

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AGENDA
Regular Environmental Quality Committee
Medicine Lake Room
3400 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN
June 11, 2025, 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. PUBLIC FORUM** - Individuals may address the committee about any item not contained on the regular agenda. A maximum of three minutes is allotted per individual with a total of 15 minutes for the forum. If the full 15 minutes are not needed for the forum, the committee will continue with the agenda. The committee will take no official action on items discussed at the forum, with the exception of referral to staff for future report.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4. APPROVE AGENDA** - Environmental Quality Committee members may add items to the agenda for discussion purposes or staff direction only. The committee will not normally take official action on items added to the agenda.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA** - These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member or individual so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda.

- 5.1** Adopt proposed minutes
1. EQC 05-14-2025

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1** Watershed Fourth Generation Management Plan Update
1. Watershed Map

- 6.2** 2025 Drop Off Days Event Update
1. Drop Off Days Map

- 6.3** Plymouth Environmental Academy

7. REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8. FUTURE MEETINGS** - Music In Plymouth - July 2, 2025 - Hilde Performance Center (3500 Plymouth Blvd) - 5:00pm - 8:00pm Regular Environmental Quality Committee Meeting - August 13, 2025 - Plymouth City Hall (3400 Plymouth Blvd) - 7:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT



To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

Reviewed by: Michael Payne, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Item: **Adopt proposed minutes**

1. Action Requested:

Adopt attached minutes from regular meeting held on May 14, 2025

2. Background:

Not applicable.

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments:

1. EQC 05-14-2025

Proposed Minutes Environmental Quality Committee Meeting May 14, 2025

Chair Blakely called a Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on May 14, 2025.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Blakely, Committee members Babcock, Dmytrenko, Matthiesen, Polzin, Tinjum, and Vavreck.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich and Environmental Stewardship Coordinator Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Gregor

Plymouth Forum

There was no one present to address the committee.

Presentations and Public Information Announcements

There were no presentations or public information announcements.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Committee member Matthiesen and seconded by Committee member Polzin to approve the agenda as presented. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich noted that there were edits to the Chair and Vice Chair designations and advised that the necessary corrections have been updated in the revised version of the minutes.

Motion was made by Committee member Babcock and seconded by Committee member Dmytrenko to approve the consent agenda that included the following item as revised:

(5.1) Adopt April 9, 2025, Regular Environmental Quality Committee Minutes

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

General Business

(6.1) Plymouth Environmental Academy

Chair Blakely noted the updated dates, times and information provided in the packet.

Committee members provided updates for each Environmental Academy Session and the status on their discussions with potential speakers for each session.

It was suggested that the online registration for the academy be modified to allow attendees to select individual sessions of interest rather than the academy as a whole. Additionally, the committee suggested that additional information be added to the program description to attract interest.

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich stated that he will work with other city staff to modify the registration webpage. He also asked the committee to draft the descriptions, which can then be reviewed by staff, explaining that this academy is the responsibility of the committee rather than staff.

Reports and Staff Recommendations

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich asked for input on when the EQC would like to complete the adopt-a-street clean-up. The committee agreed that the clean-up should take place in late summer. He noted that if there is a street segment in need of clean-up, he could be made aware, and the EQC could complete the clean-up even though it is not their adopted road.

Adjournment

Chair Blakely adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

Reviewed by: Michael Payne, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Item: **Watershed Fourth Generation Management Plan Update**

1. Action Requested:

Update from Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission staff on the Fourth Generation Management Plan Progress.

2. Background:

Plymouth is a member of the Joint Powers Organizations of Bassett Creek, Elm Creek and Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions. Watershed Management Organizations (WMOs) within the Metro Area, such as these, provide management and oversight of lakes, streams, and rivers within their respective drainage areas. State law requires each WMO to have a plan in place that establishes goals, policies, and actions to protect and improve those waters, and that plan must be updated every ten years.

