

**Environmental Commission
City of Dearborn, Michigan**

Location: Dearborn Administrative Center, 16901 Michigan Ave, Room 1D

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Public comment is welcome at regular meetings. The Environmental Commission may also be emailed at envcommission@dearborn.gov or delivery/mail to Attn: Environmental Commission, c/o Department of Public Health, City of Dearborn, 16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn MI, 48126. Each person or group submitting comments shall provide in writing: name, address, and a summary of comment. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER CLAUDIA WALTERS

III. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS UPDATE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

V. CITY ADMINISTRATION REVIEW/COMMENT OF:

A. FY 2026 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK PLAN

B. RECOMMENDATION - BULK SOLID STORAGE AND HANDLING

Recommending changes to Sec 13-556 & 13-557 of City Code, see Feb & Apr minutes.

C. RECOMMENDATION - TREE CANOPY GOAL

Recommending a goal of at least 30% tree canopy citywide.

D. RECOMMENDATION - RECYCLING REJECTION RATE

Currently 15% of the material collected curbside as recycling is rejected and is landfilled. Recommend residents and small businesses are reminded of recycling guidelines.

E. RECOMMENDATION - LEED CERTIFICATION

Recommendation that the City of Dearborn applies for LEED for Cities and Communities: Existing Cities Certification.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. FOOD WASTE- DISCUSSION

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Landfills are projected to be full in twenty-one years. The largest contributor (30-40%) of landfilled solid waste is food waste. Make Food Not Waste and Food Scrap Composting are programs that could reduce Dearborn's landfilled waste.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOMECOMING OUTREACH

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT