

Environmental Policy Board 2011-2012 Proposed Work Plan

As outlined in City Code, the primary objective of the Environmental Policy Board is to review, consider, initiate and recommend to the City Council such policies, plans or projects which will enhance and preserve the natural environment of the City. The Board's scope shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, matters of the preservation of the community forest, water quality, wetland preservation, ground water protection, control of soil erosion and air, noise and light pollution.

The Environmental Policy Board will focus its efforts on the following tasks in 2011:

- Participating in an Arbor Day tree planting event.
- Encouraging citizen awareness and education on environmental stewardship through the Environmental Expo & Tree Sale.
- Revisiting the water conservation and invasive species web pages as needed and/or directed by City Council.
- Exploring potential public outreach opportunities such as developing an additional web page(s) that identify various wildlife and plants that may be seen while utilizing the City's trail system and includes phenological information as well (potentially in conjunction/unison with the Go Anoka County project).
- Undertaking a demonstration project (such as a rain garden or 'mini arboretum' highlighting species that perform well in Ramsey's sandy soil).
- Promoting, enhancing and expanding recycling opportunities within the Municipal Center and other public buildings.
- Research and review green building principles and low impact development practices that could be encouraged or incentivized within The COR as well as their return on investment.
- Enhance visibility of 'green' information on the City's website.