



AGENDA OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026, 5:00 PM
In person at City Hall, Room 310.
Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.

A. Zoom Meeting Information.

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82469507408?pwd=M8rQe7lNAaLLamTeJzSdgsDX2uq3NC.1>

Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 824 6950 7408
Passcode: 287060

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B. Roll Call.

- I. Members: Chair- Christa Kananen, Vice Chair- Ned Dorff, Alder Joey Prestley, Julia Noordyk, Jenny Brinker, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, Staff person- Maria Otto

C. Approval of the Agenda.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, August 19, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

D. Approval of Minutes.

- I. Approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2026 meeting.

E. Announcements.

- I. Menasha Utilities is sponsoring a Home Electrification event on September 22 at the Menasha Public Library. Anyone can attend—you don't have to be served by Menasha Utilities. Explore electric appliances and technologies and learn how they can fit into your home's energy needs and sustainability goals in this beginner- friendly seminar. Plus, find out

what rebates and incentives are available for electric upgrades. Check out the attached flyer to register for the event.

2. **Green Bay Conservation Corps (GBCC) Opportunities**

- On September 12, GBCC will host a volunteer event in celebration of the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and for America's 250th anniversary. The event is from 10 AM to 2 PM at John Muir Park. Volunteers will remove invasive buckthorn and turn it into biochar in our large kilns. The biochar will be used as a soil additive when planting trees throughout Green Bay.
- GBCC is recruiting for Fall 2026 crew member positions! Join the City of Green Bay to enhance the Green Bay Parks and Greenways through an AmeriCorps program. See the attached position description for benefits and examples of duties.

F. Informational.

1. Clean Energy Work Group Update
2. Community Engagement Work Group
3. Waste Reduction Workgroup Update
4. Green Bay Conservation Corps Update
5. Resiliency Coordinator Report
6. Next Meeting: September 16, 2026

G. Adjournment.

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, August 19, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.greenbaywi.gov
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Sustainability Commission meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.



Report to the
Sustainability Commission
of the City of Green Bay

MEETING DATE

August 19, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # D.I

Approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2026 meeting.

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Sustainability Minutes 07 16 2026



MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026, 5:00 PM

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- I. Members: Chair- Christa Kananen, Vice Chair- Ned Dorff, Alder Joey Prestley, Julia Noordyk, Jenny Brinker, Daniela Beall, Jeanette Knill, Marissa Michalkiewicz, Staff person- Maria Otto

Present: Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill

Excused: Marissa Michalkiewicz

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Thursday, July 16, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Moved by Daniela Beall, seconded by Jeanette Knill to approve the agenda.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, No-None, Abstain-None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- I. Approval of the minutes from the May 20, 2026 meeting.

Moved by Jeanette Knill, seconded by Daniela Beall to approve the minutes.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, No-None, Abstain-None.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- I. Daniela Beall will be moving out of state to be closer to family and this is her last Sustainability Commission meeting. Thank you for your service to the City of Green Bay!

2. Nominations are now open for the 2026 Fox-Wolf Impact Awards!
Nominate here: <https://forms.gle/HBsGdQUGoXwsZnYr7>

These awards recognize outstanding individuals, communities, organizations, businesses, programs, and groups working to protect, restore, and sustain the water resources of the Fox-Wolf River Basin in Northeast Wisconsin. We encourage you to consider nominating a deserving partner, business, colleague, or community member making a meaningful impact in our watershed.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS.

- I. Consideration with possible action to refer to the Parks Committee the proposed revisions to Section 28-3 of the Green Bay Municipal Code relating to the harvesting of edible plants, fruits, nuts, and seeds on City-owned park lands, as presented in the draft ordinance.

Moved by Ned Dorff, seconded by Christa Kananen to approve referring the proposed revisions to Section 28-3 relating to harvesting edible plants, including fruits and seeds, on city-owned park lands to the Parks Committee.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, No-None, Abstain-None.

G. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Waste Reduction Workgroup Update

Jeanette Knill provided updates from June and July 2026.

2. Climate Resilience Workgroup

Julia Noordyk provided timely updates about increasing the number of river gages on the East River. Monitoring data would be used to develop a flood warning system for the East River watershed. East River Collaborative and UW Sea Grant are coordinating the effort with local governments, including Brown County.

3. Next Meeting: August 19, 2026

H. ADJOURNMENT.

1. Adjournment of the Thursday, July 16, 2026, meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Moved by Daniela Beall, seconded by Jeanette Knill to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Ned Dorff, Christa Kananen, Jenny Brinker, Joey Prestley, Daniela Beall, Julia Noordyk, Maria Otto, Jeanette Knill, No-None, Abstain-None.

FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Home Electrification: Who, What, and Why



Join us for a free educational seminar and learn the fundamentals of replacing traditional gas-powered appliances with efficient electric alternatives.

DATE Tuesday, September 22, 2026
TIME 6:00 - 7:15 PM
PLACE Menasha Public Library
440 1st Street
Menasha, WI 54952
COST FREE



**SCAN ME
TO RSVP**

VISIT www.bit.ly/menasha-electrification

Curious about home electrification?

Explore electric appliances and technologies and learn how they can fit into your home's energy needs and sustainability goals in this beginner-friendly seminar. Plus, find out what rebates and incentives are available for electric upgrades.

**** GIVEAWAY ****

One attendee will go home with a free Ryobi 15in. Battery Powered Trimmer!



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GREEN BAY CONSERVATION CORPS



AMERICA 250 VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

September 12th | 10 AM to 2 PM | John Muir Park

Volunteer to improve this vital neighborhood park
and make space for a nature trail through the woods!

For questions, contact Maria Otto, Conservation Corps Coordinator at 920-448-3386



GREEN BAY CONSERVATION CORPS CREW MEMBER – 2026

General Description

Join the City of Green Bay to enhance the Green Bay Parks and Greenways through an AmeriCorps program. Conservation Corps members are responsible for restoration efforts, including the following:

- 15% Trail maintenance
- 25% Native plantings and maintenance
- 25% Habitat restoration
- 10% Volunteer and education outreach
- 15% Training and job development
- 10% Mapping and survey efforts

Schedule:

8-month, 6-month and 3-month limited-term positions available
Monday - Thursday, 8 AM – 5:30 PM; Friday 8 AM – 12 PM. Average 40 hours per week. Optional weekend work available.

START DATE: September 21, 2026

Opportunities to sign on for additional terms.

Benefits:

- Living allowance (\$975 biweekly)
- Segal Education Award after completing your term
- Childcare assistance
- Training and certifications (up to 20% of time)
- Schedule flexibility
- Free Metro Bus Pass

Examples of Duties

- Maintain, improve, and create trail systems through grading, mulching, and vegetation removal. Remove flooding debris near river trails when necessary.
- Assist in construction projects such as building/replacing boardwalks and/or building fences.
- Complete plant maintenance and installation work including grading, seeding, watering, weeding, mulching, and trimming. Plants trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- Perform general greenhouse maintenance including planting, watering, thinning, and pesticide applications when necessary.
- Collect native seeds throughout park system.
- Remove invasive species by cutting, hand pulling, and/or herbicide applications.
- Map various habitats, invasive species, and trail systems. Conduct vegetation and wildlife surveys.
- Plan, organize, and implement community events to include volunteer days, days of service, and educational programming.
- Keep accurate daily records as instructed.
- Follow all policies, procedures, and the philosophy that is set forth by the City of Green Bay Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department.



GREEN BAY CONSERVATION CORPS CREW MEMBER – 2026

Minimum Qualifications Required

- Must be 17+ years old
- Willingness to work on crews comprised of people from different backgrounds in various environmental conditions.
- Valid Wisconsin driver's license and good driving record – Preferred.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

- Knowledge of park and trail maintenance practices and procedures, including equipment maintenance. Knowledge of safety practices related to general labor and equipment operation.
- Skills and knowledge of cleaning and maintenance. Skill and ability to operate and maintain Department equipment and tools. Skill and ability to keep routine records.
- Considerable ability in following oral directions. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships. Ability to work the required hours of the position.
- Ability to work up to 10 hours per day for 5-6 consecutive days in outdoor locations.

Physical Requirements:

Ability to perform the following activities:

1. Lifting and carrying up to 30 pounds.
2. Frequent walking, standing, bending, and lifting.
3. Ability to focus for long period of time on projects.
4. Ability to work in varied environmental conditions.



Report to the Sustainability Commission of the City of Green Bay

MEETING DATE

August 19, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # F.1

Clean Energy Work Group Update

BACKGROUND

The 2026 Sustainability Commission work plan includes the Clean Energy Workgroup to provide three outreach touchpoints to the Large Energy Users workgroup to advance the City's Clean Energy Plan by year-end 2026.

