



Inver Grove Heights City Council
Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM
8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Individuals may submit written public comments in advance of the meeting by emailing comments to Rebecca Kiernan (rkiernan@ighmn.gov). Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, will be provided to the Council at or before the February 6, 2023 meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Discussion Items**
 - A. Proposed 2023 Environmental Advisory Commission Work Plan
 - B. Overview Regarding City Landfills
4. **Adjourn**

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Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **Proposed 2023 Environmental Advisory Commission Work Plan**

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2023

ITEM TYPE: Discussion Items

CONTACT: Ally Sutherland, Environmental Specialist, 651.604.8511

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to review and provide feedback on the proposed 2023 Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

The duties and functions of the City's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) are defined by City Code 2-4-2. These include advising the City Council on environmental issues related to wetland replacement applications, local landfill matters, and aircraft noise. The EAC is also tasked with promoting public awareness and understanding of local environmental issues.

The EAC has prepared a proposed 2023 work plan to define the City's environmental programming priorities for 2023. The work plan includes 5 goals with individual action items. These goals were selected by the EAC from a larger list of optional environmental priorities developed by staff, that would align with regional trends and support existing city environmental programming such as [GreenStep Cities](#), [Xcel Energy Partners in Energy](#), and the [Dakota County Community Waste Abatement Grant](#). Staff believes the proposed work plan is achievable by December 2023 with support from the city's Environmental Specialist, EAC and technical assistance identified in the plan. In addition to this 2023 work plan, the city's Environmental Specialist will continue to implement existing Community Development environmental programming activities.

At the February 6 City Council Work Session, staff will present a summary of the environmental programming highlights from last year and outline the proposed 2023 EAC Work Plan. If the Council is supportive of the EAC's proposed priorities, staff will prepare a Resolution for the February 13 consent agenda to formally adopt the work plan with any suggested changes incorporated.

FISCAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed 2023 EAC Work Plan
2. Proposed 2023 EAC Work Plan Presentation

2023 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Duties and functions of the City of Inver Grove Heights Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) are defined by City Code 2-4-2, which include reviewing and advising the City Council on environmental issues and promoting public awareness and understanding of local environmental issues. In 2023, the EAC will work on the following work plan actions with support from the city's Environmental Specialist.

GOALS	ACTION ITEMS	TECHNICAL SUPPORT	EAC REP(S)	CITY PROGRAMMING SUPPORTED BY GOAL
Extend Xcel Energy Partners in Energy MOU through 2023 to assist with energy related 2023 EAC Work Plan goals.	1. Staff develops draft MOU with Xcel Energy to receive technical support for energy related 2023 work plan goals. 2. EAC reviews draft MOU and makes a recommendation to City Council. 3. City Council reviews and considers approval of MOU.	• Xcel Energy Partners in Energy	• Chair Boehmke	• Xcel Energy Partners in Energy / IGH Energy Action Plan • 2023 EAC Work Plan
Support development of a Dakota County Organics Drop Off located in IGH.	1. Staff works with Dakota County to determine a feasible drop off location in IGH. 2. Staff develops draft JPA with Dakota County to develop Organics Drop Off located in IGH. 3. EAC reviews draft JPA and makes a recommendation to City Council. 4. City Council reviews and considers approval of JPA.	• Dakota County	• Chair Boehmke • Comm. Goodman • Comm. Ruiz	• 2023 Community Waste Abatement Grant • GreenStep Cities
Support solar development in IGH by joining SolSmart.	1. Staff informs SolSmart the city may join and develops draft letter of commitment with SolSmart. 2. EAC reviews draft letter of commitment and makes a recommendation to City Council. 3. City Council reviews and considers approval of submitting letter of commitment. 4. Staff works towards achieving Gold Designation and provides EAC progress updates.	• SolSmart / Great Plains Institute • Xcel Energy Partners in Energy (MOU dependent)	• Comm. Trenzeluk • Comm. Ruiz	• Xcel Energy Partners in Energy / IGH Energy Action Plan • GreenStep Cities
Recognize IGH residents and businesses taking environmentally friendly actions by developing a recognition program.	1. Staff researches residential and business environmental recognition programs and shares examples with EAC. 2. EAC discusses and selects program parameters such as: Program structure, Recognition criteria, Selection process, Application document and process, Award, Number of annual recipients, Program partners. 3. EAC makes a program recommendation to City Council. 4. City Council reviews and considers approval of program. 5. Staff begin developing program and provides EAC progress updates.	• GreenStep Cities • Xcel Energy Partners in Energy (MOU dependent)	• Comm. Brass • Comm. Goodman	• 2023 Community Waste Abatement Grant • Xcel Energy Partners in Energy / IGH Energy Action Plan • GreenStep Cities
Explore how the city can support electric vehicle readiness.	1. Staff provides EAC with informational resources and invites local subject experts to present to the EAC. 2. EAC discusses actions the city can take to support the city's electric vehicle readiness. 3. EAC selects an action(s) to focus on in 2023 and makes a recommendation to City Council. 4. City Council reviews and considers approval of action(s).	• GreenStep Cities • Xcel Energy Partners in Energy (MOU dependent)	• Comm. Barner • Comm. Moehring	• Xcel Energy Partners in Energy / IGH Energy Action Plan • GreenStep Cities

Proposed 2023 Environmental Advisory Commission Work Plan

City Council Work Session
February 6, 2023 at 6pm

Ally Sutherland, Environmental Specialist



City Environmental Programming

- Community Development
- Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Building Operations

2022 Community Development Highlights

Dakota County Community Waste Abatement Grant

- **4 special collection events** hosted by the city
- **5 multifamily developments** requested recycling assistance
- **800 residents** received in-person home recycling information



HOW TO RECYCLE AT YOUR
APARTMENT, TOWNHOME OR CONDO

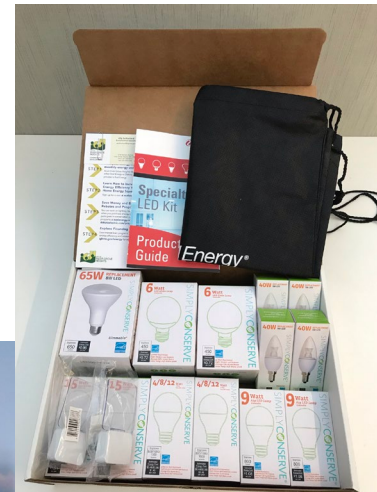
2022 Community Development Highlights

IGH Energy Action Plan / Xcel Energy Partners In Energy

- **600 residents** received home energy efficiency information
- **200 residents** received free LED light bulb kits
- **50 residents** educated on residential solar options
- **13 residents** received free home energy audits



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An Xcel Energy Community Collaboration



AN ENERGY ACTION PLAN FOR
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

March 2021



Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC)

- Staff liaison, Environmental Specialist
- Duties and functions defined by City Code
 - Wetland Replacement Applications
 - Local Landfill Matters
 - Aircraft Noise
 - Promote public awareness and understanding

Proposed 2023 EAC Work Plan

- Define 2023 environmental programming priorities
- Narrowed to 5 attainable goals
 - Align with regional trends
 - Support existing programming

Proposed 2023 EAC Work Plan

GOALS	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	PROGRAMMING SUPPORTED
Extend Xcel Energy Partners In Energy MOU	• Xcel Energy Partners In Energy	• IGH Energy Action Plan • Energy related 2023 EAC Work Plan Items
Develop organics drop off in IGH	• Dakota County	• 2023 Community Waste Abatement Grant • GreenStep Cities
Join SolSmart to support solar development	• SolSmart/Great Plains Institute • Xcel Energy Partners In Energy (*with MOU)	• IGH Energy Action Plan • GreenStep Cities
Develop Business & Residential Sustainable Recognition Program	• GreenStep Cities • Xcel Energy Partners In Energy (*with MOU)	• 2023 Community Waste Abatement Grant • IGH Energy Action Plan • GreenStep Cities
Support EV readiness	• GreenStep Cities • Xcel Energy Partners In Energy (*with MOU)	• IGH Energy Action Plan • GreenStep Cities



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Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: Overview Regarding City Landfills

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2023
ITEM TYPE: Discussion Items
CONTACT: Bridget Nason, City Attorney

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to review information related to the three landfills located within the City.

BACKGROUND

Inver Grove Heights is home to three different landfills, which are subject to various state, county, and city regulations. Staff will present an overview of landfills and use of landfills in the metro area, background information and history of the landfills located within the City, the role of various regulatory authorities, information on current and potential future use of these landfills, and other landfill-related matters. The presentation will include information related to applicable zoning regulations, host community agreements, and a status update regarding Republic Services' application to the MPCA to expand their capacity at Pine Bend Landfill. The presentation is intended to provide an introduction and lay the foundation for more specific issues and requested actions, particularly related to the Pine Bend Landfill, that are likely to be brought before the Council in the coming months.

Brief background information regarding landfills in the metro area can be found here:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/landfills>

<https://www.ricecountymn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/579/Minnesota-History-of-Solid-Waste>

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None