly, commission articles can be published in the city newsletter. Sharing information about the Sustainability Fair can happen through these channels. To get the word out and energize people to attend will take more effort. Ideas can be discussed at future meetings.

E. Establish Subcommittees

Some Commissioners expressed interest in devoting more time to environment and sustainability efforts in the city beyond the monthly meeting. So long as the subcommittees are limited to four commission members, meetings will not violate the open meeting law. The group discussed options for doing this when time during the meetings is not sufficient to complete the work of the Commission.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The agenda will include a presentation by Russ Henry regarding pollinator ecology and the Falcon Heights – Lauderdale Sustainability Fair.

ADJOURNMENT



RETURN TO SPEAKER ROSTER

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Bio

About Russ

As the president of Minnehaha Falls Landscape & Giving Tree Gardens, and the founder of Bee Safe Minneapolis, Russ Henry has been protecting and growing ecosystems across Minnesota for decades. Together his landscaping and garden companies install, manage, and restore hundreds of properties throughout the Twin Cities with native pollinator plants and without the use of pesticides or synthetic fertilizers. Russ has a soil-health based approach to all his

work. As a certified Soil Life Consultant, he scientifically explores and supports soil health, the foundation for beauty and productivity in all landscapes. As an activist and educator, Russ advises individuals and organizations who want to grow healthy ecosystems. Recently, Russ served as the Chair of the Pesticide Advisory Committee for the Minneapolis Park Board. In this role and in a similar role at Minneapolis Public Schools Russ worked for public and environmental health through pesticide elimination and ecosystem regeneration. Enchanting landscape designs, clean water, compost, urban farming, healthy food access, pollinators, soil health, rain gardens, native plantings, are all part of Russ' work both through his companies and through his ongoing advocacy. Learn more about Russ' work at: <https://www.minnehahafallslandscape.com/>

Language/s Spoken: English

Presentation Topics

Affiliations

Minnesota State Horticultural Society
1935 County Road B2 W, Suite 125
Roseville, MN 55113

Questions? Call 651-643-3601
or email info@northerngardener.org

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society is located on Dakota land.



FALCON HEIGHTS & LAUDERDALE SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

**Saturday, April 26th
Falcon Heights City Hall
11am-2pm**

Textile Recycling • Electronics Recycling • Paper Shredding

Come learn about reuse, recycling, and sustainability for your home and yard! The event will feature:

11:30 AM

Pollinator-Friendly Lawns

12:15 PM

**Climate Change &
Public Health**

1:30 PM

**Clean Energy
Resource Teams**

- **Tabling organizations**
- **Guest speakers**
- **Kid-friendly activities**
- **An electric vehicle demonstration**
- **Free countertop food scrap bins while supplies last!**



Falcon Heights & Lauderdale Sustainability Fair February Update

Saturday April 26, 11am – 2pm, Falcon Heights City Hall

Parking lot:

- Retold Recycling textile collection (requires volunteers to help sort)
- Repowered electronics recycling collection
- Shred Right paper shredding
- *Electric Vehicle demonstration – Kate Anderson*

City Hall:

- 15-minute lightning talks:
 - 11:30 Russ Henry on bee lawns
 - 12:15 Gregory Goodwine on climate change and public health
 - 1:00 Peter Lindstrom on CERTs ambassadors
- Environment Commission welcome tables (requires volunteers)
- Tables (16 confirmed) – sending confirmation email 2/12
- BINGO cards for residents to fill out and redeem for a food scrap bin (while supplies last)

Attending (bolded = confirmed 2/13)	Waiting for:
1. St Paul Regional Water	Monarch Joint Venture
2. Falcon Heights Climate Action Plan	BimBamBoo (bamboo TP)
3. Metro Transit	HiBar (shampoo bars)
4. Gibbs Farm	Bee Lab
5. Minnesota Tool Library	Bees Kneez
6. Solar United Neighbors	Cooperative Energy Futures
7. CERTs ambassadors	MN Toy Library (unlikely)
8. CRWD	RCWD – not coming, will give flyers
9. Bicycle chain	
10. Ramsey co recycling ambassadors	
11. Home Energy Squad	
12. RC master gardeners	
13. The Good Acre	
14. Reuse MN	
15. Bell museum	
16. Russ Henry	

Volunteers needed: (10 people per 1.5 hrs, 20 people total)

Activity	Name/email	Name/email	Name/email	Name/email
Set up (3) 10:30-11	Sophie	John	Pedro	
Direct cars (2) 11:00-12:30				
Direct cars (2) 12:30-2:00				
FH EC table shift 1 (2) 10:45-12:30	Adam			
FH EC table shift 2 (2) 12:30-2:15				
Lauderdale EC table shift 1 (2) 10:45-12:30				
Lauderdale EC table shift 2 (2) 12:30-2:15				
Textile shredding (4) *manual labor 10:45-12:30	Adam	John		
Textile shredding (4) *manual labor 12:30-2:15				
Paper shredding (1) *manual labor 10:45-12:30	Pedro			
Paper shredding (1) *manual labor 12:30-2:15				
Snack table (1) 11:00-12:30	Paula			
Snack table (1) 12:30-2:00	Paula	Pedro		