As outlined in the Clean Energy Plan, business energy use, particularly natural gas consumption, accounts for the majority of carbon emissions in the community. The plan is available here:

[https://www.greenbaywi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11383/Clean-Energy-Green-Bay-July-2024?bidId=.](https://www.greenbaywi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11383/Clean-Energy-Green-Bay-July-2024?bidId=)

In response, our workgroup invested in efforts that help businesses reduce both energy use and carbon emissions, complementing previous Clean Energy Connector initiatives that focused primarily on residential energy-saving actions.

As part of this work, an update was emailed to the Large Energy Users Roundtable (Workgroup) on August 3, 2026. This was the second of three updates planned for the year. The update included Focus on Energy program results, which continue to show strong growth. In 2025, 137 businesses participated in the program. Since 2023, participating businesses have generated more than 86 million kWh in annual electricity savings and 1.68 million therms in annual natural gas savings.

The update also highlighted a Nature-Based Solutions Toolkit developed by the Sustainable Business Council. The toolkit provides practical resources to help Green Bay area businesses improve resilience, reduce environmental impacts, and create long-term value.

RECOMMENDATION

Place on file the Large Energy Users workgroup update.

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

1. Focus on Energy Green Bay Participation Data
2. Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) Toolkit

3. Resources Shared through the City of Green Bay Large Energy User Roundtable- Aug 2026

City of Green Bay Focus on Energy Participation Data 2023-2025		2023	2024	2025	Total
Residential Participation & Savings	City of Green Bay Residential Program Participation*	3,876	4,408	5,216	13,500
	Wisconsin Residential Program Participation	130,429	150,302	144,824	425,555
	City of Green Bay Residential Electricity Savings (kWh)	1,500,607	1,673,797	1,303,283	4,477,687
	Wisconsin Residential Electric Savings (kWh)	93,632,735	57,954,530	53,079,169	204,666,434
	City of Green Bay Residential Natural Gas Savings (therms)	171,650.00	224,431	268,610	664,691
	Wisconsin Residential Natural Gas Savings (therms)	8,616,618	742,064	8,056,150	17,414,832
Business Participation & Savings	City of Green Bay Business Program Participation*	111	116	137	364
	Wisconsin Business Participation	3,319	3,430	3,882	10,631
	City of Green Bay Business Electricity Savings (kWh)	6,599,693	72,100,815	7,639,300	86,339,808
	Wisconsin Business Electric Savings (kWh)	373,886,604	38,731,848	348,404,967	761,023,419
	City of Green Bay Business Natural Gas Savings (therms)	347,887	730,594	605,483	1,683,964
	Wisconsin Business Natural Gas Savings (therms)	15,581,886	10,940,253	14,624,137	41,146,276
Total Participation & Savings	City of Green Bay Total Participation*	3,983	4,522	5,351	13,856
	Wisconsin Total Participation	133,639	153,656	148,655	435,950
	City of Green Bay Total Electrical Savings (kWh)	11,100,300	73,774,612	8,942,583	93,817,495
	Wisconsin Total Electrical Savings (kWh)	467,519,340	445,273,178	411,969,136	1,324,761,654
	City of Green Bay Total Natural Gas Savings (therms)	519,537	730,594	874,094	2,124,225
	Wisconsin Total Natural Gas Savings	24,198,504	1,836,018	22,680,288	48,714,810
Renewable Energy Generation	City of Green Bay Renewable Participation Count	26	33	43	102
	Wisconsin Renewable Participation Count	3,176	2,665	2,378	8,219
	City of Green Bay Renewable Savings (kWh)	736,411	644,394	2,167,980	3,548,785
	Wisconsin Renewable Savings (kWh)	89,245,516	56,778,303	61,261,942	207,285,761
*Participants were counted as an entity that participated in one or more Focus on Energy offerings. I.e., a customer who participated in more than one Focus on Energy offering would be counted as "one" participant.					
All savings (kWh and therms) are reported as annual savings, not lifecycle savings					
Data pulled and processed on 01/07/2026					

