

2024 ESC Members

1. Dan Fogel
2. Dana Hicks
3. Richard Sampson
4. Trisha Knight
5. Kerem Saral
6. Leslie Kepler
7. Jeremy Shook
8. Vacant
9. Vacant



Town Staff
Bobby Williams
Tracy Houk

Commissioner
Jennifer Hunt

AGENDA

Environmental Sustainability Committee

October 10, 2024 @ 3:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2024

AGENDA CHANGES

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

- Charlotte Water Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Modification Request
– Angela Charles, Director of Charlotte Water

NEW BUSINESS

- IBT Discussion – (if needed)

OLD BUSINESS

- Town Tree Save Ordinance and Mitigation – Time for Additional Discussion
(see attached for comments sent to Rich since last time)
- Treasure Trees Program
- Carbon Dividend Act (HR 5744) – Consider Decision on Presentation/Request
of Support to Town Board (Mary Ann Sprung)
- LEED or other options for new town hall
- Community Engagement
- Pollinator Garden
- Hybrid Meetings

UPDATES/COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024

Initial Feedback Submitted to Vice Chair Rich Sampson after last meeting:

TREES - Incorporate forests and their protection into urban strategy

- Conduct a drone survey for tree canopy baseline
- Purchase land with safeguards to prohibit its future sale and development
- Only allow **1/2** of the required "saved specimen trees" to be mitigated
- No* mitigation for "heritage trees" (*unless unhealthy)

WILDLIFE - Incorporate wildlife and their protection into urban strategy

- Conduct a survey on wildlife populations (both type and migration patterns) OR research if one currently exists
- Map wildlife corridors
- Purchase land with safeguards to prohibit its future sale and development
- Establish wildlife safe passage routes including signage to alert drivers

GREEN (Sustainable) INFRASTRUCTURE - Pursue LEED for Cities (Davidson just did this)

- This action item will encompass many sustainable strategies
- NOTE: There may be a possibility to combine efforts and costs with the TREE and WILDLIFE surveys, as well as the "purchase land" recommendation; these 'lands' may be one in the same.

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1. Perform a survey to establish the tree canopy baseline
 2. Review best practices for canopy coverage
 3. Using 1 and 2, establish a minimum and target % tree canopy.

My input is that we propose support of the three ordinances mentioned in the email I sent to the committee. For the third item about conditional rezoning, I don't know how to answer the question about when it should come into play.

I'd also like us to show support for the Tree Canopy group and propose to the Board that Huntersville conduct a treasure and heritage tree inventory as the beginning step in establishing a Tree Save Program.