



Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting

March 14, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission meeting of February 7, 2023.

New Business

- [2.](#) Recodification of Chapter 105 Landscape Maintenance to Chapter 304 Landscape Maintenance
- [3.](#) Recodification of Chapter 104 Tree Management to Chapter 319 Tree Management
- [4.](#) Ethylene Oxide from Commercial Sterilizers

Old Business

- [5.](#) Grant Updates
- [6.](#) Outreach and Events Update
- [7.](#) Energy Action Plan Updates

Other Items

- [8.](#) Informal Status Reports

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

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Background

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Recommendation

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Attachments and Other Resources

- Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Minutes- February 7, 2023

Vision Statement

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

February 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Fireside Room, Fridley Civic Campus

MINUTES

Call to Order

CHAIR Dritz called the commission to order at 7:01 PM

Present

Amy Dritz
Sam Stoxen
Nick Olberding
Mark Hansen
Justin Foell
Heidi Ferris
Aaron Klemz
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Olberding to APPROVE the February 7, 2023 meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of the January 10, 2023 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Foell to APPROVE the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New Business

2. Recodification of Chapter 113 Solid Waste Disposal, Organics, Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection to Chapter 310 Solid Waste, Organics, Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection

Ms. Workin shared proposed updates to Chapter 113 as part of the recodification process. Commissioners recommended maintaining the licensure for construction debris due to potential updates to require increased recycling of construction debris material and a desire to understand the amount and destination of this waste stream. Commissioners also recommended reducing the number of Residential Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Licenses from 4 to 3 to balance the increased public benefit of reduced garbage trucks on the street while still maintaining the spirit of an open hauling system.

MOTION by Commissioner Klemz to APPROVE the proposed changes to Chapter 113 with the following exceptions:

- 1) Maintain the license classification for construction debris
- 2) Reduce the number of Residential Mixed Municipal Solid Waste licenses from 4 to 3

SECONDED by Commissioner Foell. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

3. Recodification of Chapter 104 Tree Management to Chapter 319 Tree Management

MOTION by Commissioner Dritz to TABLE this item SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

4. Recodification of Chapter 105 Landscape Maintenance to Chapter 304 Landscape Maintenance

MOTION by Commissioner Dritz to TABLE this item SECONDED by Commissioner Olberding. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Old Business

5. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City was planning to apply for an MPCA Level 2 Charging Grant Station for Moore Lake Park as well as another DNR Emerald Ash Borer grant.

6. Event and Outreach updates

Ms. Workin shared that she would be presenting at North Park School for Innovation.

7. Energy Action Plan updates

Ms. Workin shared that the City officially received bronze designation through the SolSmart program which will be presented to the City Council on February 27. She also said that the WindUp Challenge will be starting on March 1. Ms. Workin invited the commissioners to the HRA open house tomorrow.

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Commissioner Dritz provided updates on Planning Commission meetings.

Ms. Workin asked if any Commissioners would be interested in attending the Rice Creek resiliency trainings.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Hansen to adjourn the meeting SECONDED by Commissioner Stoxen. The MOTION PASSED unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.



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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Recodification of Chapter 105 Landscape Maintenance to Chapter 304 Landscape Maintenance

Background

The City is currently undertaking a comprehensive recodification its City Code. Staff are currently proposing changes to Chapter 105 Landscape Maintenance. The only substantive change to this section is to add naturalized vegetation to the type of vegetation that may be planted in a Designated Natural Area. This is proposed since a non-native perennial plant may be better adapted to the site due to difficult conditions or climate change, while still providing comparable ecological functions.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of the proposed changes to Chapter 105.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Chapter 304 Landscape Management with track changes

Vision Statement

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Fridley City Code
Chapter ~~105.304~~ Landscape Maintenance

~~105.01~~304.01 Purpose

The purpose of this ~~section of city code is to~~ Chapter is to establish minimum standards for landscape maintenance and to protect surface water quality by allowing natural areas where they can benefit water quality throughout the City of Fridley (City).

~~105.02~~304.02 Definitions

~~1.~~ Designated Natural Area: An area of native plants that has never been disturbed or an area intentionally planted with native or naturalized perennial vegetation greater than ~~ten (10)~~ inches in height that has an edged border separating it from areas of turf grass.

~~2.~~ Garden: A cultivated area dedicated to the growing of vegetables, fruit, flowers, perennials, shrubs, and similar plants that were specifically planted in that location and common weeds are not the predominant vegetation.

~~3.~~ Landscape: The area of a parcel of land that is not covered with an impervious surface.

~~4.~~ Lot: A parcel of land adjacent to a street or road, including the right-of-way between the property and the curb.

