

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: September 15, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Green Community Awards Recognition
**ITEM
NUMBER:** 5.b
SECTION: PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Quality Committee will present this year's recipients of Green Community Awards to be recognized by the mayor and councilmembers.

DISCUSSION

The 2025 Green Community Awards recipients are Debra Masters, Sarah Larson, and Jaana Iverson.

- Debra Masters installed a curb cut rain garden with the help of a grant from the Rice Creek Watershed District in an effort to treat stormwater before it enters a pond near her house and to convert turfgrass to native flowering plants that are appealing to pollinators and people.
- Sarah Larson planted a garden of native plants in her front yard to attract pollinators and reduce the amount of water needed for the previous turfgrass. This garden complements her perennial gardens in other parts of her yard.
- Jaana Iverson converted a large portion of her parents' lawn to a garden consisting of perennials, annuals, and vegetables. She cites the benefits the garden provides such as the increase in pollinators and providing her family and neighbors with fresh vegetables.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the council proceed with the presentation and recognition of the 2025 Green Community Awards.

ATTACHMENTS