

Natural Resources Committee

A subcommittee of Strategic Plan Advisory Committee



City Hall
109 James Street, Upstairs Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 6:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Jay Womack, Adam McMillen, Jeanine McMillen, Tom Dickinson, Carrie Carter, John Frankenthal, Stephanie O'hara, Dan Ludwig, Kelvin Limbrick, Rachel Ratos, Mel Rooney, Steve Matravers, Autumn Bruno, Erick Waldchen, John Potts, Kevin Potts, Ellen Osborne. Mark Kloet (SPAC Liaison). Joseph Viso (City Liaison).
3. Amendments to the Agenda
 - Approval of new members
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event
 - i. Every day is Earth Day!
 - ii. Need a date please.
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. The landscape is asleep.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. The river is happy with us.
 - ii. Need a date please.
 - Rain Barrels for sale
 - i. Barrels are \$75 each.
 - Greening Geneva Initiative
 - i. The trees are asleep.
 - Wine, Cheese, and Trees
 - i. Get plenty of rest for 2026. Library has reserved rooms for Feb 28th.
 - ii. Fourth planning meeting will be at Library on January 8th at 6:30 PM.
 - Gunnar Anderson Stewardship
 - i. Workdays are moving along nicely.
 - ii. Moved to Fabyan for the month of December.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work
 - i. Update from Kelvin.
 - NRC Facebook page and Instagram
 - i. Updates from Mel and Rachel.
 - Pumpkin Recycling
 - i. The 2025 pumpkins are slowly going back into the Earth!
 - NRC Lecture Series
 - i. Next lecture is about mushrooms on March 7th.
 - SPAC and Community Engagement
 - i. Update by Rachel.
 - Dark Sky Initiative
 - i. NRC to continue to promote the Dark Sky Initiative.
 - Tree Ordinance
 - i. NRC will follow up for additional meetings with City to review requested changes.
 - Bird City Illinois
 - i. The December 7th World Bird Day Event was a huge hit. Look to May 2026 for the next event.
 - ii. City and NRC are finalizing the Bird City application.
 - iii. SPAC has graciously agreed to pay the entry fee.
6. New Initiatives
 - Create an education piece to reduce plastic and styrofoam at restaurants.
 - Continue to support educational opportunity to move Spring leaf collection into May, not April.
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Additional business
9. Adjournment