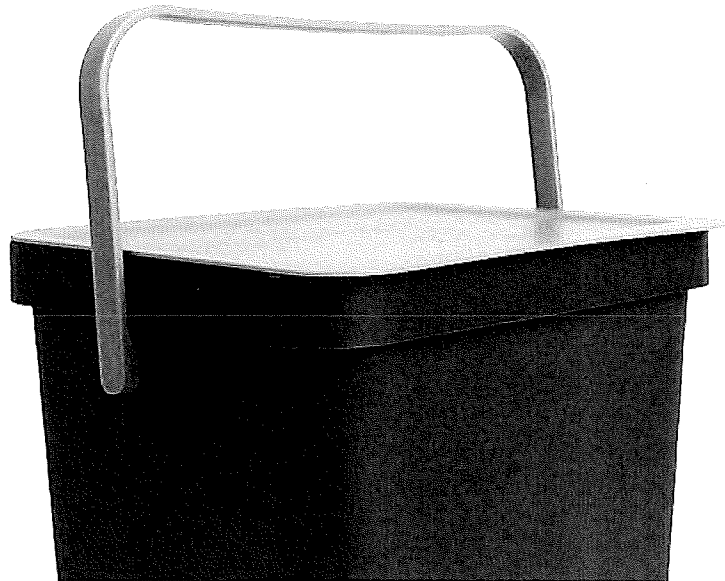
I want to recycle toothbrushes, snack packaging...



4 reviews

Compost Bin

\$20.00



GET 10% OFF

Size: **Compost Bin**



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Volume pricing

Quantity (pcs)	Price per Unit
51+	\$18.00

Description

- Movable handle for easy transport
- Dishwasher safe
- BPA & Phthalate free
- **Recycled Contents:** 50% recycled content including materials collected through TerraCycle recycling programs
- **Size**
 - Volume: 2.5 gallons
 - Dimensions: 8.25"L x 9.75"W x 8.5"H
 - Weight: 430gr / 0.95lbs
- **Color**
 - Grey and Green

Product Description

What is TerraCycle® Made?

LAUDERDALE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION 2025 TOPIC SCHEDULE

Focus: Pollinator Health
Native Plantings / Forestry
Stormwater Management

- December 17, 2025: Green Step Cities
What it is? How does it work?
City's accomplishments to date.
How do we get to Steps 3 and beyond?
- January 21, 2025: Sustainability Fair
Communication Channels
Subcommittees
- February 18, 2025: Pollinators and Native Plantings – Speaker Russ Henry
Sustainability Fair
- March 18, 2025: Honey Bees (Invite Speaker Diane Galvin)
No Mow May
Sustainability Fair
- April 15, 2025: Pollinator Next Steps
Sustainability Fair
- May 20, 2025: Speaker on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
- June 17, 2025: Schedule Tour of Eureka Recycling
- July 15, 2025: Discussion on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
- August 19, 2025: Discussion on Native Trees / Restoring Tree Canopy
- September 16, 2025: Nature Area:
Seminary Pond - Tour with Capitol Region Watershed District Staff
Japanese Knotweed Eradication – Ramsey County
- October 21, 2025: Stormwater Opportunities – MWMO Speaker
- November 18, 2025: City Stormwater Management / MS4 Permit
- December 16, 2025: Planning for 2026

Urban Forestry and Bird /Pollinator-Friendly Landscaping

- Migratory Birds

- Pollinator Health

 - Native Bees, Lawns, Edible Landscapes (Russ Henry, Giving Tree Gardens)

 - Honey Bees (Diane Galvin, Resident)

 - “No Mow May”

- Native Plants and Trees

 - Urban tree canopy research

 - Tree diseases

 - Tree planting

 - DNR Tree Grant

 - Air Quality

- Invasive Species Eradication (Justin Townsend, Ramsey County)

 - Japanese Knotweed

 - New Invasives

 - Public education and support

Recycling, Composting, and Waste Reduction

- Recycling – (Ramsey County Staff)

 - SCORE Funding

 - SCORE Incentive Funding

 - Waste Event Support

 - Organics

 - Yard Waste

 - Household Hazardous Waste

 - Electronics

 - Recycling Ambassadors

 - New Environmental Services Center (Possible Tour When Open)

- Recycling – Eureka! Recycling (Facility Tour)

- Garbage

 - Organized Collection

 - Ramsey/ Washington Recycling and Energy Center (Facility Tour)

Stormwater Management and Water Conservation

- MS4 Permit

 - Street Sweeping / Yard Waste

 - Adopt-a-Drain

 - Winter Salting

 - Pet Waste

 - Illicit Discharge Detection

- Inflow / Infiltration Grant

- Watershed Districts

 - Cleanup Events

 - Grant Programs

 - Rain Gardens

 - Permeable Pavement

Rain Barrels / Residential Composting

Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Options

Xcel Energy (Government Affairs Rep)

Electricity / Street Lighting

Gas

Tree Trimming

Solar

Incentives / Rebates

Electric Charging Stations

Solar

Residential Programs

Community Solar Gardens

Energy Efficiency Programs (Center for Energy and the Environment)

City Sponsored Programs

County Sponsored Programs

Sustainability Planning

Met Council Planning (Regional Sector Rep)

Comprehensive Plan

Greenhouse gas tools

Regional indicator initiative

Ramsey County

Transportation and Transit

Metro Transit

Metro H – Como Avenue Bus Rapid Transit

Complete Streets Policy (required for GSC Step 3)

Noise Pollution

Light Pollution