~~5.~~ Noxious Weeds: Includes both prohibited noxious weeds and secondary noxious weeds as defined by the State of Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which excludes dandelions. ~~(Note: this does not include dandelions.)~~

~~6.~~ Right-of-Way: The area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, alley, street, bicycle lane, public sidewalk, and boulevard in which the City has an interest, including the dedicated rights-of-way for travel purposes and utility easements of the City. A right-of-way does not include the airwaves above a right-of-way with regard to cellular or other ~~nonwire~~ wireless telecommunications or broadcast service.

~~7.~~ Waterway: Any body of water that receives storm water runoff, including wetlands, lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and reservoirs. Shall not include water flowing on streets, or pooling for less than 24 hours on private property after a rain event.

~~8.~~ Wooded Area: An area of trees and other native plant materials ~~identified as follows:~~ for every 100 square feet of area considered, there shall not be less than six ~~(6)~~ trees, each of a six inch ~~(6")~~ caliper measurement, measured at a point of six inches ~~(6")~~ above grade from the base of each tree measured.

~~105.03~~304.03 Required Maintenance

Landscape areas of all properties must be maintained by the owner to be free of noxious weeds. Ground cover, except for trees and shrubs, in landscaped areas may not exceed ~~ten (10)~~ inches in

average height except for gardens and designated natural areas. Designated natural areas which do not need to be edged include: drainage ponds, ditches, lakeshore areas, parks, 3 to 1 or greater slopes, stream banks, vacant lots, wetlands, or wooded areas. Landscaped areas must be kept free of litter. Vegetation ~~shall~~must not be permitted to be overgrown or encroach onto adjacent properties. Failure to comply is a nuisance as defined in the Public Nuisance chapter of the Fridley City Code (Code).

~~105.04~~304.04 Intervention by the City

If the provisions of Section ~~105.03~~304.03 are not complied with, the ~~city manager or his/her~~City Manager or their designee ~~shall~~will give written notice to the owner of the property in violation. If the property owner fails to bring the violating property into compliance with Section ~~105.03~~304.03 within the time specified or if the owner of the property cannot be located, designated ~~city~~ staff ~~shall~~must have the landscape brought into compliance and invoice the property owner for the cost of such service and abatement administrative costs according to the procedures established in ~~Chapter 128 the Abatement of Exterior Public Nuisances chapter~~ of the ~~City~~ Code.

~~105.05~~304.05 Protection of Waterways

~~1.~~—In addition to proper landscape maintenance, all property owners in the City ~~of Fridley~~ must protect surface water quality through the following measures:

~~A.1.~~ No person is permitted to deposit leaves, grass clippings, or other plant waste within ~~twenty-five (25)~~ feet of a waterway or ~~ten (10)~~ feet of a bluff line, whichever is greater.

~~B.2.~~ No person is permitted to deposit or store yard waste of any kind in a right-of-way or roadway, except as permitted in Chapter 113 the Solid Waste Disposal, Organics, Yard Waste and Recycling Collection of the Code or in the process of maintaining the right-of-way.

~~C.3.~~ Extreme care must be taken to prevent landscape fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides from falling on a paved surface. Any applied granular landscape fertilizer, pesticide, or herbicide must be swept from any paved surfaces immediately upon completion of application as specified in State Minnesota Statutes. Commercial lawn care product applicators must post public notification signs when lawn care products are applied. No person ~~shall~~may remove such signs for 48 hours, as required by State law.

105.06 Penalties

~~Any violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and is subject to all penalties provided for such violations under the provisions of Chapter 901 of this Code. Each day the violation exists or continues to exist shall be deemed a separate offense.~~



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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Recodification of Chapter 104 Tree Management to Chapter 319 Tree Management

Background

The City is currently undertaking a comprehensive recodification its City Code. Staff are currently proposing changes to Chapter 104 Tree Management.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of the proposed changes to Chapter 319.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Chapter 319 Tree Management Recodification Report
- Chapter 319 Tree Management with track changes

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RECODIFICATION REPORT

Introduction

To aid accessibility and clarity in understanding of proposed updates to large, and sometimes complicated chapters of the Fridley City Code (Code), this Recodification Report (Report) will accompany select ordinances as they are introduced to the City Council. The Report will illuminate substantive changes to the Code (e.g., addition or removal of a section, fee changes, policy updates, etc.). It will not point out grammatical, punctuation, renumbering, or stylistic changes.

Title Placement

- ☐ Title 1 – General Provisions
- ☐ Title 2 – Administration
- ☒ Title 3 – Licensing
- ☐ Title 4 – Health, Safety and Welfare
- ☐ Title 5 – Public Nuisance

- ☐ Title 6 – Lands and Buildings
- ☐ Title 7 – Zoning
- ☐ Title 8 – Franchises, Utilities and Right-of-Way
- ☐ Title 9 – Public Ways and Places
- ☐ Appendices

Chapter Information

Chapter Title: Tree Management

Recodification Liaisons: Trent Homard, Administrative Intern; Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner; Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager; Jeffrey Jensen, Operations Manager-Park/Street; Beth Kondrick, Administrative Services Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk; Maxwell Lohse, Planning Intern; Melissa Moore, City Clerk/Communication Director

Current Chapter Number: 104

New Chapter Number: 319

Substantive Changes

Section Number	Current Code	Proposed Changes
319.02		Added Definitions Section
319.06	Describes the abatement procedure.	Added language for the abatement of nuisances.
319.08	This section outlines for the removal of infected trees or woods.	Changed language to modernize and clarify the Code.
104.09	This section states that program records must be maintained by the forester .	Staff recommend repeal of this section as this is covered under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.
104.14	States that any violation of the chapter is a misdemeanor.	This was established in Title 2 (Administration) of the Fridley City Code. Chapter 204, Penalties, declares that a



RECODIFICATION REPORT

		violation of any section of the Code is a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, violators will be punished according to State law.
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Fridley City Code
Chapter ~~104.319~~ Tree Management

~~104.01.319.01~~ Declaration of Policy Purpose

~~The City Council of Fridley has determined that trees~~ Trees provide a public benefit including cleaner air, cleaner water, decreased soil erosion and increased property values in the City of Fridley (City). It is further determined that nuisance trees growing upon public and private property impair the safety, good order, general welfare, and convenience of the public. ~~It is declared to be the intention of the Council to maintain a resilient urban forest and this Chapter is enacted for that purpose.~~

319.02 Definitions

Boulevard Tree: a tree growing within an improved street or alley right-of-way or an easement that has been acquired for an existing improved street or alley.

Removal: the cutting of a tree at the trunk to be level with the surrounding ground.

~~104.02.319.03~~ Forester Position Created

The powers and duties of the ~~City~~ Forester as set forth in this Chapter are hereby conferred upon the Director of Public Works ~~and all designated representatives or their designee~~. It is the duty of the Forester to coordinate under the direction and control of the City Manager or their designee all activities of the City relating to the management of trees on City property, the control and prevention of tree pests that would threaten the integrity of the City's urban forest, and the elimination of nuisance trees. The Forester shall recommend to the City Manager or their designee the details of the program for the maintenance of a resilient urban forest and perform the duties incident to such a program adopted by the Fridley City Council (Council).

~~104.03.319.04~~ Program

It is the intention of the Council ~~of Fridley~~ to conduct a Management Program directed at the maintenance of a resilient urban forest. The City shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain, remove and replace all trees, shrubs, and other plantings now or hereafter on properties controlled by the City including in any street, park, boulevard, public right-of-way or easement as may be necessary to ensure public safety or to preserve and enhance the City's urban forest. The City shall also have the right to require the abatement of any trees on public or private property deemed to be public nuisances as outlined in ~~the this~~ Chapter

~~104.04.319.05~~ Nuisance Declared

The following are public nuisances whenever they may be found within the City ~~of Fridley~~:

1. Any diseased or infested tree or part thereof, including logs, branches, stumps, firewood, or other wooden material which has been determined to present a condition which endangers

the safety or health of the public or urban forest and has not been abated according to the prescription of the ~~City~~ Forester.

2. Any hazardous tree which is determined to have structural defects in the roots, stem, or branches that may cause the tree or part thereof to fail, where such failure may cause personal injury or property damage to a "target." A "target" includes, but is not limited to, people, vehicles, buildings, and property, ~~etc.~~ Trees without targets are not considered hazards even if they are likely to fail and can be considered beneficial in habitat protection.

~~104.05-319.06~~ Abatement

1. It is unlawful for any person to allow a public nuisance as defined in Section ~~104.04~~319.05 to remain on any premises owned within, or controlled by, the City ~~of Fridley~~. Such nuisances may be abated in the manner prescribed by this Chapter and according to the procedures established in ~~Chapter 128~~the Abatement of Exterior Public Nuisances chapter of the City Code.

2. In abating the nuisances defined in Section 319.05 the Forester or their designee will prescribe the nuisance tree or wood to be evaluated, monitored, sprayed, root barriered, removed, burned or otherwise effectively treated so as to eliminate and prevent, as fully as possible, the nuisance. Such abatement procedures will be carried out in accordance with current technical and expert opinions and procedures.

