

Environmental Awareness Committee 2026 Goals

The following goals were approved by the EAC on 2/2/2026 for recommendation to City Council.

Goal 1: Environmental Education Campaign Work with the Communications Department to develop an annual environmental education campaign for residents.	
Objectives	Metric(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Revise EAC webpage with updated information, including environmental recognitions the City has received b. Develop Weather Readiness Campaign (flood, snowstorm, tornado, extreme heat, extreme cold, windstorm) - cover what the City will be doing (summarize some information from the Hudson disaster plan), and what residents could do (personal preparations) c. Develop Recycling Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement with Hudson Public Schools - High School students develop program to teach elementary aged students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of educational posts in the year (target 12) • Number of interactions on educational posts • 1 completed school educational program
Goal 2: Environmental Engagement Assist with planning and implementation of programming that enhances environmental awareness & promotes environmental stewardship.	
Objectives	Metric(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engage with the new Stow Environmental Commission b. Integrate mission to reduce food waste by keeping it out of landfills and not wasting usable food. Working with residents and businesses to achieve this mission. c. Hold community workshops on topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bee House 2. How-To/Fix-It 3. Rain Barrel 4. Energy Generation 5. Green Home Certification Program and Green Home Tours 6. Energy Efficiency/Energy Efficient Appliances d. Increase Keep America Beautiful efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the annual community appearance index 2. Hold a community litter pickup e. EAC to support City staff in planning and implementing the Earth Day Celebration. (time: Recycling events during Week of Earth Day and Fall Green on the Green) f. EAC to support staff in planning and implementing the Pumpkins for the Planet composting event (time: approx. October-December) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement held with Stow Environmental Commission (target semi-annual) • Number of workshops held (target 3) • Completion of annual litter/community appearance index • 1 community litter pickup event

<p>g. EAC to support City staff in planning and implementing the annual Holiday Lights Recycling program (time: approx. November-January).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EAC to identify host locations, distribute collection bins, and collect bins at program end 2. EAC to empty collection bins and transport lights to Hudson Public Works during the program as needed (Public Works to transport the final collection to the recycling facility for processing at program end) 	
<p>Goal 3: Land Management & Stewardship Work with the City Parks Department, Communications Department and other community stakeholders to identify and promote best management practices related to land and landscape management that promote sustainability, create optimum habitat and reduce external inputs.</p>	
Objectives	Metric(s)
<p>a. Complete a set of best management practices (goal continued from prior year)</p> <p>b. Work with the City Communications Department and other stakeholders to promote the best management practices for public, residential, commercial and industrial landscapes throughout the City.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a set of Best Management Practices • Number of interactions on outreach efforts, where measurable
<p>Goal 4) Advise City Council Advise City Council (or City staff, if directed by Council) regarding topics of environmental significance. Provide insight substantiated by research from reputable and current sources.</p>	
Objectives	Metric(s)
<p>a. Continue work on the Comprehensive Plan sections that identify EAC as a Potential Partner.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the City and Planning Commission on suggested revisions to Ch. 1207 of the Land Development Code (<i>EAC has prepared a memo with suggestions; discussion has not yet been held</i>) <p>b. Provide expertise on the impact of stormwater on ecosystem services and wetland conservation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in staff meetings where appropriate and requested, such as Engineering stormwater review <p>c. Advise on HPP DER/Solar Interconnect Policy (HB15 changes)</p> <p>d. Advise on energy portfolio considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cost of energy and emissions 2. Energy aggregation <p>e. Downtown pedestrian traffic signals - investigate and propose improvements for pedestrian priority.</p> <p>f. Advise on any other topics as requested by Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a Council workshop to present suggested revisions to LDC Ch. 1207 ("Zoning Development & Site Plan Standards") • Provide at least 1 other memo and/or presentation on another advisory topic