

**MEETING AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
November 27, 2017
6:00 PM**

North St. Paul City Hall – Castle Room
2400 Margaret Street



- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
 - Simba Blood
 - Felicia Tolbert-Ireland
 - Glen Olson, Vice Chair
 - Sue Springborn, Chair
- III. ADOPT AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
- V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the Commission concerning issues that are not on the agenda. This discussion will be limited to 15 minutes.
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- VII. PRESENTATION**
- VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - A. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Comp Plan Discussion: Sustainability Chapter
 - B. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Trash and Recycling Contract
 - C. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Pumpkin Drop
 - D. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** 2018 Goals and 2017 Accomplishments
 - E. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Score Grant – Tote Bags
 - F. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Tree adoption specifications
- IX. REPORTS FROM STAFF**
 - A. **Review/Discussion:** Next Meeting will be held on December 11, 2017
- X. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: December 11, 2017 @ 6:00pm City Hall - Sandberg Room

**MEETING MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 16, 2017
5:00 PM**

North St. Paul – City Hall/Sandberg Room
2400 Margaret Street



I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sue Springborn called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sue Springborn, Chair
Glen Olson, Vice Chair
Simba Blood
Jan Walczak, Council Liaison
Felicia Tolbert-Ireland

Staff: Debra Gustafson, Strategic Operations Director
Keith Stachowski, Public Works

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Vice Chair Olson, seconded by Commissioner Blood with all present voting aye, motion carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Vice Chair Olson, seconded by Commissioner Blood with all present voting aye, motion carried to approve the September 25, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS-

VII. PRESENTATIONS

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Pumpkin Drop. The pumpkin drop is scheduled to take place on November 1-5. Liaison Stachowski stated he is planning to contact the Farmer regarding delivery of the pumpkins.
- B. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** 2018 Goals and 2017 Accomplishments. Liaison Gustafson reviewed the draft PowerPoint with the Commission. The Commission asked staff to find another photo for the tree adoption slide. The Commission provided the following 2018 goals to be included in the presentation.

- Research zero waste events and feasibility of offering in North St. Paul .
 - Continue to offer successful events/programs: Tree Adoption, Big Tree Registry and Pumpkin drop.
 - Recruit New Member for the EAC, there is currently a vacancy on the Commission.
 - Continue to be a resource for the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project.
 - Submit phase two funding request to MNDot for the Community Roadside Landscape Partnership Program for Highway 36 Landscaping.
 - Provide feedback on the upcoming Trash and Recycling RFP.
 - Host a booth at WaterFest
 - Research the option of hosting an environmental fair.
 - Collaborate with Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management to provide Public Education regarding invasive species.
 - Offer another Fix-It Clinic at Casey Lake Park in September.
- C. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Score Grant – Tote Bags. The Commission requested to see samples at the next meeting. Liaison Gustafson stated she would contact graphic traffic and bring samples to the next meeting.
- D. **Review/Discussion/Possible Action:** Meeting location Change. The EAC was ok with moving the meeting from the Sandberg Room to the Castle Room.

IX. REPORTS FROM STAFF

X. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. **Review/Discussion:** Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Update. The Commission members were planning to attend the community café immediately following the EAC meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Blood, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, with all present voting aye, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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North St. Paul Environmental Advisory Commission
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VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS
A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – RESILIENCY CHAPTER DISCUSSION

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Discuss focus points, goals, and objectives for the resiliency chapter.

BACKGROUND

The city is developing the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan establishes a community vision and identifies important local goals and objectives that serve as a resource guide on development. This document is required by the Metropolitan Council.

Erin Perdu and Roxy Franta from WSB are planning to attend the meeting to receive feedback from the EAC on the resiliency chapter.

ATTACHMENTS

North St. Paul Comprehensive Plan – Resiliency Chapter Discussion
2008-2030 Comprehensive Plan – Environmental Chapter

North St. Paul Comprehensive Plan – Resiliency Chapter Discussion

What is a Comprehensive Plan? The city is developing the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan establishes a community vision and identifies important local goals and objectives that serve as a resource guide on development. This document is required by the Metropolitan Council.

Which chapter is the EAC discussing? Resiliency Chapter. This chapter allows communities to integrate resilience into the comprehensive plan which addresses climate change and other elements within the environment. This chapter will revise the existing environmental chapter and will include new focus points, goals, and objectives that are suggested by the Environmental Advisory Commission.

Objective: Review the EAC 2017 accomplishments, identify topics of importance that the EAC would like to focus on in the Resiliency chapter. Identify broad goals that can be used as a “road map” in the upcoming years.

Requirement: The Metropolitan Council requires that the Comprehensive Plan includes information or a policy about Solar Resource Protection related to the development of access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems. This includes strategies needed to implement the policy. For more information, visit <https://metro council.org/Handbook/Plan-Elements/Resilience.aspx>

Areas of Interest: Brainstorm broad topics that the EAC would like to focus on in the upcoming years and list them below.

Climate change, forestry, recycling...

Goal Development: Develop goals and strategies that relate to the natural environment, renewable resources and energy, healthy community living, development, etc.

To get you thinking, listed below are some goal ideas:

- Continue to offer and develop new outreach events which focus on topics of environmental awareness.
- Investigate hosting a community environmental fair.
- Encourage residents and businesses to plant native, pollinator friendly vegetation.
- Identify City open spaces and green infrastructure that can be planted with native grasses and forbs to support pollinators.
- Identify, protect, and preserve unique natural amenities through selective acquisition of property or creation of permanent easements.
- Educate residents about the water quality benefits of rain gardens and provide support and guidance on installation.
- Investigate adopting sustainable vegetation management ordinances which allow for native tall grass greater than six inches.

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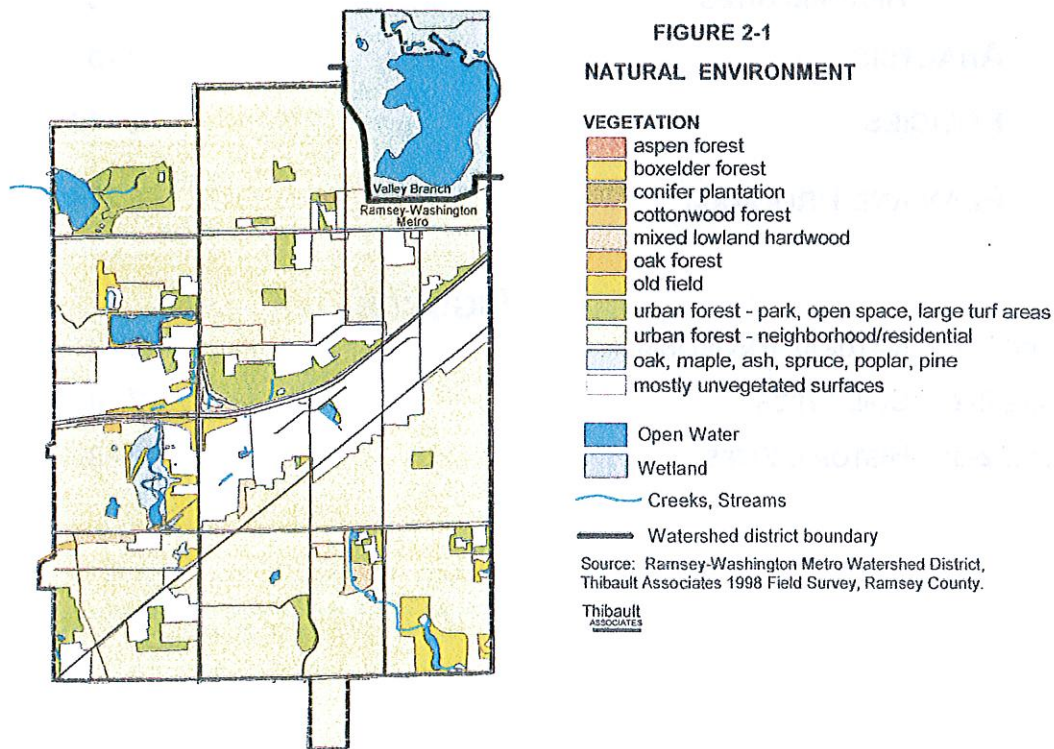
IN THIS CHAPTER

In this chapter, the natural and made environments are reviewed. The natural environment begins with the bedrock under North St. Paul and extends through the glaciations which left behind much of the surface landforms, vegetation, lakes and wetlands we see today. Wildlife, air, solar, water and wind are also covered. The made environment includes only the City's historic sites because existing land use is covered in Chapter 1.

INVENTORY General

The natural environment was inventoried through a field survey and review of aerial photographs, topographic maps, bedrock and soil maps and wetland information. Much of this information is shown on Figure 2-1, Natural Environment and Figure 2-2, Soil Types.