Participation

Incentives

Income Tier

Controls

StartDate 01/01/2023

EndDate 05/14/2026

CommunityCounty All

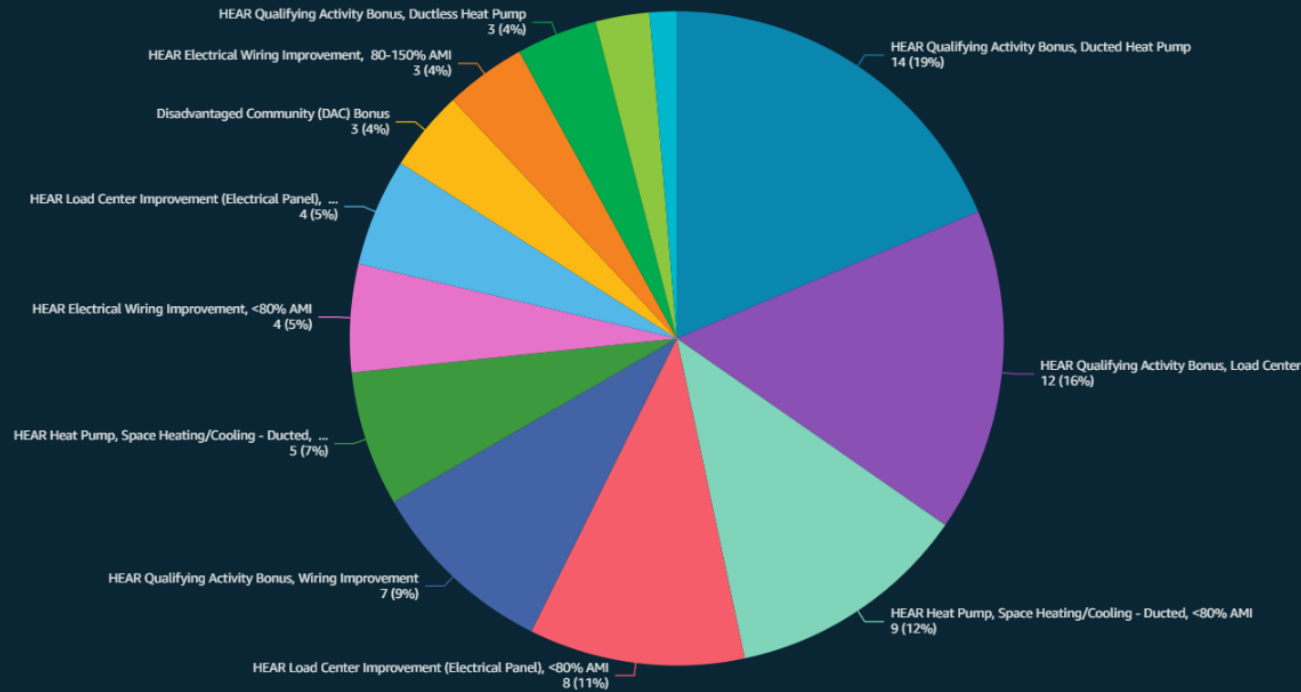
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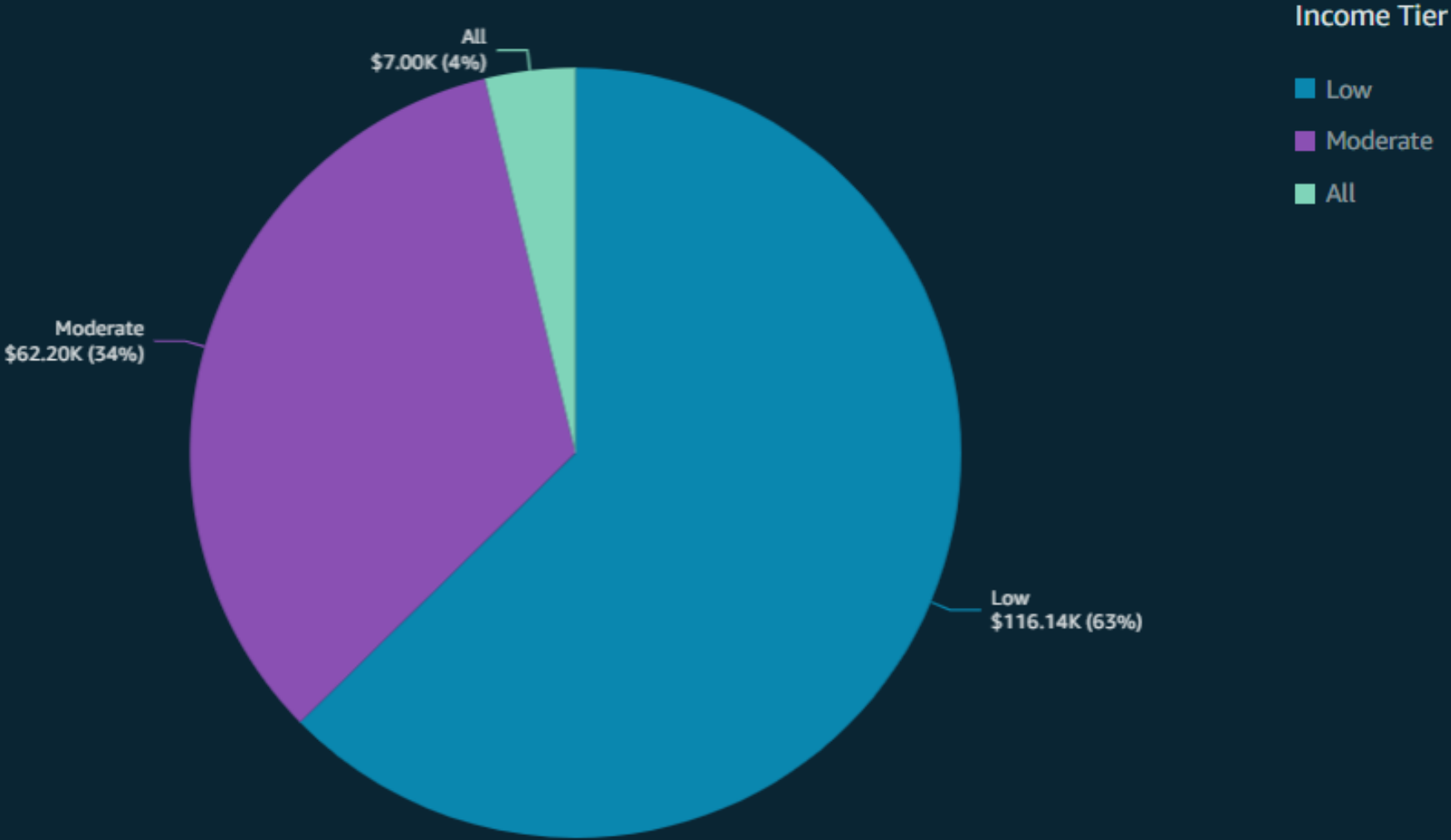
Site Street (Count distinct)

Project Type

- HEAR Qualifying Activity Bonus, Ducted Heat Pump
- HEAR Qualifying Activity Bonus, Load Center
- HEAR Heat Pump, Space Heating/Cooling - Ducted, <80% AMI
- HEAR Load Center Improvement (Electrical Panel), <80% AMI
- HEAR Qualifying Activity Bonus, Wiring Improvement
- HEAR Heat Pump, Space Heating/Cooling - Ducted, 80-150% AMI
- HEAR Electrical Wiring Improvement, <80% AMI
- HEAR Load Center Improvement (Electrical Panel), 80-150% AMI
- Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Bonus
- HEAR Electrical Wiring Improvement, 80-150% AMI
- HEAR Qualifying Activity Bonus, Ductless Heat Pump
- HEAR Heat Pump, Space Heating/Cooling - Ductless, 80-150% AMI
- HEAR Heat Pump, Space Heating/Cooling - Ductless, <80% AMI



Total Incentives by Income Tier



Group By: Income Tier
Size: Total Incentive (Sum)

**focus on energy**

Partnering with Wisconsin utilities

Community Participation Dashboard - IRA HER

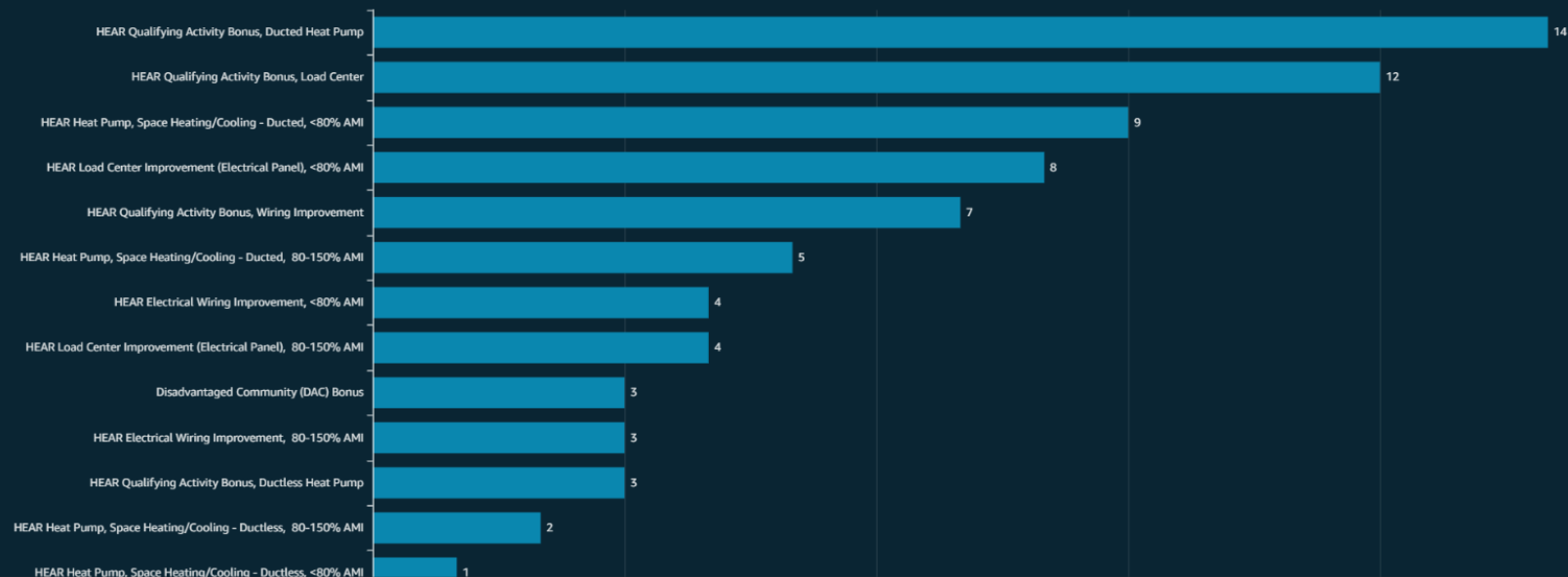
This dashboard is designed for Administration staff to share summarized community participation and incentives paid. Participation is a distinct count of customer site address. Results generated in this Dashboard may be slightly different than other published FOCUS ON ENERGY® reports such as the Focus on Energy Annual Evaluation Reports due to different filtering criteria. For any questions or clarifications, please contact Brady.Steigauf@focusonenergy.com



Total Participation by Household (Site Street)

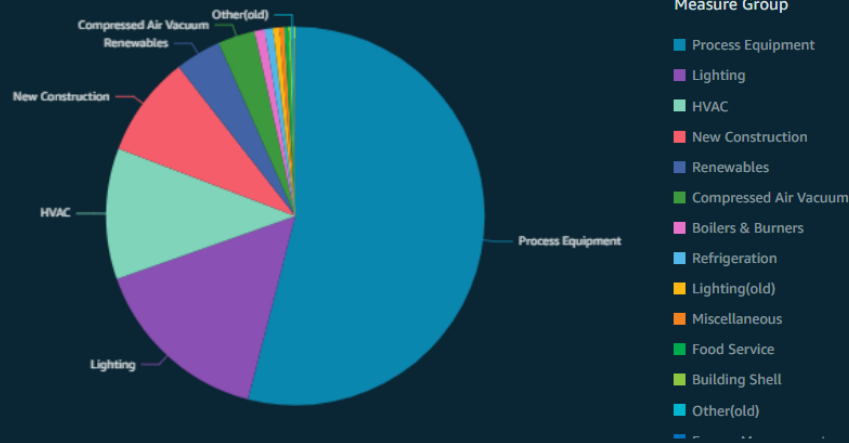
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Participation by Project Type



