

# Natural Resources Committee

## A subcommittee of Strategic Plan Advisory Committee



City Hall  
109 James Street, Upstairs Council Chambers  
Wednesday, February 4, 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, Jane Bohn. 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. Next event will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
    - i. The landscape is asleep.
  - River Clean-up Day
    - i. Next cleanup will be September 19<sup>th</sup>..
  - Rain Barrels for sale
    - i. Barrels are \$75 each.
  - Greening Geneva Initiative
    - i. The trees are asleep.
  - Wine, Cheese, and Trees
    - i. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual event will be Feb 28<sup>th</sup>,
    - ii. The NRC is prepping and collecting items. Library has reserved rooms for Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. The last planning meeting will be at Library on February 10th at 6:30 PM.
  - Gunnar Anderson Stewardship
    - i. Workdays are moving along nicely.
    - ii. Start advertising for the Battle of the Brush Piles.
  - 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 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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