



PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEMORANDUM

To: Commission on the Environment

From: Cathy DeShambo, Environmental Services Administrator

Date: December 11, 2019

Subject: December 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 the ongoing completion of landscape repairs to Burcham Solar Park
- ✓ Attended the Michigan Sustainability Conference
- ✓ Participated in planning and coordination for Winter Glow
- ✓ Notified that the City earned Gold designation in the Department of Energy's SolSmart program, and that the City additionally earned a Special Recognition Award for earning over 60% of the available points in Inspection criteria category
- ✓ Participated in next steps of Priority Based Budgeting/Decision Making
- ✓ Participated in a meeting exploring a potential solar project at DPW, and the assessment of additional City facilities for solar
- ✓ Continued FY20 vehicle replacement completing the ordering of trucks for East Lansing-Meridian Water and Sewer Authority and the Water Resource Recovery Facility
- ✓ Met with MSU Deer Management partners to finalize report and update Deer Management page
- ✓ Attended, for the second year in a row, MSU professor Dr. Gary Schnakenberg's Senior Seminar's Local Research project student presentations which were based on City of East Lansing research opportunities grounded in current municipal inquiries and issues.
- ✓ Coordinated Downtown holiday décor installation
- ✓ Completed and submitted the City's annual Tree City USA application which summarizes the City's Urban Forestry efforts for the year
- ✓ Coordinated adding the Hannah Community Center as a site selling bulk item stickers for residents
- ✓ Continued working on updates to the Climate Action Plan for COE review in January/February
- ✓ Participated in interviews for the PSE opening

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- ✓ Responded to two media requests for articles on Holiday recycling and Christmas lights recycling
- ✓ Presented to City Council at their Dec. 10th Discussion Only meeting concerning proposed changes to the City's Yardwaste program

Other points of possible interest:

City Council Meeting Summaries:

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

East Lansing Buzz-Downtown Development News:

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

Lead Service Line Replacement Plan:

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

Road Construction in East Lansing:

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

Census 2020- Be Counted East Lansing

<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/2032/Census-2020>

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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

(Approved November 18, 2019)



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AGENDA

December 16, 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 November 18, 2019 Minutes (Attachment)
 - b) Approval of December 16, 2019 Agenda (Attachment)
- 3) **Public Comment**
- 4) **Business Items**
 - a) Wetland Use Permit-Contingency Review Skymint
- 5) **Commissioner/Staff Communications**
- 6) **Upcoming Tentative Agenda Items/Announcements**
- 7) **Adjourn**