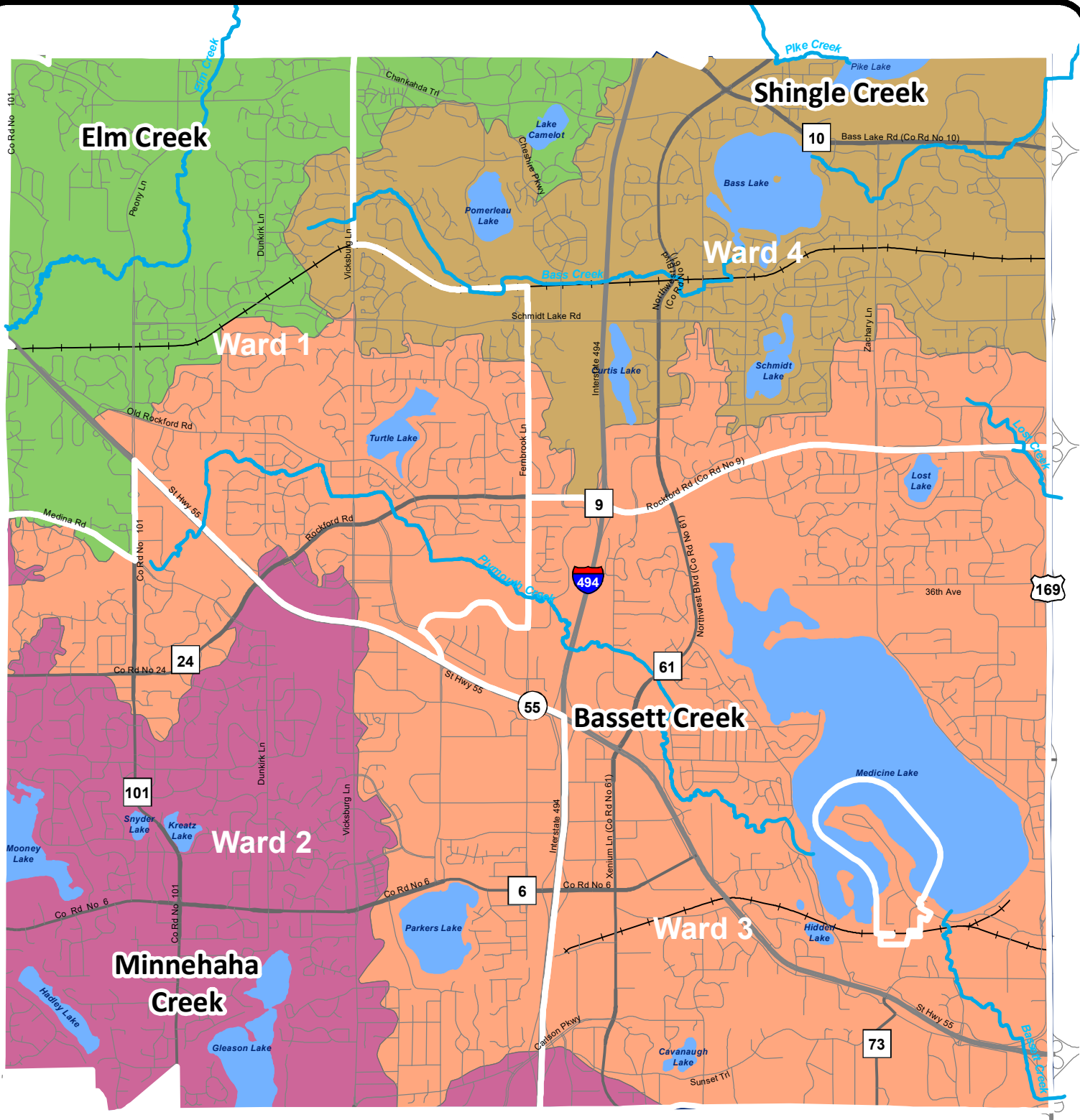
Each Watershed has been working recently to update their management plans. Bassett Creek Commission staff have been working for the past year and a half to update what will be its fourth management plan and will provide an update to the EQC.

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments:

1. Watershed Map



Watersheds in Plymouth

- Creek
- Bassett Creek
- Elm Creek
- Minnehaha Creek
- Shingle Creek



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To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

Reviewed by: Michael Payne, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Item: **2025 Drop Off Days Event Update**

1. Action Requested:

Review the 2025 Drop off Days event summary and provide input for the 2026 event.

