

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AGENDA
Regular Environmental Quality Committee
Medicine Lake Room
3400 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN
September 10, 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 Minutes

1. August 13 Minutes

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Climate Action and Resiliency Plan Update

6.2 Plymouth Environmental Academy

7. REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

9. ADJOURNMENT



To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

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

Item: **Minutes**

1. Action Requested:

Adopt proposed Environmental Quality Committee minutes from August 13, 2025.

2. Background:

N/A

3. Budget Impact:

N/A

4. Attachments:

1. August 13 Minutes

Proposed Minutes Environmental Quality Committee Meeting August 13, 2025

Chair Babcock 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 August 13, 2025.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Committee member Tinjum.

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 Dmytrenko to approve the agenda as presented. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Committee member Polzin and seconded by Committee member Matthiesen to approve the consent agenda that included the following item:

(5.1) Adopt June 11, 2025, Regular Environmental Quality Committee Minutes

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

General Business

(6.1) Plymouth Environmental Academy

The Committee discussed plans for the upcoming tour of Schmidt Woods Park on August 21st, including handouts, parking, and other potential ideas.

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich provided information related to the upcoming bus tour concept and potential stops.

Committee member Matthiesen suggested that they feature sites that have landscaping incorporated with the stormwater feature or wetland.

The Committee discussed potential locations to incorporate into the bus tour.

It was noted that Rich Harrison from Metro Blooms has confirmed as a speaker for the Stormwater Practices 101 session. Joannah from the West Metro Water Alliance was suggested as another speaker option.

Environmental Stewardship Coordinator Anderson stated that she arrives at the events around 5 p.m. for setup and welcomed assistance from Committee members if desired.

Reports and Staff Recommendations

(7.1) Climate Action Plan Update

Environmental Stewardship Coordinator Anderson asked the Committee for more information on what they would like to know about the Climate Action Plan, as she will be providing an update at the next meeting. She provided general information on the format for the plan, and the Committee provided additional information on some questions they have that could be answered in the future presentation, such as the intended audience for the report, information that would be included, and how the plan would differ from plans for other entities, such as the State or County. The Committee was also interested in the role of the EQC in the Climate Action Plan and the public outreach process.

Future Meetings

Noted on agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Blakely adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: MK Anderson, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator

Reviewed by: Michael Thompson, Public Works Director

Item: **Climate Action and Resiliency Plan Update**

1. Action Requested:

Receive updates on the City of Plymouth's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan.

2. Background:

The City of Plymouth is developing a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan to guide the city's action for the next 10 years. The Plan will create a roadmap to lower emissions and adapt to climate challenges with community outreach, developing a resilient and prepared community, and improving the quality of life for all who live, work and play in Plymouth.

The EQC will learn the overall vision, objective, timeline and involvement required to complete the Plan.

This creation of the Plan is made possible by a \$49,000 Grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, with matching city funds, awarded to the city in July 2025. The plan is expected to be completed by June 30, 2026.

3. Budget Impact:

N/A

4. Attachments:

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 the continuation of the Plymouth Environmental Academy (PEA), which began in August. Since early 2025, the committee has reviewed various topics and will continue planning efforts for each proposed session at its spring and summer meetings. At the September 10 meeting, committee members are expected to provide updates on the following sessions:

1. Recap Tour of Schmidt Woods Park

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

2. Tree Care and Food Production - September 11, 2025 - 6:00 p.m (Parkers Lake Park)

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

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

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

4. Stormwater Practices 101 - October 9, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. (Plymouth Maintenance Facility)

- Committee members Matthiesen, Polzin and Tinjum
- Presenter(s) - Metro Blooms and TBD

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments: