

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: March 17, 2025
SUBJECT: Environmental Quality Committee Report and Activities
ITEM NUMBER: 1.a
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) develops a new work plan and committee report every two years. The EQC requests the council review the attached report and meet to discuss past and current goals and activities during the council workshop.

DISCUSSION

Annual programs the EQC works on are a speaker series, organics collection at the Slice of Shoreview, and the Green Community Awards.

- Speaker series - the committee hosts speakers on environmental topics of interest to residents and invites members of the public in the winter and spring.
- Organics collection at the Slice - the EQC started collection of compostable materials at the Slice of Shoreview festival and volunteers sort waste at waste stations throughout the weekend.
- Green Community Awards - the Green Community Awards program recognizes residents, businesses, and other organizations that have completed environmentally friendly projects on their properties.

The EQC also forms subcommittees after ranking topics every two years. Committee members brainstormed topics of interest and grouped them into similar categories during the October 2024 meeting. They ranked the categories and the top three categories form the group's subcommittees. The subcommittees for the 2025-2026 work plan are waste/recycling, energy, and education. The committee is looking to discuss these topics which can be found in the EQC goals section of the report. Attached is the biennial report and a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

[EQC Biennial Report 2025.pdf](#)
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