North St. Paul's most significant natural qualities are its trees, Silver Lake, Southwood Park, Northwood Park, Casey Lake Park and the Urban Ecology Center. Tree planting was promoted by the newspaper in the 1880s. As a result, North St. Paul Land Company paid for the planting of 10,000 trees, many of which stand today.



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Geology

North St. Paul's underlying bedrock structure was formed when sediments were deposited by sea waters which moved in and receded. These layers of sediment built up and formed layers of limestone, sandstone, and shale. Layers of sedimentary rock underwent erosion and stream valleys formed. This was followed by a series of continental glaciers which covered North St. Paul and most of Minnesota. The glaciers had tremendous force capable of gouging out and reshaping the area through deposits of rock, till and sediments. The last of these glaciers, named the Wisconsin, receded some 10,000 years ago. Lakes, streams, wetlands, valleys and hills are the result of glacial action and the melt waters which deposited the sands and reshaped the glacial till.

Lakes and Waters

Silver Lake and Casey Lake are almost entirely within North St. Paul. The Department of Natural Resources classifies Silver Lake as a Recreational Development Lake having an ordinary high water level (OHWL) of 989.7. The DNR's water clarity in 2006 was 6.76 feet. In 2007 the average clarity for Silver Lake was about 5 feet. (Ramsey County average reading was 5.2 feet. The combined average of the County and MPCA was 4.74 feet.)

Casey Lake is classified as a Natural Environment Lake with an OHWL of 926.3. Water clarity in 2001 for this lake was 0.5 feet.

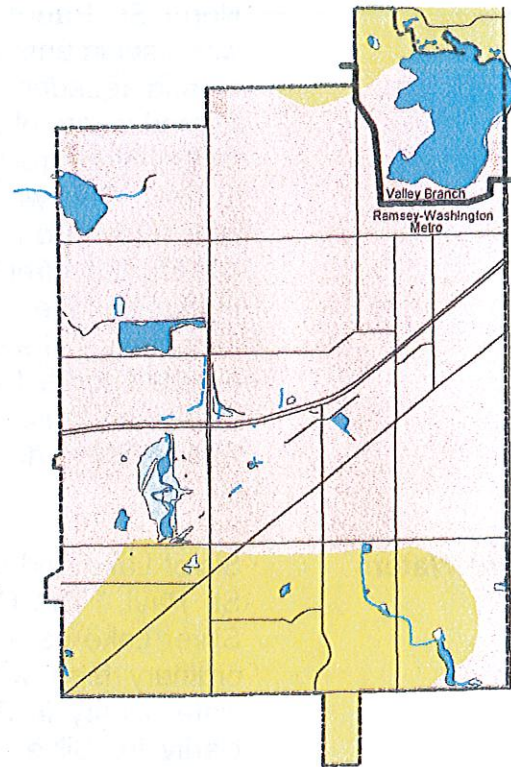
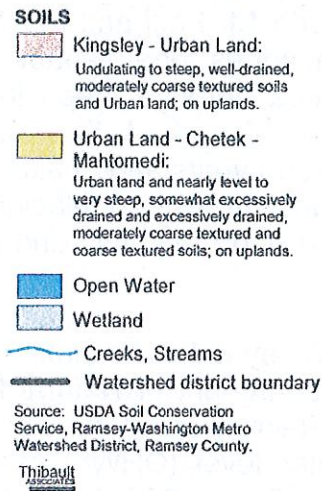
A drainageway and former creek extends from Southwood Park to the north. At approximately Helen Street it enters a 36-inch storm sewer pipe. The pipe size enlarges to an 85-inch pipe at 7th Avenue before it enters the pond in Franklin Park.

Soil

The Soil Conservation Service identifies the following two soil types in North St. Paul which are illustrated in Figure 2-2, and described below.

Kingsley-Urban Land – *undulating to steep, well-drained, moderately coarse textured soils and Urban land; on uplands, this soil consists of Urban land and soils underlain by reddish sandy loam glacial till. The well-drained Kingsley soils occupy complex, undulating to steep, convex side slope. Urban land consists of areas of residential development and is covered by asphalt, concrete, and buildings.*

FIGURE 2-2
SOIL TYPES



Urban Land-Chetek-Mahtomedi – *urban land and nearly level to very steep, somewhat excessively drained and excessively drained, moderately coarse textured and coarse textured soils; on uplands.*

This soil formed in glacial outwash on terminal moraines. Urban land consists of areas of residential development and is covered by asphalt, concrete, and buildings. The Chetek soils are somewhat excessively drained and nearly level to gently sloping. These soils have a surface layer of dark grayish brown sandy loam and a subsurface layer of brown loam. The upper part of the subsoil is dark reddish brown gravelly sandy loam, and the lower part is brown gravelly coarse sand. The underlying material is brown and light brown gravelly coarse sand and gravelly sand. The Mahtomedi soils are excessively drained and undulating to very steep. They are on convex tops of ridges and hillsides. The surface layer is very dark gray loamy sand, and the subsurface layer is brown sand. The upper part of the subsoil is dark brown gravelly coarse sand, and the lower part is reddish brown gravelly coarse sand. The underlying material is reddish brown and light reddish brown gravelly sand.

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Brownfields -- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) shows some brownfield sites in the Highway 36 Corridor area. MPCA describes brownfields as:

“Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or suspected environmental contamination.”

At the time of redevelopment, any brownfield site remaining will be addressed.

Aggregate Resources

No property in the City of North St. Paul is identified or included as an aggregate resource in the Minnesota Geological Survey, Aggregate Resources Inventory of the Seven-County Metropolitan Area. Only about 1.6% of the property in the City is vacant and the sites are scattered. Consequently, an aggregate resource area does not exist nor is there need for aggregate resource protection; therefore, no site is so designated.

Woods, Prairie and Vegetation

Years after the glacier receded, a large deciduous hardwood forest known as the “Big Woods” evolved. The area in North St. Paul was an oak savannah comprised mainly of oaks with large openings of prairie. Other species included maple, basswood, and elm. Understory and ground foliage probably consisted of dogwood, sumac, and wild flowers. In the 1880s large portions of town were described as open prairie. The prairie could have been natural, or the result of intentional fires or tree removal for lumber or farming.

Wildlife

North St. Paul has a diversity of wildlife due primarily to its variety of habitats. Although no specific inventory was made, collectively the habitats appear to support ring-necked pheasant, cottontail rabbit, white-tailed deer, grey squirrel, fox, duck, geese, muskrat and mink. Songbirds and a variety of fish are also found.

Air

Although no tests were made, air quality is thought to be acceptable. Several point sources of emission were detected in the industrial area during the field survey.

Solar Energy

Interest in solar energy for residential purposes leveled off in the 1980s and 1990s due to broader use of improved materials, better construction techniques and stricter building

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codes. By 2007 interest in solar energy was on the upswing. Building orientation and capturing passive solar energy (heat) through windows and other materials is quite common and usually poses no problem. Use of solar energy is less common especially in a heavily treed urban environment. Treed lots can be used to reduce energy needs. No special provisions appear necessary to protect solar access.

Wind

Wind is becoming an important energy source at certain locations where cost-effective wind generators can be installed. The City's electrical utility could foster a program/facility in one of the parks, e.g. Urban Ecology Center, Casey Lake Park or possibly another park, provided wind potential and visual impacts are evaluated.

Noise

Although noise tests were not conducted, the highest levels are probably along State Highway 36 (much of it is depressed) and in the industrial area.

Historic Sites

The City has several historic sites, as show in Figure 2-3. The descriptions for the sites provided below are primarily excerpts from the pamphlet titled, *An Historic Tour: North St. Paul*.

Site 1 – 2506-2508 East Seventh Avenue

Built in 1888, this is the site of the first City Hall. Its three stories housed the fire department, police department, jail and other city functions. In the 1920s it was moved when the town library was built. The former City Hall was built around this library in 1965.

Site 2 – 2253 East Seventh Avenue

The post office, built in 1935, with its unique cupola, also contains a three-panel mural created by Donald Humphrey during the 1930s depression as part of the Works Progress Administration Program.

Site 3 – 2530 East Seventh Avenue

Mac's Dinette, built in 1937, was originally The Beam with eight stools and three booths. This small hometown restaurant was bought in 1946 by Helen and Mac Mulcahy and was renamed Mac's. It is often called the "eyes and ears" of North St. Paul because of its location in the center of town.

Site 4 – 2534 East Seventh Avenue

This building was transported brick by brick from a location in Wabasha and reconstructed in North St. Paul in 1888. It has served as a saloon, drug store, a variety store, and was the first Rialto theatre. The upstairs housed the telephone company.

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Site 5 – 2531 East Seventh Avenue

Neumann's Bar, constructed in 1887, claims to be the "oldest bar in continuous operation in Minnesota." A magnificent mahogany back bar was installed by the Hamms Brewing Co. when the bar first opened.

Site 6 – 2552 East Seventh Avenue

This is the location of North St. Paul's first bank building.

