Draft Agenda
Rockville Environment Commission
Thursday, November 5, 2026

Virtual Meeting Information:
Link: https://rockvillemd.webex.com/rockvillemd/j.php?MTID=m81531062d4db78d04e7f108f408c1530
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7:00	**1. Convene, welcome attendees** **2. Agenda Review; Approval of prior meeting summaries**	*Chair Will McClain*
7:05	**3. Community Forum** Guests introduce themselves and may share brief comments on issues regarding Rockville's environment.	*Guests*
7:10	**4. Chair Report** - Researching AI sustainability policies - Researching green burial - Other updates	*Chair McClain*
7:25	**5. Mayor and Council Report**	*Hon. Van Grack*
7:35	**6. Committee Reports** - Energy Committee - Climate Action Committee	*Mr. Reed* *Ms. Srinivasan*
7:45	**7. Watersheds Committee Report-Out on Water Questions** Ms. Landau will report back on water quality questions raised by the Watersheds Committee and responses by the City on these topics.	*D. Landau*
8:10	**Break**	
8:15	**8. Sustainable Maryland Re-Certification and REC Write-up Assignments** Sustainable Maryland staff will provide an overview of the application process in preparation for Rockville 2027 re-certification. The Commission and Committee volunteers pick among programs, policies, or other initiatives to research and summarize.	*Staff, All*
8:40	**9. Staff Updates** Program Updates • 6 Taft Court chargers (fleet and public) are constructed and awaiting operation. Staff is drafting updates to City Code to allow rate setting for City-owned but publicly accessible chargers. • Electric Vehicle Permit Streamlining (1.2.1). Codes, Engineering, EMD, and Planning staff formed an interdepartmental working group to develop a new electric vehicle charger permit type and application which we plan to launch December 1.	*Staff*

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- Lincoln Park Community Center rooftop solar began producing power October 12!
- September 14, Mayor and Council adopted the Bird City resolution, and the City became certified. Next steps include accepting the certification and working with the Croydon Creek Nature Center to develop a process to designate a city bird.
- Staff coordinated with Montgomery County Department of the Environment to schedule a presentation on this topic at the Mayor and Council's October 5, 2026, meeting. Following the presentation, the Mayor and Council submitted a letter on behalf of the City of Rockville on October 12, 2026 and a joint letter with Washington Grove on October 21, 2026. The County hosted a work session on October 27 and introduced competing resolutions for both options. Council action is tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2026.
- As part of the process of developing International Energy Conservation Code amendments, staff is working with a technical consultant from the Rocky Mountain Institute to evaluate energy provisions in support of the Climate Action Plan.
- Code changes (1.1.4, 1.2.3). EMD is drafting recommended Chapter 23 code changes to enable the City to set EV charging rates for City-operated public chargers open to the public, including the chargers at 6 Taft Court. The changes will also specify signage and parking enforcement policies related to EV charger parking spaces.

Dates

- **November 2:** America Recycles Day Proclamation
- **November 4:** Ask an EV Owner, EVADC call
- **November 14:** In-Person Flood Resiliency Plan Workshop, 1-3pm Twinbrook Community Recreation Center https://engagerockville.com/floodplan
- **November 18:** Switch Together registration closes
- **December 1:** Izaak Walton League Salt Application Training https://iwla.org/event/smart-salt-applicator-training-rockville/

8:50	**10. New Business**	*All*
8:55	**11. Next meeting date and Adjourn**	*Chair McClain*

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