~~104.06-319.07~~ Inventory, Inspection and Investigation

1. The Forester or ~~an agent thereof~~their designee may inspect all premises and places within the City as often as deemed appropriate to determine any condition described in Section ~~104.04~~303.05 of this Chapter. The Forester ~~shall~~will investigate all reported incidents of nuisance trees.

2. The Forester or ~~an agent thereof~~their designee may enter upon private premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out any of the duties assigned under this Chapter.

3. The Forester or ~~an agent thereof~~their designee ~~shall~~will make a field diagnosis according to generally accepted field diagnosis procedures.

~~104.07. Abatement of Nuisances~~

~~In abating the nuisances defined in Section 104.04, the Forester or an agent thereof shall prescribe the nuisance tree or wood to be evaluated, monitored, sprayed, root barriered, removed, burned or otherwise effectively treated so as to eliminate and prevent, as fully as possible, the nuisance. Such abatement procedures shall be carried out in accordance with current technical and expert opinions and procedures.~~

~~104.08-319.08~~ Procedures for Removal of Infected Trees or Woods

When the Forester or their designee ~~thereof~~ finds that a public nuisance as defined in Section ~~104.04~~319.05 exists in any tree or wood in any public or private place in the City, the Forester ~~shall~~will:

1. On private property, notify the property owner in writing with a Nuisance Tree Abatement Notice. The property owner ~~shall~~must carry out any recommended abatement procedure(s) within ~~thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the notification unless a written extension is granted by the Forester.~~a specified amount of time from the date of receipt of the notification unless a written extension is granted by the Forester.

(a) If the owner fails to follow the recommendation of the Nuisance Tree Abatement Notice within the designated time period, the Forester ~~shall~~will notify the property owner in writing that the City will contract for the abatement of the public nuisance. ~~The Forester shall then proceed to contract for the abatement procedures as soon as possible and shall report to the City Clerk all costs resulting from the abatement procedures carried out on such private property. The City Clerk shall list all such charges related to the City abatement administrative costs against each separate lot or parcel by September 15th of each year as special assessments to be collected commencing with the following year's taxes. All assessments and abatement-related costs shall be added to each assessment. and will follow the abatement processes established in the Abatement of Exterior Public Nuisances chapter of the Code.~~

2. In the case of boulevard trees, ~~defined as a tree growing within an improved street or alley right-of-way or an easement that has been acquired for an existing improved street or alley,~~ notices will be mailed to the owner of the abutting property as previously described ~~in Section 104.08.1.~~ However, the City shall abate any nuisance boulevard tree at no cost to the property owner. If the property owner desires, the City will replace the tree with a tree on the owner's property in the vicinity of the removed tree.

3. All assessments levied for the repayment of tree disease abatement costs may be repaid over a period designated by the ~~City~~ Council. Such assessments shall be levied in accordance with the assessment procedures established in ~~City Code Chapter 128~~the Abatement of Exterior Public Nuisances chapter of the Code.

4. If the nuisance tree is located on public land, the Forester ~~shall~~will transmit a similar notification including prescription to the agency responsible for maintenance of said property. Such nuisances on public property ~~shall~~will be abated by the respective agent, according to the prescriptions of the ~~City~~ Forester within ~~thirty (30)~~ days of notification unless a written extension is granted by the Forester.

~~104.09. Program Records~~

~~The Forester shall keep accurate records of the Tree Management Program including the costs of abatements ordered under this program. The Forester shall report to the City Council all work done for which assessments are to be made stating and certifying the description of the land, lots, and parcels involved and the amount chargeable to each.~~

~~104.10.319.09~~ Interference Prohibited

It is unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the Forester or ~~agent thereof~~their designee while they are engaged in the performance of duties imposed by this Chapter.

~~104.11.319.10~~ License Required

It shall be unlawful for any individual, partnership or corporation to conduct as a business the cutting, trimming, pruning, removing, spraying or otherwise treating of trees, shrubs or vines in the City without first having secured a license from ~~at~~the City to conduct such business.

~~104.12.319.11~~ License Requirements

1. Application

Application for a license under this Chapter shall be made ~~at the office of the City Clerk of~~by the City.

2. Application Form

The application for a license ~~shall~~must be made on a form approved by the City which includes:

Business name and address;
 Name and address of applicant;
 Business phone number;
 Number and type of vehicles;
 Type of state licenses and/or certifications applicant or employees have; and
 Any other information deemed necessary by the City ~~Clerk~~ for the license.

