



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center – Second Floor Conference Room | 305 Williams St. |
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 4:30 PM



AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Vote to approve April 2026 meeting minutes

4. **BUSINESS**

A. Review and vote on quote for Lower Mudd Creek Edible Forest Educational Sign

- Follow up on Virginia's question - Synthetic pesticides and herbicides are not used on stream restoration projects unless in uncommon applications to address invasive species.

B. Supporting Strive Not To Drive Week - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Note: the City is hosting the Bike to Work Day which Emily and Joey volunteered to help out at. Since Caitlyn will be out for the event, Matt Manley is coordinating the day of.

<https://visithendersonvillenc.org/event/downtown-dollars-raffle-for-strive-not-to-drive-week>

C. Sustainability Demonstration Station - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

monthly schedule to check site

monthly schedule of activity at Farmers Mkt

process to prepare and set up at Farmers Mkt

second stolen battery - do we continue to include solar?

Compost bin order update - board member link to view updates:
CompostProgramImpact.xlsx

D. Consider partnership with Bike/Walk/HVL - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

E. Develop plan to recruit and retain ESB members - *Virginia Tegel, Member*

Provide new members with notebook including Handbook for members

Note - City leadership has been meeting on refining process of new board members and there should be an update on the new protocol in the next few months. Also with the notebook for new members also consider refining onboarding meeting/protocol.

F. Hendo Earth Fest feedback - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

G. Consideration of meeting time - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Operations Center – Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville, NC
28792
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 4:30 PM



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:42pm

Present:

Gina Baxter, City Council, Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison (non-members)

Emily Davidson, Jill Carter, Virginia Tegel, Kimberly Blackwell, Joey Burnett, and Hana Price
(members)

Alicia Stump (member), absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mountain True update added to agenda

Emily motioned to approve first followed by Joey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 2026 Minutes – Emily motioned to approve first followed by Joey

BUSINESS

Review and vote on quote for Lower Mudd Creek Edible Forest Educational Sign - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

- Caitlyn is following up on budget and maintenance. The board will vote at the next meeting.

Review 2025 Sustainability Strategic Plan Annual Report - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Review 2025 Bee City Annual Report - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Staff Liaison*

Sustainability Topic Presentation - *Joey Burnett, Member*

- This presentation gave an overview of how we as a community can transition away from oil dependency. Virginia mentioned before going to City Council for support the board should outreach to community partners for involvement since this would be much more of a grassroots effort. Joey volunteered to put together a rough timeline.

Hendo Earth Fest Update - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

Volunteer Sign Up for Farmers Market - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Qi4aX_5a6wihbGM-vNnsarnLMD6J1KgE4VQ9PGQIu8/edit?usp=sharing

Review SDS Signup Schedule - *Emily Davidson, Chair*

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hUcxz-eGyUD387ihl3VKwvSqOpyuzPL6lIYw6tLlJ6E/edit?usp=sharing>

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Item A.

ADDRESS Caitlyn City of Hendersonville/Hendo Earth Fest	DATE 03/06/2026	TOTAL \$2,563.35	
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ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
6mm Polymetal 30"x48"/Customer Supplied Art	1	364.55	364.55T
3/4" MDO 30"x48"/Primed & Caulked Edges/Painted Back/To Mount 6mm Onto for Hidden Mounting System.	1	183.40	183.40T
Sign Frame Viewpoint Wayfinding Post System For 30" Panel/Direct Burial/ 60" Posts/SKU:407B-30- DB /Sign Bracket Store	1	1,395.00	1,395.00T
Shipping Shipping Costs from Sign Bracket Store	1	165.00	165.00
Installation Mount 6mm Panel to 3/4" MDO/ Install Posts/ Ready Mix Concrete Substitute	1	303.75	303.75T

SUBTOTAL	2,411.70
TAX	151.65

TOTAL	\$2,563.35
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THANK YOU.

Accepted By

Accepted Date

All accounts past due after 12/31/2022 Will be charged a \$25 late fee. Starting January 12,2023 every account that balance is not paid within 30 days will acquire a late fee *the greater of thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) or four percent (4%) of the amount of the payment past due.

