



City Council Conference Meeting

March 10, 2025

5:30 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

Agenda

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- [1.](#) Support for Lawns to Legumes Program
- [2.](#) Welcome Councilmember Cardona

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Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Director of Community Development
 Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager
 Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Support for Lawns to Legumes Program

Background

Staff will discuss proposed impacts to the Lawns to Legumes program. Lawns to Legumes is a State-led program that seeks to address the ongoing population decline of pollinators by providing Minnesotans technical and financial assistance to create new pollinator habitat. Funding for Lawns to Legumes is provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the State general fund. The program is administered by the Board of Water and Soil Resources through two tracts: 1) A residential program in which property owners can apply for grants of up to \$400 for plants and planting supplies and 2) a Pollinator Pathways grant in which local government units and non-profits can apply for larger pools of funding to create concentrated pollinator corridors. Since 2020, 260 Fridley residents have applied and 145 have been awarded Lawns to Legumes funding. Additionally, the City has been a project partner on two Pollinator Pathways grants completed by Anoka Conservation District which benefitted an additional 20 Fridley properties. Anoka Conservation District was recently awarded a third Pollinator Pathways grant for \$91,900 that the City has been promoting. Identified Fridley sites include Community Park, Oak Hill Park, the Turkish American Society of Minnesota, and North Park School for Innovation.

While there is strong, ongoing interest in the program, the current Governor's budget does not include continued support for the Lawns to Legumes program. Additionally, state legislation S.F. No. 1211 and H.F. 451 was introduced which seeks to repeal existing funding. The Environmental Quality and Energy Commission are considering recommending that the Council issue a resolution of support for the program and against S.F. No. 1211 and H.F. 451 at their March 11 meeting.

Focus on Fridley Strategic Alignment

☐ Vibrant Neighborhoods & Places	☐ Community Identity & Relationship Building
☐ Financial Stability & Commercial Prosperity	☐ Public Safety & Environmental Stewardship
☐ Organizational Excellence	

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



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Submitted By: Wally Wysopal, City Manager

Title

Welcome Councilmember Cardona

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On March 4, 2025 the Fridley City Council appointed Luke Cardona to the Councilmember Ward 1 position. The Council will welcome him and discuss strategic priorities.

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