2. Background:

The Drop Off Days event is an opportunity for all residents to dispose of unwanted items with the goal of preventing illegal dumping, providing education on proper disposal of waste items, and facilitating environmental awareness. The event is promoted in a number of ways, including Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor. Approximately 100,870 impressions were received among all the platforms. Feedback received during and after the 2025 event was positive.

The 2025 Drop Off Day event was held on Friday, April 25th, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 26th, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Items such as bikes, batteries, light bulbs, textiles and paper shredding were accepted both days free of charge. On Saturday, April 26th, the following items were accepted for a fee: tires, vehicle batteries, electronics, construction debris, appliances, furniture, and mattresses.

An estimated 1,040 vehicles attended the event, which is a 6.6% increase from 2024. Continual efficiencies to the payment process and internal site layout and off-site routing of vehicles contributed to low wait times for visitors. The number of materials collected during the 2025 event fluctuated from 2024 based on the item category: appliances (-27.4%), household batteries (+27.4%), light bulbs (+9.8%), electronics (+.04%), mattresses (-13.3%), paper shredding (+28.7%) and textiles (+38.0%). Municipal solid waste and construction debris (-0.6%).

Fees are charged by the vehicle type, regardless of how many eligible items are brought with that vehicle. This fee structure allows a very favorable pricing structure and differs from communities that charge by type of item and quantity of items

collected. A pre-pay discounted rate was used to encourage residents to pay online to speed up the payment process during the event. A fee of \$50 for cars and trucks (prepaid \$40), \$100 for cars and trucks with trailers (prepaid \$80) and \$325 for box trucks (prepaid \$300) was collected for vehicles dropping off accepted items.

To make this happen, 77 volunteers contributed 292 hours to supplement the 45 city staff. Big thanks and a hearty handshake to them all.

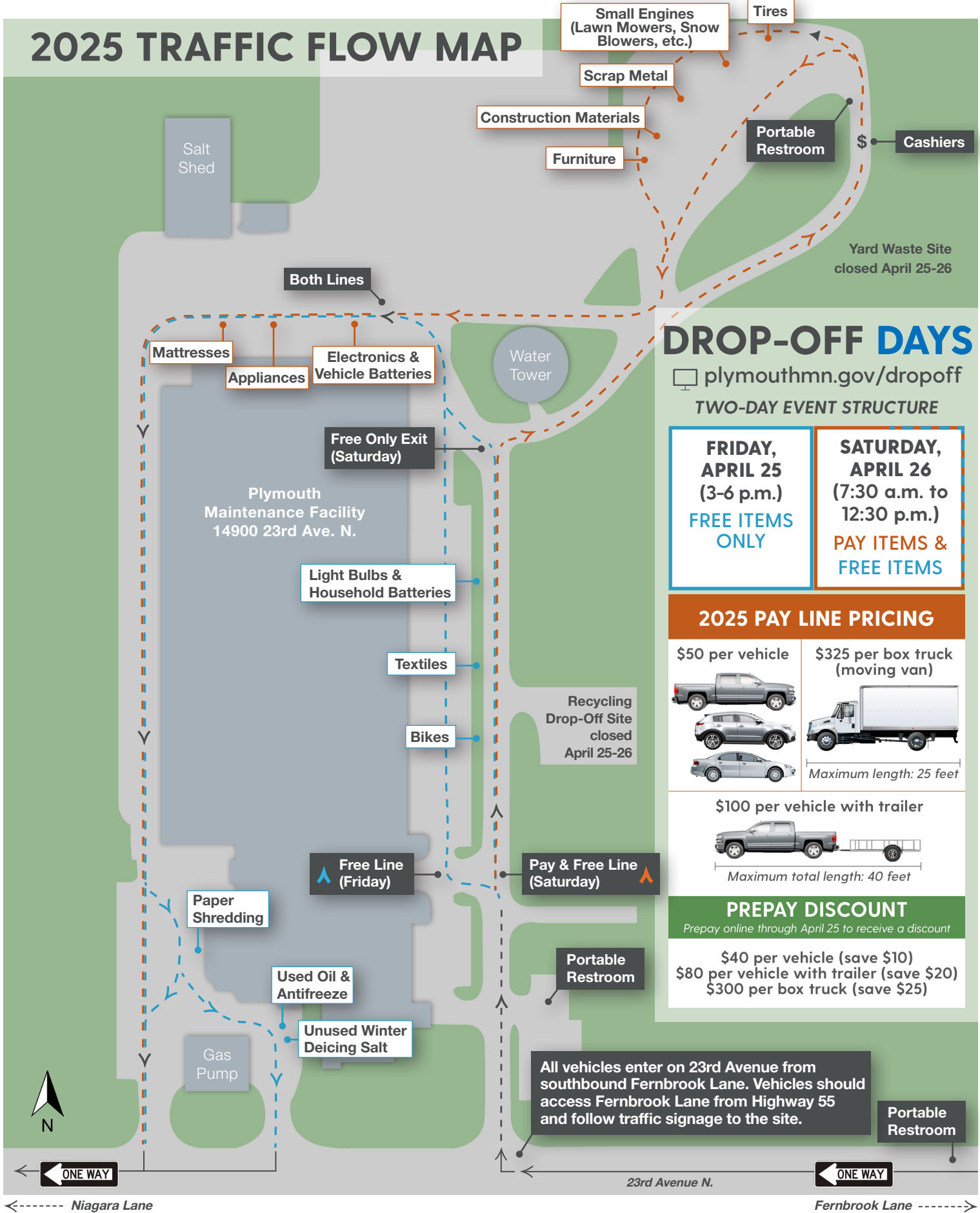
3. Budget Impact:

