



**CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**  
Operations Center – Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville, NC  
28792  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 4:30 PM



## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes
4. **BUSINESS**
  - A. Through the Trees Presentation - *Yvette Brooks, Executive Director*  
<https://throughthetrees.us/index.html>
  - B. Mudd Creek Signage Cost - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison* - 5 minutes  
\$9,000 which would be 3-4 signs with design and material  
ESB budget to contribute: \$4,500
  - C. Open applications for student member - *Virginia Tegel, Member* - 7 minutes
  - D. Status of open seats on ESB - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison* - 5 minutes
  - E. Update on Sustainability Hero Award - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison* - 7 minutes
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Members present: Emily Davidson (Zoom), Jill Carter (Zoom), Virginia Tegel, Richard Harris, Kimberly Blackwell, and Kyla Christensen

Members absent: Alicia Stump

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Emily motioned to approve first followed by Jill with the addition of public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jill motioned to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes first followed by Emily.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jan from Trinity Presbyterian Church attended virtually to collect information to share with her church on what the board is working on.

Kathleen recently submitted an application to be on the board and attended virtually to learn more.

**BUSINESS**

Welcome new members! - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Approval of Hendo Green Partnership structure - *Jill Carter, Member*

Jill shared an updated process and parameters for Hendo Green Partnership. Caitlyn is working on scheduling a presentation from ESB to City Council.

Hendo Earth Fest update - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Sustainability Topic Presentation - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Emily is sending out updated link for board members to sign up for a sustainability topic presentation.

Status of FY26 board budget - Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison

Potential purchase with extra funds:

Edible garden signage & designation at Grove Street Park (part of current stormwater restoration project). Edible plants include: Persimmon, Paw Paw, Spicebush, Highbush blueberry, and Elderberries

Educational signage: ~\$4,500

Caitlyn is going to find more information from Mike Huffman, Stormwater Director on what is needed for the signage.

Vote on FY27 Budget - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Virginia motioned to approve first followed by Richard.

Sustainability Hero Award planning

Caitlyn is going to start promoting. Kimberly volunteered to review applications.

SDS maintenance schedule - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Board members signed up for once/month (ideally weekly) checkin on maintenance. Members, please record on sheet below when you checkin on station and follow protocol listed:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hUcxzeGyUD387ihl3VKwvSqOpyuzPL6lIYw6tLJ6E/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.bi11dhoys7ls>

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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# THROUGH THE TREES



We are bridging the digital divide- one signal, one device, one neighbor at a time.

# Collect and repair donated tech to distribute to those in need.

Item A.



- We accept computers, tablets, cell phones, e-readers, gaming systems, soundbars & digital cameras
- We have refurbished and distributed 1,500 devices to date





- Our drill press allows us to safely destroy hard drives that are too old to be kept in circulation
- For newer Hard Drives and Solid State Drives we wipe them 3/1 times to the industry standard

Item A.



# Let's bridge the digital divide

Item A.

<https://throughthetrees.us>

Through the Trees

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Brevard, NC 28712



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Would you like to hear more  
about our other services???



- Internet Access
- Digital Literacy

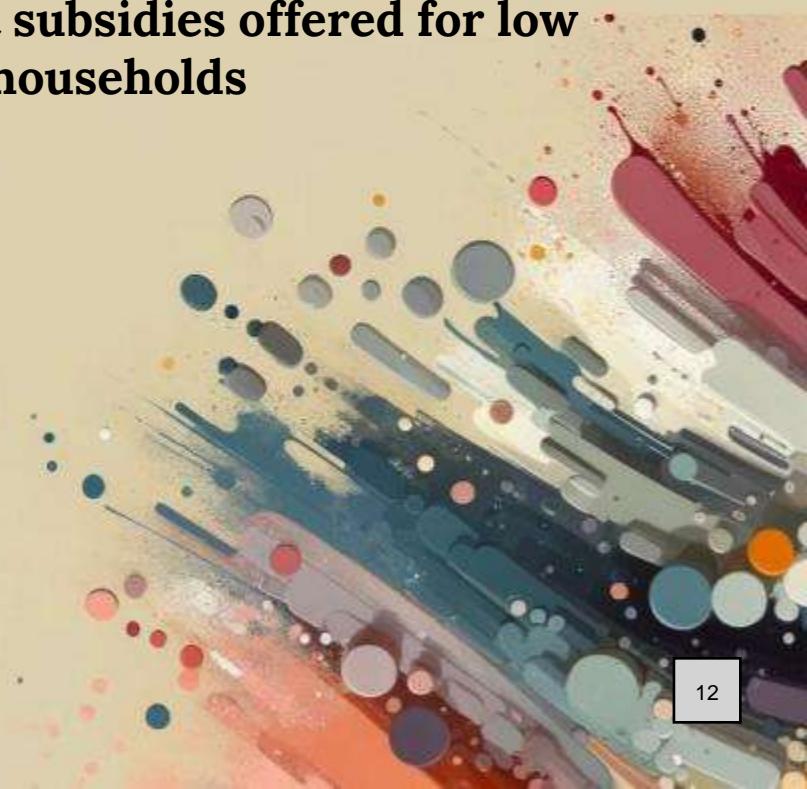


# Internet subsidies and hotspots

Item A.



- Discounted service on hotspots
- Internet subsidies offered for low income households





- Free Digital Literacy classes
- One on One sessions at the Tech Spa



- We are hosting monthly Ladies Nights at the shop to encourage more women to come to feel welcome
- We look forward to partnering with you

