

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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7:00	1. Convene, welcome attendees	<i>Chair Will</i>
	2. Agenda Review; Approval of prior meeting summaries	<i>McClain</i>
7:05	3. Community Forum	<i>Guests</i>
7:10	4. Green Building Code Updates (IgCC 2021) Chris Dempwolf, with Community Planning and Development Services, will share an overview of the requirements included in the Green Building Code and local amendments as it is prepared for Mayor and Council consideration.	<i>Chris Dempwolf</i>
7:30	5. Bird City Network Certification Proposal Chesapeake Corps Member Rena Aggarwal will share the requirements of the Bird City Certification for Commission discussion.	<i>All</i>
7:45	6. Chair Report - Annual report – submitted - Greenhouse Gas Inventory – any committee comments? - October Farmer's Market – sign up if available - REC Budget requests – Watershed Poster - Discuss Awards program changes at upcoming meeting? - Other	<i>Chair McClain</i>
8:00	7. Mayor and Council Report	<i>Hon. Van Grack</i>
8:05	8. Break	<i>Staff</i>
8:10	9. Committee Reports - Energy Committee - Climate Action Committee - Watersheds Committee - Other Committee Crossover	<i>Clark Reed</i> <i>Summer White</i> <i>Deborah Landau</i> <i>Sasha/Summer</i>
8:25	10. Recent Initiatives Staff will report on the plastic bag ban and the water bottle filling station initiatives and any related progress or findings. Staff will also review the schedule for the City budget development process. More information and the Budget Priorities Survey is available here: https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget	<i>All</i>
8:35	11. Staff Updates Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Environmental Management Division gave away 400 native trees to Rockville residents September 27, 2025. The event was well-received. DPW staff submitted 4 additional sites to the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Grant public EV Charging Station consideration (in addition to the 6 awarded). Lighting retrofits will commence at the Rothgeb Maintenance Facility, Thomas Farm, and Croydon Creek in the coming weeks once materials arrive. DPW promoted the Flood Resiliency Master Plan including the website (www.engagerockville.com/floodplan) which has an interactive map for residents to note flood prone areas and a survey. Two open houses are planned. CPDS launched SolarAPP+ which automates plan review and permitting for residential solar. 	<i>Staff</i>

- The Climate Solutions Speakers Series featured “Rain Ready: Sustainable Solutions for Rockville Residents” in person program on October 5th.
- Rockville’s Climate Action Plan Dashboard was featured in the MWCOG 2030 Climate Action Plan draft Mid-course review presentation.
- The Rockville JEDI Strategic Plan RFP received 23 responses. Application review is underway. EMD is serving on the Evaluation Committee.
- Progress continued in developing guidance curbside charging. Staff met with Montgomery County and is internally reviewing a draft city-resident agreement.
- The city was awarded \$240,000 through the MDOT Carbon Reduction Program to study and design a shared use path on Research Boulevard between W. Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road.
- Energy tax credits wind-down:
 - Consumer electric vehicle tax credits expired September 30, 2025.
 - Residential solar panel purchase tax credits expire December 31, 2025; solar lease use of credits expires June 30, 2026.
 - Residential energy efficiency and electrification tax credits expire December 31, 2025.
 - Commercial EV/energy/solar tax credits last a bit longer (2026-2027).

Events

- **Oct. 5, 1 - 2:30 PM:** Taft Center/Hybrid Rain Ready talk with City staff and Chesapeake Bay Trust on flood rebates and RainScapes
- **Oct. 23 (in-person) and Nov. 5 (virtual), 6 - 7:30pm:** Flood Resiliency Master Plan Open Houses. The project website includes an interactive map for residents to share flooding experiences and a flooding survey.
- **Stream Clean-ups:** October 12, 10am – 12pm Maryvale Park

8:50	12. New Business	<i>All</i>
9:00	13. Next meeting date and Adjourn	<i>Chair McClain</i>

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The next meeting will be **November 5, 2025**. The public is invited to attend. See link on meeting agenda. Meeting materials:
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter/Environment-Commission-8>