

Environmental Policy Board 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 Work Plan:

- Community Awareness
 - Encourage citizen awareness and education on environmental stewardship through the Environmental Expo & Tree Sale.
 - Develop a Community Stewardship recognition program.
- Demonstration/Implementation Project(s)
 - Work toward completing a tree inventory of street trees and trees in maintained park areas (for budgeting purposes and scheduling efficiencies).
- Public Space Improvements
 - Research Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program and forward recommendation, if any, to City Council.
 - Review Housing Assistance Policy Goal #4 and develop a series of Best Management Practices for incorporation into the policy.
- Environmental Standards (focus on one topic each work plan cycle)
 - Storm water
 - Review irrigation requirement, provide alternatives such as use of drought resistant plant materials.
 - Consider strategies to encourage water conservation practices such as rain barrels and soil moisture sensors
 - Review curb requirements, consider amendments to promote infiltration