3. Liability Insurance

No license or renewal of a license ~~shall~~will be granted, ~~nor shall the same~~or be effective, until the applicant has filed with the City Clerk proof of a general liability insurance policy covering all operations of such applicant under this Chapter for the sum of at least ~~one million dollars (\$1,000,000)~~ \$1 million per occurrence and ~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000)~~ \$2 million annual aggregate and for at least ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ against liability for damage or destruction of property. The City ~~shall~~must be named and the insurance provided ~~shall~~must include the City as an additional party insured. ~~Said policy shall~~The policy must provide that it may not be cancelled by the insurer except after ~~ten~~(10) days written notice to the City, and if such insurance is so cancelled and licensee ~~shall~~will fail to replace the same with another policy conforming to the provisions of this Chapter said license ~~shall~~will be automatically suspended until such insurance shall have been replaced.

4. Worker's Compensation Insurance

Each license applicant ~~shall~~must file with the City Clerk a Certificate of Insurance of Worker's Compensation when such insurance is required by State Statute.

5. Chemical Treatment Requirements

Applicants who propose to use chemical substances in any activity related to treatment or disease control of trees, shrubs or vines ~~shall~~must file with the City Clerk proof that the applicant or an employee of the applicant administering such treatment has been certified by the Agronomy Division of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture as a "commercial pesticide applicator." Such certification ~~shall~~must include knowledge of tree disease chemical treatment.

6. Minnesota Tree Care Registry

All applicants must be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Tree Care Registry.

7. Fees

The annual license fee shall be provided in the Fees chapter of the Code.

~~104.13. Fees~~

~~The annual license fee and expiration date shall be as provided in Chapter 11 of this Code.~~

~~104.14. Penalties~~

~~Any violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and is subject to penalties provided for such violations under the provisions of Chapter 901 of this Code.~~



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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Title

Ethylene Oxide from Commercial Sterilizers

Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking rule revisions regarding ethylene oxide from commercial sterilizers. Staff will provide an update on information known about commercial sterilization in Fridley.

Recommendation

For information purposes only

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Grant Updates

Background

The purpose of this item is to provide Commissioners updates on sustainability grants held by the City. New items are highlighted in yellow.

Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

- Anoka County grant to include organics recycling at Moore Lake Park building

Grants Under Review

- MnDOT Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant
- CCWD Water Quality Grant for Sweepings Screener
- CCWD Water Quality Grant for Apex Pond
- DNR Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant Pt. 3

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County
- BWSR/RCWD grant for Moore Lake IESF project
- RCWD grant for road diet on University Ave Service Rd
- LRIP grant for 53rd Avenue Trail Project
- RS grant for 7th St Trail Project (missing section in front of Community Center, will resume following school release)
- University Avenue Lighting Project
- Met Council Climate Mitigation grant for feasibility study of 73rd Ave
- BWSR HELP grant for native plant restoration on Commons Park hillside
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 3
- MDH Well Sealing Grant pt 3
- DNR grant for mitigating impacts of EAB
- MnDOT Active Transportation Pilot Grant
- RCWD grant for sumps in Farr Lake neighborhood

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Grants Closed (1/1/2021+)

- SHIP grant for wayfinding kiosk
- MDH Well Sealing Grant pt 2
- SHIP grant for bike fleet (SNC/Recreation)
- CCWD grant for Craig Park improvements
- Lawns to Legumes grant for Craig Park Bee Lawn
- RCWD grant for 6 raingardens in Rice Creek Terrace neighborhood
- Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant (ACD grant in partnership with Coon Rapids, and Lino Lakes)
- SHIP grant for Civic Campus orchard
- CCWD grant for hydrodynamic separator in 2022 Street Project Area
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 2

Recommendation

- None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Event and Outreach Updates

Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Events that have been completed since the last meeting as well as upcoming outreach events are listed below.

Completed events (2/7-3/14)

- HRA Open House (2/8)

Confirmed events and topics

- Environmental Fun Fair (4/22)
- Tree and Native Plant Sale (Fall)
- Mississippi River Concert 8/8

Potential Upcoming Events

- Kids Book Swap
- Pollinator Planting at Commons Park
- Pollinator Planting at Moore Lake
- 5 year Anniversary Celebration for Civic Campus
- 7th Avenue trail ribbon cutting
- Moore Lake Park ribbon cutting

Recommendation

- None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed this past month:

- SolSmart Bronze award presented to City Council
- WindUp Challenge launched
- HRA Open House, 24 HES sign ups

The following activities are projected in the next month:

- Receive CEE award for most rebates per capita in Intercity Challenge
- Continue WindUp Challenge
- Continue loaning Energy Efficiency Kits

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

None

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Informal Status Reports

Background

Staff and Commissioners will share informal status reports on programs happening in the City.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

None

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