

**City of Ramsey**  
**Agenda**  
**Special Joint Planning Commission and EPB**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2011**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Lake Itasca Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Commission and Board Business**
  1. Discuss EPB's 2011-2012 Work Plan and its Relation to the City's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances
- 5. Commission/Staff Input**
- 6. Adjournment**

**Regular Planning Commission**

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**Meeting Date:** 09/08/2011

**By:** Chris Anderson, Community Development

**Title:**

Discuss EPB's 2011-2012 Work Plan and its Relation to the City's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

**Background:**

The Environmental Policy Board's 2011-2012 City Council approved work plan includes researching and reviewing green building principles and low impact development practices that could be encouraged or incentivized within The COR. It is likely that at least some of these concepts/practices may be incorporated into the zoning standards of City Code, subject to a public hearing with the Planning Commission. Thus, Staff thought it would be beneficial to bring both boards together to discuss and brainstorm various green principles, low impact development practices, and strategies and ways to entice developers to consider implementing these concepts as opposed to making them a requirement.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

**Funding Source:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

While no specific action is needed, Staff is hoping that some common themes arise from this discussion that can be further researched and brought back to the EPB and Planning Commission for future consideration and action.

**Committee Action:**

No action is necessary.

**Attachments**

2011-2012 City Council Approved EPB Work Plan

**Form Review**

**Inbox**  
Tim Gladhill

**Reviewed By**  
Tim Gladhill

**Date**  
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Form Started By: Chris Anderson

Final Approval Date: 09/01/2011

## **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.