Site 7 – Seventh Avenue and Charles, SE Corner

One of the town's first buildings, the Morton House was the scene for gala balls and dinners as it was the grandest residential hotel. It was demolished in 1911. The Masonic Temple, built in the late 1920s, was demolished in 2005 for redevelopment.

Site 8 – 2725 East Tenth Avenue

The Protz home was built in 1888 by Herman Protz, a German cabinetmaker. This brick Victorian style home remained in the Protz family for nearly 100 years.

Site 9 – The Eighth Avenue Cottages

2638, 2640, 2644, and 2662 are examples of the North St. Paul Cottage Co. homes still to be found around town. They were built for workers at a modest cost. After the 1893 depression, they sold for as little as \$350.

Site 10 – 2566 East Fifth Avenue

The Roy Kyre home is also one of the town's early homes. Built in 1890, it has the fish scale wooden shingles on the gable ends.

Site 11 – Seppala Boulevard

Originally, this was the location of the streetcar line that linked North St. Paul to Stillwater and St. Paul. It was in use for more than 50 years.

Site 12 – SW Corner of Margaret and Highway 36

Located at this intersection were: the Wisconsin Railroad, the Depot, and Central Park – a tree studded area where summer concerts were held on Friday nights.

Site 13 – Twelfth and Helen, NW Corner

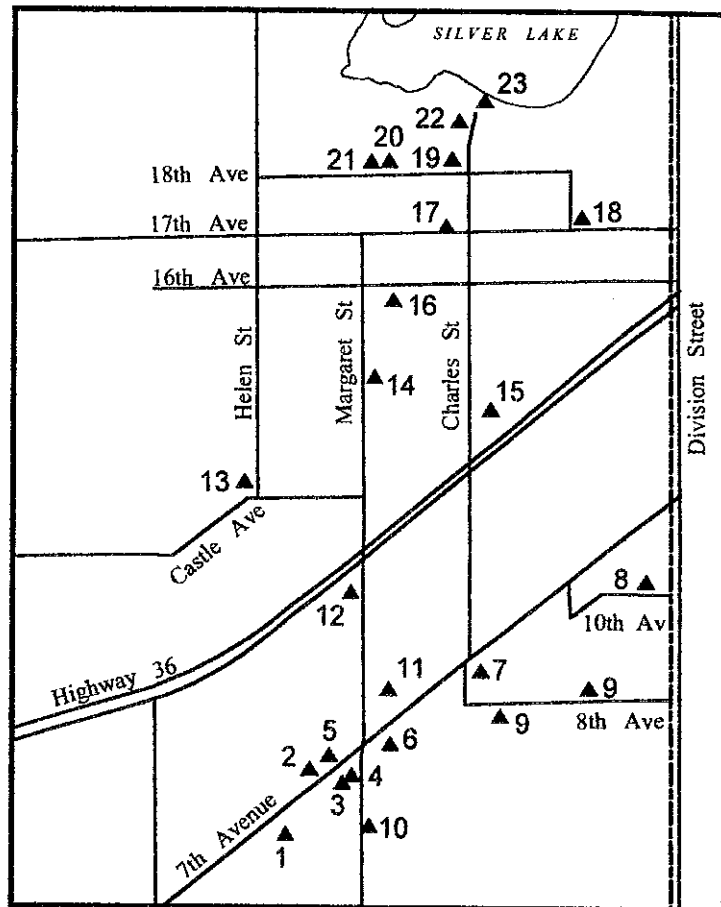
This was the location of the town's first all-graded school constructed in 1887. It was three stories high with a massive bell tower. The bell that stands in front of the high school is the only remnant of the old all-graded school.

Site 14 – NE Corner of Margaret and Fourteenth

Built in 1889, this was the original home of St. Mark's Church. It is Carpenter Gothic in style, and once boasted a tall steeple. St. Mark's was one of the first five English-speaking Lutheran churches in the Midwest.

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Figure 2-3
HISTORIC SITES



Site 15 – East Highway 36

On the northwest corner of Highway 36 and Charles is the North Presbyterian Church. Organized in 1887, the church was built one year later after the North St. Paul Land Co. deeded it a lot on Thirteenth Avenue where the first church was built.

Site 16 – 2590 North Margaret

St. Peters Catholic Church purchased the old Congregational Church building at 16th and Margaret. The present brick church was built in 1915, and the older building was remodeled into the town's first parochial school. A new addition, keeping the same style, was constructed in 2007.

