



PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEMORANDUM

To: Commission on the Environment

From: Cathy DeShambo, Environmental Services Administrator

Date: November 13, 2019

Subject: October/November Staff Report

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Since our last meeting, I have been working on the following items that may be of interest to the COE:

- ✓ Continued working with Golder Associates staff on monitoring Burcham Park and ongoing completion of landscape repairs to Burcham Solar Park
- ✓ Executed WUP for White Park Updates
- ✓ Coordinated Wetland Verification process for proposed 6290 Abbot Road Provision Living development
- ✓ Planned and hosted the Community Deer Management Meeting and follow up with POLCO questions; synthesized data collected and provided follow up to resident feedback
- ✓ Presented a Deer Management Update to City Council
- ✓ Participated along with staff in a comprehensive recycling audit/material sort with City of Lansing and IRIS Waste Diversion Specialists
- ✓ Participated in introduction meeting with the new Homeless Population Coordinator from Advent House, Frances Gunn
- ✓ Interviewed by MSU students for their renewable energy modeling and management class (Thanks Jessica!)
- ✓ Completed the review and finalization of design specs and ordered the City's mobile library
- ✓ Continued FY20 vehicle replacement completing the ordering of the new Quick Response Vehicle for the Fire Department
- ✓ Participated in a partnership meeting with MSU, Meridian Township and City of Lansing to continue to explore collaboration on sustainability initiatives
- ✓ Received notification that the City of East Lansing obtained Gold Certification for the second year in a row with our submission to the Michigan Green Communities Challenge. To see metrics and requirements for this certification: <http://migreencommunities.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/MGC-Challenge-Checklist-and-Reporting-Metrics-Web-Version-2019.pdf>

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- ✓ Coordinated the planting of over 70 trees for the City's fall tree planting with a grant from Consumers Energy and City Funds
- ✓ Reviewed applications and participated in a second round of interviews for the open Public Service Employee positions and coordinated training for new hires
- ✓ Attended a Community Forestry webinar through Davey Tree
- ✓ Participated in the Sustainable Building subcommittee meeting with Tim Mrozowski and the subsequent conference call with Eric Doyle of Catalyst
- ✓ Coordinated delivery of precinct materials for the November election and worked on the Receiving Team for the election
- ✓ Met with MSU Deer Management partners to review data collection from trail cameras
- ✓ Worked with ICLEI staff and Planning staff on additional submissions for SolSmart certification
- ✓ Attended the BWL's General Manager's Roundtable
- ✓ Interviewed by a State News Reporter for a Climate Action article
- ✓ Participated in the annual Winter Coordination and Operations meeting
- ✓ Worked with Marissa on updates to the Climate Action Plan to update the City's website
- ✓ Participating for the second year in a row in MSU professor Dr. Gary Schnakenberg's Senior Seminar's Local Research project by connecting student participants to City staff and suggesting research opportunities that are grounded in current municipal inquiries and issues.
- ✓ Marissa attended the October and November Regional Recycling meetings (R2C2)
- ✓ We are very excited to announce that Emterra has closed on their site for the first MRF in mid-Michigan and hopes to be up and running by summer!

Other points of possible interest:

City Council Meeting Summaries:

<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/1897/Stay-Connected>

Emerging Leaders Program:

<https://cityofeastlansing.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=996>

East Lansing Buzz-Downtown Development News:

<https://www.eastlansingbuzz.org/>

Fall Bulk Leaf Collection Extended on West Side:

<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1014>

Lead Service Line Replacement Plan:

<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=830>

Road Construction in East Lansing:

<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/construction>

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Draft COE 2020 Meeting Schedule

January 27, 2020 (4th Monday because of MLK Holiday)

February 24, 2020 (4th Monday because of President's Day Holiday)

March 16, 2020

April 20, 2020

May 18, 2020

June 15, 2020

July 20, 2020

August 17, 2020

September 21, 2020

October 19, 2020

November 16, 2020

December 21, 2020

(Pending approval November 18, 2019)



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AGENDA

November 18, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Courtroom 1, 54-B District Court
101 Linden Street

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**
 - a) Approval of September 16, 2019 Minutes (Attachment)
 - b) Approval of November 18, 2019 Agenda (Attachment)
- 3) **Public Comment**
- 4) **Business Items**
 - a) Planning Presentation-Green Features of Recent Development- Thomas Fehrenbach, Planning Director
 - b) Annual Stormwater Management Update and WRRF Construction Update-Nicole McPherson Engineering Administrator
 - c) Subcommittee Updates
 - d) 2020 Calendar Approval
- 5) **Commissioner/Staff Communications**
- 6) **Upcoming Tentative Agenda Items/Announcements**
- 7) **Adjourn**