



**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS**

**CITY HALL - MADISON ROOM, 300 W. 13 MILE RD.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 08, 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

1. Excuse Absences (if applicable)

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- [2.](#) Draft Minutes of 7/9/26

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**REPORTS**

- [3.](#) Financial Update - Escrow Account
4. Part 115 Materials Management Plan - No Update
5. Seed Library - General Update
- [6.](#) Food Composting Pilot Program - General Update
7. 2026 Mini-Grant Program

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. Apartment Complex Recycling

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. Special Election of Chair
- [10.](#) Board and Commission Workshop

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Environmental Citizen's Committee Meeting  
 Madison Heights, Michigan  
 July 09, 2026

A Environmental Citizen's Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, July 09, 2026, at 10:00 AM at City Hall - Madison Room, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**Present: Chairman Salley and Members:** Ms. Bartleman, Ms. Ellison, Ms. Studtmann, and Councilor Rohrbach (arrived @ 10:04 a.m.)

**Absent:** Jennifer Bowen and Nickole Fox

**Also Present:** Director of Public Services Ballantine and Deputy City Clerk Boucher

**ECC 28-26. Excuse member(s).**

Motion made by Bartleman, Seconded by Studtmann, to excuse Ms. Bowen and Ms. Fox from today's meeting.

Voting Yea: Bartleman, Ellison, Salley, Studtmann, Councilor Rohrbach  
 Motion carried.

**ECC 29-26. Minutes.**

Motion made by Studtmann, Seconded by Ellison, to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2026, as presented.  
 Voting Yea: Bartleman, Ellison, Salley, Studtmann, Councilor Rohrbach  
 Motion carried.

**ECC 30-26. Meeting Open to the Public.**

Ms. Rachel Harwell, John Page Middle School, introduced herself and expressed interest in collaborating with the committee on environmental education and a school composting pilot program.

**ECC 31-26. Financial Update - Escrow Account.**

Director of Public Services Ballantine reported the escrow balance as of the June 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year-end was \$12,422.33. The committee earned approximately \$3,500 from the Spring Plant Sale.

**ECC 32-26. Part 115 Materials Management Plan.**

Director of Public Services Ballantine provided an update on the county-level progress of the Materials Management Plan, which refocused on landfill diversion and the circular economy.

**ECC 33-26. Seed Library.**

Councilor Rohrbach noted that the seed library continues to be successful, with recent donations of plant pots for distribution.

**ECC 34-26. Food Composting.**

Director of Public Services Ballantine reported that the four carts at the DPS site are being used properly with very low contamination rates. The program is viewed as a potential model for other cities.

**ECC 35-26. Spring Litter Pickup.**

Ms. Ellison reported approximately 20 volunteers who cleaned up around the soccer complex and library.

**ECC 36-26. 2026 Arbor Day Table.**

Director of Public Services Ballantine noted the successful Arbor Day information table at the "Run for the Health of It" 5K. He provided an update on city-wide cleanup efforts following a major storm that caused significant tree damage and power outages.

**ECC 37-26. 2026 Mini-Grant Program.**

Members discussed organizing a tour of past mini-grant garden projects in late August or early September. Post-completion reports for 2026 grants are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ECC 38-26. Apartment Complex Recycling.**

Director of Public Services Ballantine shared updates from the Michigan Recycling Coalition conference. The city is currently working on a recycling pilot project for Lexington Village.

**ECC 39-26. Page in Madison Heights Happenings.**

The committee discussed ways to better communicate environmental impact stats to residents through the "Madison Heights Matters" newsletter and

“Madison Heights Happenings” guide. The Madison Heights Matters is the quarterly City News and important seasonal information newsletter. The Madison Heights Happenings guide is the quarterly events & programming brochure for the Recreation, Library and Active Adult Center departments.

**ECC 40-26. Food Composting at Schools.**

The committee discussed a proposal to expand food composting to John Page Middle School.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Bartleman, to sponsor a one-year food composting pilot at Page Middle School with a budget not to exceed \$1,700.

Voting Yea: Bartleman, Ellison, Salley, Studtmann, Councilor Rohrbach

Motion carried.

**ECC 41-26. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, Chair Salley adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting is Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 10 a.m.

| Date            | JNL | Type | Description                                           | Reference # | Debits       | Credits  | B | Item 3.    |
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| Fund 705 ESCROW |     |      |                                                       |             |              |          |   |            |
| 07/01/2026      |     |      | <b>705-000-295-7000 ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN COMMITT</b> |             | BEG. BALANCE |          |   | 0.00       |
| 07/01/2026      | GJ  | JE   | REVERSE MANUAL JOURNAL ENTRY: 110652                  | 11065259    |              | 9,085.18 |   | (9,085.18) |
| 06/30/2027      |     |      | 705-000-295-7000                                      | END BALANCE | 0.00         | 9,085.18 |   | (9,085.18) |



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Item 6.

Statistics are based on CO<sub>2</sub>e (Carbon Equivalency). This number allows us to translate abstract measurements into concrete terms we can understand, such as the emissions from cars, households, or power plants. To learn more visit the EPA's [Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator](#).



### 30,336 lbs diverted!

This is the total weight we have collected from you so far.



### 200 seedlings planted!

From a greenhouse gas equivalency standpoint your composting efforts are equivalent to 200 urban trees seedlings grown for 10 years.



### 30,093 miles offset!

Your composting efforts are equivalent to not driving 30,093 miles. Whoa.



### 1,365 gallons of gas!

The number of gallons of gasoline offset by diverting food scraps from the landfill



### 1,474,299 smartphones charged!

The number of smartphones that haven't spent time charging.



### 13,408 pounds of coal burned.

You've avoided burning 13,408 pounds of coal. Congrats!



### 15 tons of waste recycled instead of landfilled.

You've saved 15 tons from sitting in a landfill. Thank you.

## City of Madison Heights

## Calendar Year 2026 Environmental Citizens Committee Work Plan

1. Natural Environment and Ecosystems
  - a. Increase the City's tree canopy to a minimum of 40%
    - i. Continue actively pursuing tree grants.
    - ii. Continue tracking and improving metrics to maintain Tree City USA designation
    - iii. Continue budgeting funds as available to support the ROW Tree Replacement Program.
    - iv. Curate and provide education on tree maintenance and care, as well as the overall benefits of trees.
2. Pollinator Protection
  - a. Encourage native plants and pesticide-free pollinator habitats
    - i. Continue the successful Mini-Grant program.
    - ii. Continue hosting plant sales.
  - b. Seed Library
    - i. Continue to source supplies, stock, and promote the Seed Library.
    - ii. Develop and distribute custom native seed packets.
3. Resident and Business Education and Awareness
  - a. Develop a "Green Leaders" program with recognition and awards.
    - i. Support Rachel Harwell at Page Middle School developing a pilot food composting program.
  - b. Research and connect with existing organizations to conduct resident seminars or education pieces.
  - c. Utilize City media outlets to identify and eliminate invasive species.
  - d. Research a pilot educational program to get apartment complexes recycling.