Site 17 – North Side of Seventeenth, Between Margaret & Charles Previously a woodland and meadow area, home to the Dakota Indians. A giant tree across from the Silver Lake Market was deliberately deformed so that it could be used as a trail marker by the Dakota. Only a big stump remains, but it is probably the oldest known historical site in town.

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Site 18 – 2685 Seventeenth Avenue

This was once the Ferdinand Korlin home where Christ Lutheran Church was founded. The first church was built at Sixteenth and Helen, but now occupies the brick building on the north side of Seventeenth near Helen.

Site 19 – 2609 East Eighteenth Avenue

The only octagon house in Ramsey County today, was built in 1887 as a summer home for J.E. Osborne, a member of the North St. Paul Land Co. It has four porches and marble fireplaces, and interior woodwork was hand painted by an employee of the North St. Paul Casket Co.

Site 20 – 2575 East Eighteenth Avenue

The original home of Charles and Bertha Stevens. This Queen Anne style house with fish scale shingles and carved balusters was built circa 1887 and is probably the most intact, ornate Victorian house in North St. Paul.

Site 21 – 2569 East Eighteenth Avenue

This Queen Anne style clapboard house was built in 1887 for Charles R. McKenney and his wife, Marie. He was the town's first mayor and owner of the *Sentinel*, the town's first newspaper.

Site 22 – 2618 East Nineteenth Avenue

The original farmhouse built in 1874 for Captain Castle, his family lived here during the summers and from here operated the North Star Seed Farm which produced experimental hybrid seed for northern climates.

Site 23 – Charles Street at the Lakefront

Looking north across Silver Lake is the original site of the Northwestern Kennel Club, an 1890s dog-fancier's paradise where the wealthy of the Twin Cities came to lounge. The clubhouse site is now known as Joy Park.

ANALYSIS

The City's environmental qualities need to be protected and preserved as stated in Goal 8, Environment, which is **"Protect and enhance the lakes, wetlands, woods and wildlife and promote actions, practices and developments which tend to sustain the environment"**. Land Use controls applied to public lakes, wetlands and woods can provide some protection. The Urban Ecology Center is an example where protection and restoration are the focus. Other parks and infill areas are other candidates for protection of the most sensitive features. It may be possible to establish a sustainable drainage system/park in the Highway 36 Corridor as the area is redeveloped.

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POLICIES

Additional information concerning surface water management, water quality, and well head protection is provided in Chapter 12, Water Management.

Adherence to the following policies will help preserve and protect the natural environment.

1. **Preservation** – Preserve and protect historic properties and environmentally unique and sensitive areas, especially Silver Lake, Casey Lake, Urban Ecology Center, wetlands, creek beds, and the remaining wooded areas.
2. **Erosion Control** – Protect and preserve surface ground water by applying erosion control measures.
3. **Assistance** – Seek financial and other forms of assistance which are intended to be used to protect and preserve unique environmental qualities.
4. **Public Awareness** – Promote public awareness of adverse impacts which can be associated with the use of chemical fertilizers and other chemicals and how these can affect surface water runoff, ground water and the water quality in the wetlands, creeks and lakes.
5. **More Sustainable Environment** – Strive for a more sustainable environment in redevelopment areas, infill areas and in redesign and improvements in parks, trails and open spaces.
6. **Wind** – Seek to use wind energy as a source to generate electricity for part of the City's system.
7. **Solar** – Promote effective and aesthetic use of solar energy in private developments and for certain public uses, emergency phones, emergency/temporary road signs, etc.
8. **Active Living** – Use appreciation of the natural environment to promote active living.
9. **Other** – See Chapter 12, Water Management Plan.

PLAN AND PROGRAM

PLAN – The Natural Environment (Figures 2-1 and 2-2) consists of protecting and preserving the natural environment as provided in this chapter and in Chapter 5, Parks, Open Spaces and Trails.

PROGRAM – The program which follows is based on the City's Vision and the goals and policies in this chapter.

1. **Codes** – Fairly apply ordinances related to protecting the environment including erosion control, shoreland zoning, and wetland protection.
2. **Protect – Preserve** – Use the Comprehensive Plan and ordinances to protect and preserve the unique natural amenities through selective acquisition of property or creation of permanent easements.
3. **Rain Gardens** – Encourage the use of rain gardens and similar techniques to reduce and control runoff, to enhance water quality and further the City's environmental goal.
4. **Urban Ecology Center** – Continue to restore and use the center to:
 - test water treatment techniques,
 - educate the public,
 - site a wind generation facility, and
 - enjoy the amenities.
5. **Environmental Learning Center** –
 - Continue to plant and improve the site with native species.
 - Consider adding a peripheral trail.
6. **Cowern Elementary** – Obtain easements or rights to observe and enjoy the natural areas adjacent to the south side of the school and establish a sustainable corridor.
7. **Tree Planting** – Develop and implement a tree planting program along major streets and highways and in

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redevelopment areas. Also coordinate this effort with active living and bench locations.