Welcome to the Food Forest at Grove St. Park

The Grove St. Park Food Forest provides a place to forage and enjoy fresh food. In addition to food, this forest provides shade, habitat for wildlife and attracts pollinators.

A food forest is a diverse planting of edible plants that attempts to mimic the ecosystems and patterns found in nature. This forest will grow year after year without the reliance of fertilizer or pesticides, thus sustaining itself. As time passes, fallen tree decay and other leafy debris returns nutrients to the soil.



There are many different edible and pollinator plants in this food forest. Can you spot any of these?



Persimmon This deciduous, medium-sized tree, is known for its deep green, oval leaves and distinctively, deeply furrowed grey-brown bark. It produces edible, bright orange, sweet fruit in late autumn after the first frost.



Pawpaw This deciduous, pollinator tree is known for producing large edible, banana-mango flavored fruit that has a custard like texture. Harvest is typically in late August to mid-October.



Elderberry This multi-stemmed deciduous plant produces dark, edible berries in the fall. The fruit is used in jams, jellies, and wine. Harvest is typically in August and September. Note, berries should be cooked before eating.



Spicebush This deciduous shrub features aromatic, spice-scented leaves and twigs with glossy red berries. Harvest is typically in late August to mid-October.



Highbush blueberry This deciduous shrub produces large, sweet, edible blue-black berries. Harvest is typically in mid-June to August.



Waste Reduction & Sustainability Demonstration Station	
Purchase	Description
\$32.55	metal cable ties for solar panel & can be used for HEF banners
\$49.09	Amazon - shelf for solar panel battery
\$31.42	Natural weed killer
\$24.95	Adhesive for signs
\$64.03	pop-up table
\$39.00	Dog repellent
\$115.63	Supplies for ESB annual retreat
\$287.16	Solar panel battery replacement
\$643.83	TOTAL

Monarch Pledge/land management related activities	
Purchase	Description
\$200	Symbolic Monarch Migration classroom sponsorships
\$579.59	Pollinator learning library installed at Brooklyn Community Garden
\$20.00	Symbolic Monarch Migration fee for farmers market butterflies
\$160.00	Symbolic Monarch Migration classroom sponsorships
\$234.00	pollinator kits
\$1,193.59	TOTAL

Hendo Green Business Partnership Program	
Purchase	Description
\$91.99	Staples - Posters
\$23.47	Cardstock for brochures
\$91.12	Tissue paper for new member gift
\$289.54	Window decals for new members
\$496.12	TOTAL

Hendo EarthFest	
Purchase	Description
\$8,035	Hendo Earth Fest purchases

Sustainability Hero Award	
Purchase	Description
\$123.50	Award

Awarded Budget
\$14,250

Remaining Total Funds
\$3,757.96

Original Breakdown:

Waste reduction: \$2,000
 Monarch Pledge: 1,050
 HGP: \$4,000
 HEF: \$7,000
 SHA: \$200

STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK

Item B.

HENDERSON COUNTY MAY 15-22

WIN PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING! More events in Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, & Transylvania Counties. Check the website for the full list of events and prize details!

BUS RIDES ARE ALWAYS FREE on Apple Country Public Transit! **Downtown Dollars raffle** for anyone who uses multimodal transportation to go to participating stores. Pick up a passport at Visit Hendersonville, 201 S. Main St.



FRIDAY, MAY 15

National Bike to Work Day

Drop in from 7:15am-9:30am

at plaza in front of the historic courthouse in downtown Hendersonville. FREE COFFEE AND PASTRIES on your morning commute.

SATURDAY, MAY 16



Walk Audit Trainings

9:30am (OR) 11:30am at the Hendersonville Farmers Market, 650 Maple Street. EARN A TOKEN to spend at the market for participating!

Meet the Bus

10am-2pm at Jackson Park. Get to know Apple Country Public Transit! Learn how to load your bike on the bus, the bus routes in Henderson Co, and paratransit services.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Ride of Silence

Gather at 6:30pm, ride at 7pm. Meet at Guidon Brewing Co. This international bike ride honors cyclists injured or killed in road collisions. Post-ride social at the brewery.

FRIDAY, MAY 22



Social Spin

6pm at Trailside Brewing. Ride or walk with Bike Walk HVL. Social to follow.

www.strivebeyond.org

