

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

Tuesday, September 24, 2024. 5:00PM - 6:30PM

In-Person Meeting

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center

4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor

Call-In Option: Join Zoom Webinar

<https://washtenawcounty.zoom.us/j/84042769611?pwd=V6X5wGGk5hvgKKFqbAlZg4aZxXjK0s.1>

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. Land Acknowledgement
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Approval of the Minutes of the August 27, 2024 Meeting
- VI. Public Comment/Citizen Participation: (up to 4 minutes per speaker)
 - A. Council Responses to Citizen Participation
 - B. Acknowledgement of written Citizen Participation
- VII. Presentation: Michigan's Energy and Environmental Future, and Opportunities and Outlook for Washtenaw County.

Presenter: Phil Roos, Director, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

 - A. Presentation
 - B. Council responses and discussion.
 - C. Council instructions, if any, to WCEC Advisory and Recommendations Committee
- VIII. Regular Business
 - A. Staff Reports
 1. Staffing Status
 2. Resiliency Office Updates

B. Chair's Report

1. Upcoming meeting topics, scheduling, in-person meeting

a) October: Pittsfield Township and Ann Arbor Township Sustainability
Plans/Initiatives,

b) November: TBD

IX. New Business

X. Communications and Reports

A. Councilmembers

B. Staff

C. Committees and Committee Reports

XI. Adjourn

Next Meetings

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5pm (virtual)

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 (virtual)

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 (virtual)

MEETING MATERIALS/AGENDA PACKET

Contents:

Draft Minutes of the 8/27 Meeting

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AUGUST DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
 - a. Present: Anne Brown, Andrew Comai, Michelle Deatruck, Andrea Pierce, Gay MacGregor, Kris Olsson, Avni Rao, Tim Redmond, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville, Lauren Sargent, Benjamin VanGessel
 - b. Absent: Yousef Rabhi, Elizabeth Ratzloff, Hudson Villeneuve
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Moved by: Gay MacGregor
 - b. Seconded by: Kris Olson
 - c. Michelle moved item 11D to in-between items 8 and 9 – no objections.
 - d. Approved by unanimous Voice Vote
5. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2024 Meeting
 - a. Moved by: Avni Rao
 - b. Seconded by: Tim Redmond
 - c. Approved by unanimous voice vote
6. Public Comment/Citizen Participation: (up to 4 minutes per speaker)
 - a. Would like the county to stop using pesticides, especially those that kill milkweed.
 - i. Jason Fee: No pesticides, herbicide only as needed, and specific in RFPs and contracts.
 - b. Amanda Edmonds- WCEC should look to Food Policy Council regarding comments and responses. Suggesting that work from 12 years ago regarding pollinators should be referenced.

7. Council Responses to Citizen Participation

- a. Lauren Sargent- I am working in my own neighborhood to stop the use of pesticides.
- b. Annie Somerville- Received an email that our public link is not working for folks, flagging that.
 - i. Andrew solving the issue while the meeting is going on. Will also enable chat function to the webinars going forward.

8. Acknowledgement of any written Citizen Participation

- a. Will create a process for responding to written comment.
- b. Andrew will reach out to the road commission for their response on pesticides, Jason will follow up on county landscape contractors.
- c. Kris would like to have the Council work on chemical guidelines for the County.

9. Presentation: Introduction of Beth Gibbons, Washtenaw County Resiliency Officer

- a. Welcome
- b. Introductions
- c. Beth's Remarks
- d. Conversation and Q&A
 - i. Kris Olsson- important to prioritize local governments with becoming resilient and reach carbon neutrality. Directing all of the available funding in a way that helps the county/communities. Education campaigns.
 - ii. Lauren Sargent- priority is an unreliable power grid
 - iii. Andrew Comai- Priority should be heat exposure for workers and infrastructure impacts suffered by workers which are not controlled.
 - iv. Ben VanGessell- Would love to bring the county to the same level as Ann Arbor.

10. Regular Business

- a. Staff Update
 - i. SEMCOG Update: *Andrew DeLeeuw*, Deputy County Administrator
 - 1. SEMCOG's application was not amongst those selected by EPA for funding. Will send scoring application and link.
 - 2. EPA ended up funding incredibly large-scale projects and fewer of them.
 - 3. Provided updated on County cooling centers, this link was added to the website.
 - ii. Council Discussion
 - 1. Annie Somerville- will be requesting the WCEC resolution to move to the BOC agenda.
- b. Chairs Report
 - i. Upcoming Meeting Topics
 - ii. September Meeting location and Meet and Greet

1. September 24 meeting is in-person. Michelle has invited Phill Roos and EGLE presentation. Will be inviting local points of contact on climate change. There will be refreshments.

11. New Business

- a. Communications and Reports
- b. Councilmembers
- c. Staff
- d. Committees and Committee Reports
 - i. Engagement and Outreach Committee Report: *Avni Rao, Committee Chair*
 1. The Green Fair is Friday, September 20. Last year the event ran from 4:30 – 8 PM.
 2. Any council members who can join would be helpful.

12. Adjourn

Next Meetings

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 2024



To whom it may concern,

This is to notify you that as of August 15, 2024, KBK Landscaping is no longer using commercial herbicides on your facilities. We are now using a vinegar and brine solution.

Sincerely,

Kris Krause, President
KBK Landscaping