8. **Surface Water Management Plan** – Initiate projects and programs consistent with the Surface Water Management Plan.
9. **Park Chapter** – See the Program section in Chapter 5 for other related projects.

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VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS
B. RECYCLING AND TRASH CONTRACT

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Discuss updates to the Recycling and Trash Contract

BACKGROUND

Fire Chief, Scott Duddeck is planning to attend the meeting to discuss the recycling and trash contract.

ATTACHMENTS

Ramsey County Work Plan – Recycling

CITY OF NORTH ST. PAUL 2018 RECYCLING PERFORMANCE WORK PLAN

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Complete all 2018 SCORE requirements, including reporting on time and providing examples of all distributed outreach materials.
2. Send all outreach materials to Ramsey County for review *prior* to distribution.
3. Use hauler data to identify those not recycling and target educational materials.
4. Use Ramsey County materials when and where appropriate to promote increased recycling, medicine collection, HHW, Fix-It Clinics and yard waste participation.
5. Work with Ramsey County to educate and move toward organics collection for all residents.
6. Regularly update recycling content on the municipality's website.
7. Ensure all multi-unit properties are meeting State law requirements to recycle and are receiving free Ramsey County resources.
8. Promote [BizRecycling](#) resources to businesses.
9. Ensure an efficient and effective bulky waste collection program that prioritizes recycling of bulky materials.
10. Promote Ramsey County's [event container lending program](#) and [general green event planning tips](#).
11. Increase opportunities for recycling in public spaces at events and in parks. All recycling bins must be paired with a trash bin and in good condition.
12. Renegotiate hauling contract for improvements including allowing multi-units to opt-in to contract.

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C. PUMPKIN DROP

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

11th annual pumpkin drop debrief

BACKGROUND

The EAC sponsored pumpkin drop was held November 1st-5th.

FACTS

This year was the second highest collection since the pumpkin drop started in the fall of 2007, the EAC collected and delivered 9,160 lbs. (4.58 tons) pumpkins this year to a local farmer for feed.

In 2010 we collected 9,892 lbs. (4.95 tons).
The first year of the program (2007) 1,640 lbs. was collected
Last year 5,500 lbs. was collected.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS
D. 2018 GOALS AND 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Develop 2018 Goals and review of 2017 Accomplishments

BACKGROUND

Annually the EAC presents their goals and accomplishments at a December City Council Meeting. Attached is a draft PowerPoint for 2017, with requested revisions from the 10/16/17 EAC meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft PowerPoint presentation for 2017



EAC 2017 Accomplishments and 2018 Goals

12/19/2017

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - TREE ADOPTION



75 trees were adopted to residents during an Arbor Day event, which was part of the EAC's work in making North St. Paul a designated "Tree City USA."

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - BIG TREE REGISTRY



The EAC recognized big tree registry winners by placing rotating signs in winners yards. Big tree nominees are eligible to have a sign placed in their yard for a month to bring attention the program.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT PARTNERSHIP



Partnered with the Electric Department on the LED Bulb change out program for the residents at Franklin Apartments . The program served 117 households.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FIX IT CLINIC



Offered first annual Fix It Clinic in partnership with Ramsey County. Clinic took place on September 23, 2017 from 10 am – 1 pm at Casey Lake Park Shelter. 31 items were fixed. This program saved 160 pounds from going into the landfill.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - HIGHWAY 36 LANDSCAPING



Submitted an application for the MNDot Landscape Partnership program to replant the Highway 36 Planters. MNDot is currently developing a design plan for North St. Paul. Planting is expected to take place in 2018.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2018 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Provided feedback and recommendations regarding the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - PUMPKIN DROP



The EAC hosted the 11th annual Pumpkin Drop. The pumpkin drop event allowed many residents to dispose of their pumpkins after Halloween to be used for feed by a local farmer instead of burying them in landfills. Many residents utilize this program, 9,160 lbs. (4.58 tons) dropped in 2017.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - TRASH AND RECYCLING SURVEY



Provided recommendations and feedback regarding the Trash and Recycling Survey.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - EDUCATION



The EAC arranged for a representative from Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area (RCCWMA) to offer a program regarding invasive species.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

- Continued to support and promote the medicine drop off site at City Hall.
- Attended the Plant Sale to provide public education regarding environmental issues.
- Commissioners wrote multiple articles to inform residents about environmental issues.
- Provided Educational Theatre programs regarding recycling in the schools in collaboration with Climb theatre.
- Use feedback from the demonstration projects to guide educational outreach for future living streets projects.
- Provided feedback and recommendation regarding the Silver Lake Bio-filtration Pond.
- Participated in discussions regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

2018 GOALS

- Research zero waste events and feasibility of offering in North St. Paul .
- Continue to offer successful events/programs: Tree Adoption, Big Tree Registry and Pumpkin drop.
- Assist with articles for the Annual Environmental Newsletter.
- Recruit New Member for the EAC, there is currently a vacancy on the Commission.
- Continue to be a resource for the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project.
- Submit phase two funding request to MNdot for the Community Roadside Landscape Partnership Program for Highway 36 Landscaping.
- Provide feedback on the upcoming Trash and Recycling RFP.
- Host a booth at WaterFest
- Research the option of hosting an environmental fair.
- Collaborate with Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management to provide Public Education regarding invasive species.

Questions?

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VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS
E. RECYCLE TOTE BAG

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Score Grant – Tote Bags

BACKGROUND

Attached is tote bag pricing information from Graphic Traffic. Staff is planning to bring tote samples to the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Tote Bag Pricing Sheet



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Thank you very much for your interest in our products. I am pleased to provide you with the following promotional products for your consideration.



Small Tote Bag

Item number: 9725

100% non-woven, soft textured polypropylene (80 GSM). Stitched seams, sides and bottom. Tear resistant and water repellent. Features 18" handles. 13" W x 13" H x 5" D

Colors: Black, Blue, Gray, Green, Hunter Green, Light Blue, Maroon, Orange, Pink, Purple, Red, White, Yellow

Qty	250	500	1000
Price	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$1.50

Price Includes: 1 color;1 location

Additional Charges: Shipping and Handling fees



Large Grocery Tote Bag

Item number: 9713

100% non-woven, soft textured polypropylene (100 GSM). Stitched seams, sides and bottom. Tear resistant and water repellent. Features 22" reinforced handles, loop for hanging and washable reinforced plastic bottom insert. 13" W x 15" H x 10" D

Colors: Black, Blue, Green, Navy Blue, Red, Tan

Qty	250	500	1000
Price	\$2.10	\$2.00	\$1.75

Price Includes: 1 color;1 location

Additional Charges: Shipping and Handling fees



Earth Tote Bag

Item number: 9711

This product is an exclusive. 100% non-woven, soft textured polypropylene (80 GSM). Stitched seams, sides and bottom. Tear resistant and water repellent. Features 28" handles. 16" W x 12" H x 6" D

Colors: Blue/Green

Qty	100	250	1000
Price	\$2.50	\$2.10	\$1.85

Price Includes: 1 color;1 location

Additional Charges: Shipping and Handling fees



GoodValue® Grocery Tote Bag

Item number: 45624

Reusable, the perfect tote for a quick trip to the market or grocery store. Reinforced bottom panel, going green and good value. 12 3/4" W x 12 1/4" H x 8 5/8" D

Colors: Black, Chocolate Brown, Green, Hunter Green, Lime Green, Navy Blue, Orange, Plum Purple, Red, Royal Blue, Tan, White, Yellow, Purple

Qty	100	250	500	1000
Price	\$2.60	\$2.15	\$2.00	\$1.60

Price Includes: 1 color;1 location

Additional Charges: Shipping and Handling fees

Agenda Information Memorandum
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November 27, 2017



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F. TREE ADOPTION

ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Tree Adoption Program Detail for 2018

BACKGROUND

Staff would like feedback from the EAC regarding details for the 2018 Tree Adoption program. Listed below is a draft program description.

Celebrate Arbor Day-Plant A Tree
Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 - 11:00 am
Pick up your adopted Tree at Rotary Park

The Environmental Advisory Commission will be adopting a limited number of complimentary trees to North St. Paul residents in celebration of Arbor Day. The trees are 4 to 6 feet tall, in five-gallon pots. Planting instructions will be included with the tree. There is a limited amount of trees. To adopt a tree (one per house-hold), pre-registration is required. Trees must be planted in the City of North St. Paul. Register online at northstpaul.org or call (651) 747-2409, starting Monday, March 19, 2018.

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