

## **City of Madison Heights**

### **Calendar Year 2026 Environmental Citizens Committee Work Plan**

The Environmental Citizens Committee meets as needed but generally adheres to a quarterly meeting schedule. Four 2025 meetings were scheduled and held with quorum present. The work plan (below) is divided into three main focus areas, with several specific tasks/activities tied to them.

By way of a quick summary, the Committee is focusing on maintaining/enhancing the City's tree canopy, encouraging native plantings and pollinator habitats, and educating and engaging the residents on the above, as well as exploring avenues to expand the food composting program/apartment recycling programs.

- 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.**