

Natural Features Working Group

1. Develop and seek “Heritage Tree” amendments to Chapter 55. This will probably mean expanding on the Landmark Tree provisions and mitigations.
2. Develop and seek Tree Protection amendments to Chapter 55, for trees not already regulated in a site planning process. This would probably be a permit system like the first flush stormwater requirements.
3. Seek amendments to Floodplain provisions in Chapter 55, in collaboration with the Water Quality Working Group. They are nearly ready.
4. Develop “Sustainable Landscape” outreach models for two neighborhoods – one with considerable native forest fragments and one with fewer trees.
5. Seek a concerted City effort to accomplish an early update to the City’s GIS Woodlands Map. The current one, completed in 1990, is woefully inadequate. Users can’t distinguish a native forest fragment from a buckthorn thicket. This would likely require leaf-on air flights, two or three times in a year, collecting multispectral air imagery. It would likely require a consultant for digital surface modeling of image mosaics, interpretation and field checking, cross referencing with old air photos as available (before invasives were pervasive). This last item will have a budget impact.

Water Quality Working Group

1. Assist City staff in drafting an updated flood plain ordinance, in collaboration with the Natural Features Working Group.
2. Develop educational materials about the Huron River, in collaboration with PAC and HRWC staff.

Solid Waste Working Group

1. Assist A2zero process for solid waste and resource reduction.
2. Develop Construction and Demolition metrics by October.
3. Clarify Contracting and Proportional Representation concerns that have suspended WRMMA buy-in by Council. Facilitate city’s participation in WRMMA.
4. Explore value-stream model(s) for solid waste management and develop a cost/benefit analysis by May.
5. Collect examples of zero waste and circular economy projects and learnings, and prepare a white paper by May, tailored to Ann Arbor.
6. Ask contracted processors (RAA, WeCare, e.g.) to track where recycled materials go and report quarterly.
7. Explore fee waivers for value-recovering non-profit volunteer organizations in the City providing social services such as food rescue, thrift shops, etc.-draft ordinance changes if required.

Pollinators Working Group

1. Assist City Staff with educational material development and distribution tailored to residents, schools, religious institutions, large rental companies, businesses and retailers with property.
2. Draft and propose a certification program for pesticide use reduction and turf grass area reduction, in collaboration with City staff.