

Ann Arbor Environmental Commission 2023 Legislative Policy Recommendations

DRAFT-Only to Structure discussion at March 23, 2023 Commission Meeting

Natural Features

1. Revive the “Natural Resources Protection Act” of 1998 to protect biodiversity statewide. Sen. Sue Shink will introduce a Bill in 2023. **Restore [P.A. 451 of 1994 Part 355](#) that was rescinded in 2013 ? Chris & Brooks-please specify**
2. Restore Driving License privileges [regardless of residency status](#). Refer to Senate Bills 433, 434 and House Bills 4835, 4836 of 2021.
3. Eliminate legal impediments to annual deer culls, and promote them throughout Southern Michigan

Solid Waste

1. Amend Part 115 (2022) to prevent organic waste disposal in landfills.
2. Restrict the sale of all packaging that includes intentionally added PFAS chemicals. These contaminations prevent the recycling of plastics and toxic-free composts

Water Quality

1. Reinstate EGLE's rule making authority where it has been removed (e.g. Part 4 'Water Quality Standards')
2. Support [H.B. 4083](#) to ban use of perchloroethylene (PERC) in dry cleaning businesses

Pollinators

1. Mandate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as first-line treatments to limit the use of broad-spectrum pesticides
2. Ban sale of seeds treated with neonicotinoid pesticides.
3. Prioritize the use and maintenance of native plants on highway rights-of-way.