The overall budget impact of revenue and expenses will be provided to the council when all vendor invoices have been received.

4. Attachments:

1. Drop Off Days Map

2025 TRAFFIC FLOW MAP



DROP-OFF DAYS

plymouthmn.gov/dropoff

TWO-DAY EVENT STRUCTURE

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 (3-6 p.m.) FREE ITEMS ONLY	SATURDAY, APRIL 26 (7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) PAY ITEMS & FREE ITEMS
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2025 PAY LINE PRICING

\$50 per vehicle 	\$325 per box truck (moving van) Maximum length: 25 feet
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\$100 per vehicle with trailer Maximum total length: 40 feet
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PREPAY DISCOUNT

Prepay online through April 25 to receive a discount

\$40 per vehicle (save \$10) \$80 per vehicle with trailer (save \$20) \$300 per box truck (save \$25)

All vehicles enter on 23rd Avenue from southbound Fernbrook Lane. Vehicles should access Fernbrook Lane from Highway 55 and follow traffic signage to the site.

FREE ITEMS ONLY: Friday, April 25 | PAY & FREE ITEMS: Saturday, April 26

📍 Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Avenue N.

To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

Reviewed by: Michael Payne, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Item: **Plymouth Environmental Academy**

1. Action Requested:

Updates from Environmental Quality Committee members on the 2025 Plymouth Environmental Academy

2. Background:

The Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) 2025 Work Plan includes a continuation of the Plymouth Environmental Academy (PEA), which will begin in August. The committee discussed topics at their February 12 meeting, and will continue further planning efforts for each proposed topic as listed below at its meetings this spring and summer. At the June 11 meeting, committee members should provide updates for the sessions listed below.

1. Tree Care and Food Production - August 21, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

- Committee members Babcock, Blakely and Dmytrenko
- Presenters - City Forester Paul Buck and TBD

2. Tour of Schmidt Woods Park - September 11, 2025 - 5:00 p.m

- Committee members Blakely, Dmytrenko and Vavreck
- Presenters - City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director Tomlinson

3. Plants, Ponds and Practices for Water Quality Tour - September 25, 2025 - 6:00 p.m

- Committee members Matthiesen and Polzin
- Presenters - Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich

4. Stormwater Practices 101 October 9, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

- Committee members Matthiesen, Polzin and Tinjum
- Presenters - TBD

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments: