



# Inver Grove Heights Environmental Advisory Commission

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 7:00 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](mailto:rkiernan@ighmn.gov)). Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, will be provided to the Commissioners at or before the May 28, 2026 meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. Approval of Minutes from the Thursday, April 23, 2026 Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting
5. **Presentations**
6. **Regular Business**
  - A. Consider Award Recommendation for Sustainable IGH Award Nominees
  - B. Departing Commissioner Recognition
7. **Public Comment**

Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
8. **Commission and Staff Comments**
9. **Adjourn**

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## Environmental Advisory Commission Staff Report

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### **SUBJECT: Consider Award Recommendation for Sustainable IGH Award Nominees**

**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2026  
**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Business  
**CONTACT:**

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#### **PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED**

The Environmental Advisory Commission is asked to review Sustainable IGH Award applications and recommend those nominees who meet recognition level criteria.

#### **BACKGROUND**

One goal of the 2026 Environmental Advisory Commission Work Plan is to continue the development and promotion of the environmental and sustainability recognition program for Inver Grove Heights residents and businesses. The intent of the program is to award and recognize community members and businesses taking sustainable actions in Inver Grove Heights, and to encourage and inspire others in the community to start taking sustainable actions at home or in their businesses. A total of 3 applications were received by the City, including 2 resident applications and 1 business application.

Applicants may receive an award if they submit an application indicating they have completed at least one action in each of the following five categories: Energy Efficiency, Water Conservation, Recycling/Waste Abatement, Native Landscaping and Community. Those who rent their home or business are excluded from the landscaping action requirement. If at least one action is completed within each category, the applicant is eligible for a Bronze Award. Applicants can achieve a higher award level, such as Silver or Gold, by completing more actions. There is no limit to the number of applicants that can receive each award; the only requirement is showcasing how many actions the resident or business completed. The award types and number of actions required to receive each award are shown below:

- **Bronze Award:** 5 required actions
- **Silver Award:** 5 required actions + 5 additional actions
- **Gold Award:** 5 required actions + 10 additional actions

Staff reviewed each application to determine how many actions the applicants completed and assigned a recommended award level accordingly. Award level recommendations for each applicant are listed on the Applications Summary attachment. This document also includes each application submitted to the City. All program awardees will receive a printed award, printed certificate, and durable yard sign.

The Environmental Advisory Commission may also select one resident and one business each year to receive a Special Recognition Award and plaque for demonstrating significant achievements. It is not required that this award be presented each year. It is up to the EAC to determine if applicants

meet the expectations for this award. To assist the EAC in making a Special Recognition Award recommendation(s), the EAC may wish to consider questions such as the following when reviewing each application:

- Does the application include one or more innovative and/or high-impact actions?
- Do the applicant's achievements have a high potential to inspire other residents or businesses to take similar actions?
- How many actions has the applicant completed, and how many were completed in each category?

The EAC is asked to recommend nominees according to their adherence to the award criteria. The City Council will recognize the awardees in-person at the June 8, 2026 City Council meeting.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend recommending nominees for the appropriate level of Sustainable IGH Award recognition.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None



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**SUBJECT:** **Departing Commissioner Recognition**

**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2026  
**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Business  
**CONTACT:**

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### **PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Inver Grove Heights commissioners are a vital part of helping shape the city's future. Commissioners advise the City Council and staff on projects, programs, budgets, and city code, bringing community expertise to key areas.

The Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) is a nine member citizen commission appointed by the City Council to review environmental issues including land alteration permits, Wetland Replacement Applications, landfill issues, to promote public awareness in understanding local environmental issues and other miscellaneous items that the council deems necessary for review. In 2016, the Airport Commission was consolidated with the Environmental Advisory Commission.

The EAC will recognize departing commissioners Nichole Boehmke, Marjorie Savage, and John Wallerick.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

N/A - No Action Requested

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None