

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 30th 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 31st.

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.