



HENDERSON COUNTY Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2025, at 3:00 PM

King Street Meeting Room
100 N. King Street; Hendersonville, NC

Meeting Summary

Present members: Nancy Diaz, Benjamin Witmeier, Tommy Oakland, Arielle Emmett

Others present: Autumn Radcliff, Paulina Jones

1. **Call Meeting to Order** 3:03 PM
2. **Informal Public Comment** N/A
3. **Approval of October Agenda** N/A – Not enough members for quorum
4. **Approval of August Summary** N/A – Not enough members for quorum
5. **New Business**

- a. Introduction of new members

Introduction of Henderson County Environmental Planner, Paulina Jones. Jones will be staff liaison for EAC.

- b. Fall Adopt-a-Highway: Berkely Rd litter pick-up

Send out pole to all EAC members to determine date/time in the first two weeks of November for litter pick up – Need enough volunteers for two groups, one to start the clean-up on North Main street side and another to start on the Berkley Rd. side.

- c. EAC Alignment with the 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Review 2045 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Plan to see specific EAC responsibilities. Bring this information to the next meeting.

- d. EAC Work Planning

Provide survey to all EAC members to identify top 3 priorities for 2026. Some priority areas to include in survey are as follows: Tree Preservation, Farmland Conservation, Waste Diversion, Invasive Species (e.g., Kudzu) Removal,



Pollinator/Bee-Friendly Communities, Bird Friendly Communities/Light Pollution, and Stream Restoration/Stormwater management.

6. Old Business

a. EcoHeros Award

Will discuss promotion for 2026 award at next meeting – Interested in maintaining Spring timeline for award selection and presentation.

7. Environmental Programs Update

a. School recycling program

Recycling and compost educational outreach program starting back up under HC Environmental Planner – explore onsite compost programs and expanding access to recycling/compost services to middle and high schools.

8. Staff Updates

a. Update on proposed tree protection ordinance

Presented what planning department will propose to planning board at next meeting. The scope of what the planning department is proposing to the planning board is narrow given that tree protection is the explicit purpose. Discussion around how there are other aspects of the LDC rewrite that will co-benefit trees.

9. Next Meeting Topics

Results from priorities survey, EcoHeros Award promotion strategy, spring Adopt a Highway cleanup, establish 2026 meeting calendar.

10. Adjournment 4:30 PM