

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Thursday September 4, 2025

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7:00	1. Convene, welcome attendees - Introduce Denzel John, Sustainability Program Manager	<i>Chair Will McClain</i>
	2. Agenda Review; Approval of prior meeting summaries	
7:10	3. Community Forum	<i>Guests</i>
7:15	4. Chair Report - Chair elections - Annual report - Other	<i>Chair McClain</i>
7:25	5. Mayor and Council Report	<i>Hon. Van Grack</i>
7:35	6. 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>S. Mushegian</i>
7:50	7. Break	<i>Staff</i>
8:00	8. Draft 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments produces greenhouse gas inventories for the city every few years based on data analysis from many sources.	<i>Staff</i>
8:10	9. Environment Commission Annual Report Commission members review and discuss accomplishments, priorities and other content in the draft Annual Report slide deck.	<i>All</i>
8:40	10. Staff Updates Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation staff expect to install four bicycle fix-it stations this fall. • Energy tax credits wind-down: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consumer electric vehicle tax credits expire 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 federal tax credits expire December 31, 2025. State IRA rebates that in January Existing utility programs, Electrify MC, , and will help offset them. ○ Commercial EV/energy/solar tax credits last a bit longer (2026-2027). • A fourth compost drop-off station is planned at Potomac Woods Park. • Two high school students completed summer internships collecting non-native invasive plant and habitat data in city parks. The interns completed over 80 surveys of more than 20 acres of city park area. The interns were paid and received coaching by a local non-profit that helps provide meaningful work to people with disabilities. • Fleet charging: Applied for funding for Swim Center fast chargers, received proposals for four Level 2 chargers at 6 Taft Court, supported site assessments for six chargers (20 ports total) for Carbon Reduction Program grant. • On August 5, 2025, submitted draft RFP for Lincoln Park Community Center Rooftop Solar (funded by DOE grant) to Procurement Dept. 	<i>Staff</i>

- Developing draft curbside charging guidance and standards undergoing internal review. Additional materials are being developed (agreement, process steps and requirements, etc.).
- County's leaf blower ban went into effect as written on July 1.
- Staff will begin reviewing the plastic bag ban and opt-in options for leadership consideration.

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 conservation landscaping
- **Oct. 23 (in-person) and Nov. 5 (virtual), 6 – 7:30 PM:** 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: TBD**

8:55	11. New Business	<i>All</i>
9:00	12. Next meeting date and Adjourn	<i>Chair McClain</i>

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