

Policy Work Group (4/2024)

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Policy Work Group

Charter: To evaluate, monitor, and engage staff, elected officials and citizens in evidence-based biodiversity-supportive urban planning, parks and recreation, environmental, forestry and water related practices in Eau Claire City and County.

Members

1. Steve Betchkal
2. Matt Staudenmaier
3. Jane Mohler
4. Adam Poch
5. Louise White-Roach
6. Tracy Hirsch
7. Joe Maurer

EC Citizen Tree Committee:

1. Eleanor Wolk
2. Jamie Larson
3. John Joadwine
4. Richard Spindler

Progress to Date

1. 2/19:Eau Claire Century Plan rewrite of ordinances: A seat at the table, and open meetings outreach for ZTAC (technical) committee (Letter and APA Biodiversity & Planning Guide)
2. 3/17:Urban Tree Protection, Native Plant Best Practices & Bird Friendly Buildings sample-ordinances to staff & consultants to help inform planning process
3. 3/19- ongoing: City Candidate Stance on Biodiversity- Emails and Meetings
4. 3/20: Met with SAC & City Manager re: CVBP; Align SAC work plan goals to CVBP goals and strategize shared projects

Future Plans

1. Storm Runoff, Water Quality & Shoreline protection ordinance best practices - to EC staff & consultants (May 1)
2. Planning for May 20th "in Support of Biodiversity" gathering at the Library 3- 3:45 prior to ZPAC meeting on landscape related ordinances (native plant/ tree) (Earth Day recruitment)
3. May 20th ZPAC meeting, follow-up with comments/ letters, desired changes