

Environmental Policy Board 2012-2013 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 for the 2012-2013 Work Plan:

- Community Awareness
 - Encourage citizen awareness and education on environmental stewardship through the Environmental Expo & Tree Sale.
 - Incorporate natural resources information related to trees, wildlife, soils etc into the website for easy public access.
 - Develop shade tree disease and pest information (oak wilt, emerald ash borer, pine bark beetles, etc) for both website and newsletter.
- Demonstration Project(s)
 - Rain garden within a parking lot to demonstrate storm water infiltration techniques.
 - Restore/create native prairie within utility easement corridor.
- Improve Communication with the Public
 - Implement an ongoing 'Did You Know' column in the Ramsey Resident newsletter.
- Develop Public Space Improvement Standards
- Develop Ecological Standards (or BMPs) and an Education/Awareness Campaign for Developers/Development
- Consider/Develop an Eco Challenge Program
- Consider/Develop Tree Replacement Standards for Inclusion in Tree Preservation Ordinance
- Coordinate with the Lower Rum River Water Management Organization (WMO) on Education and Citizen Engagement Efforts