



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Municipal Center Council Chambers
1616 Humboldt Ave, West St. Paul, MN 55118

04.01.2026

6:00 PM- UNTELEVISED

1. New Business

1.A. Environmental Committee 2026 Goal Setting

Documents:

[MEMO GOAL SETTING- 04.01.2026.PDF](#)
[2026 TOPICS FOR WORKPLAN- 04.01.2026.PDF](#)

2. Updates

2.A. Staff

2.B. Subcommittee

2.C. Planning Commission

2.D. Park & Recreation Committee

2.E. City Council

2.F. Other

3. Adjourn

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Prepared By: Jess Hall, Natural Resource, Sustainability, & Environment Specialist

Subject: 2026 Goal Setting

Background

The Committee will start to use an annual work plan to accomplish its goals, as well as aid in accountability, resource allocation and proceed through committee priorities. The Committee is asked to use this time to review and set five goals and the initiatives under each of its five goals for a 2026 workplan.

Requests

The Committee will review previously discussed topics and create a 2026 workplan to set direction and purpose.

Attachments:

2026 Topics for Workplan

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Prepared By: Jess Hall, Natural Resource, Sustainability, & Environment Specialist

Subject: 2026 Topics for Workplan

The Environmental Committee will use this work session to draft a 2026 workplan document. The purpose of this workplan is to set five tangible goals with 2-4 actions per goal. The workplan document will also set timeline goals, by quarter for accomplishing each item. Below, staff has compiled a list of previous Environmental Committee Topics that could be a starting point for this work plan. This is not an exhaustive list and staff welcome committee members' suggestions.

Goal Examples:

- Ordinance and Policy Development
- Education and Outreach
- Urban Forestry
- Natural Habitat Restoration
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainability
- Water Protection

Example Actions:

- Create new draft landscaping code language
- Assist with XX number of community events
- Review and provide written comments on city Urban Forestry Plan
- Assist with draft climate action plan
- Identify and explore funding sources for Natural Resources
- Review tree preservation ordinance to protect mature trees during development.
- Coordinate XX number of volunteer events to remove invasive species and plant native vegetation.
- Host a city-led bioblitz to monitor restored areas to track ecological health
- Conduct a community survey to identify resident priorities and concerns about sustainability topics
- Promote energy efficiency programs for homes and businesses (e.g., audits, rebates).
- Create XX number of educational materials on a specific topic (salt, native plants, invasive plants, etc.)

Example Workplan Table Layout

Goals	Action	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Goal 1	2-4 actions	x			
Goal 2	2-4 actions		x	x	
Goal 3	2-4 actions			x	x
Goal 4	2-4 actions				x
Goal 5	2-4 actions		x		x

Once the committee sets goals and actions, staff will fill in the workplan table. This workplan will be formalized at the next voting meeting and will be reviewed and updated annually, or as requested by the committee.