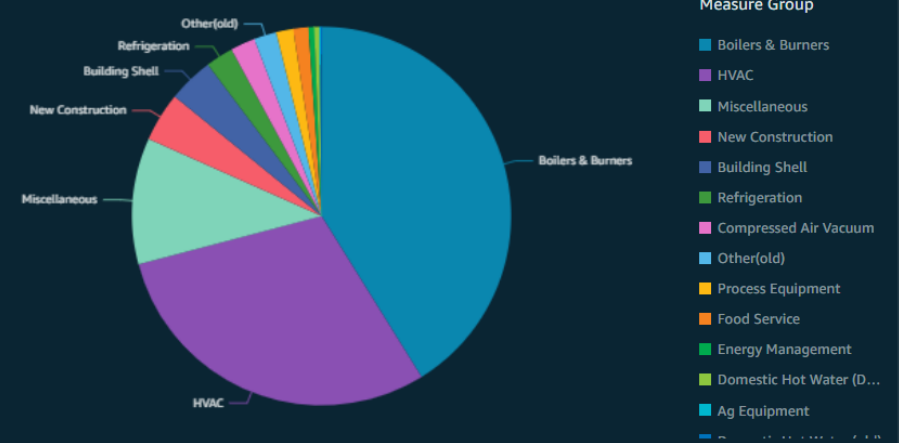
kWh Savings by Measure Group

SHOWING TOP 20 IN MEASURE GROUP



Therm Savings by Measure

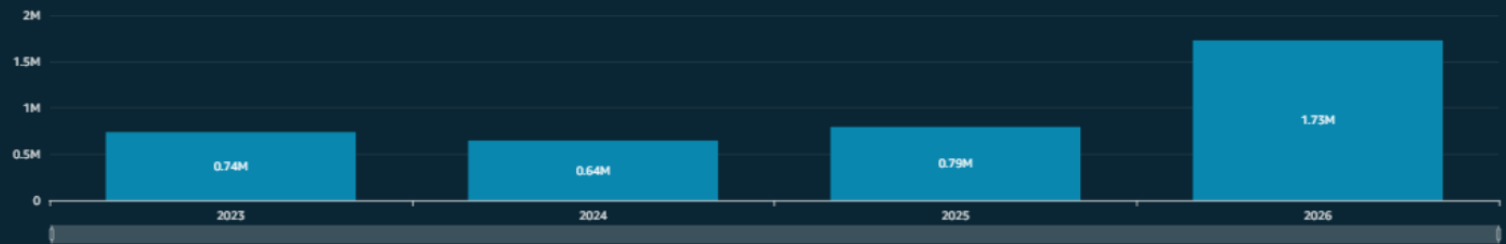
SHOWING TOP 20 IN MEASURE GROUP



Sum of Renewable kWh Savings Only

3,901,055.3

Renewable kWh Savings (FY - Annual)





NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NBS) TOOLKIT

**A Practical Guide for Businesses to Improve Resilience,
Reduce Environmental Impact, and Create Long-Term Value**

JULY 2026

Developed by the Sustainable Business Council (SBC) with support from the Daybreak Fund for Lake Michigan. To learn more, visit www.SustainableBusinessCouncil.org

OVERVIEW



Sustainability is a way of growing your business and maintaining long-term resilience by intentionally managing your environmental and social impacts.

Effective environmental management begins with understanding how your business:

- Uses resources
- Generates waste
- Consumes energy
- Interacts with natural systems

Once you identify your highest priority impacts, you can track performance over time and set meaningful, achievable improvement goals. The key is prioritizing the issues that matter most to your operations, customers, employees, community, and other stakeholders - the people and organizations affected by your business.

WHAT ARE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS?

Nature-based solutions (NBS) are practical actions that work with natural systems to improve environmental performance and business resilience.

Examples include:

- Managing stormwater with green infrastructure
- Reducing heat through tree canopy
- Restoring habitats to improve land value and ecosystem health
- Turning organic waste into usable resources

Key benefit: They reduce environmental impact while creating long-term business value.

By starting small and focusing on controllable actions, businesses can integrate NBS into everyday operations and build resilience over time.

INDEX OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



The following examples highlight nature-based solutions that businesses can implement to advance sustainability goals. These topics are explored in greater detail throughout the toolkit, including guidance on benefits, applications, and management strategies.

ENERGY & GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG)

- On-site energy generation from renewable sources (e.g., solar)
- Daylighting: using natural sunlight to light indoor spaces
- Tree planting and shading
- Green roofs, walls, and facades
- Indoor courtyards and "green zones"

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Reduce single-use materials
- Material circularity systems (waste to resource)
- Composting/vermicomposting
- Anaerobic digestion

WATER STEWARDSHIP

- Blue roofs: roofs designed to hold and slowly release stormwater
- Rain gardens: landscaped areas designed to capture and absorb rainwater
- Permeable surfaces: vegetated blocks & pavers, porous pavement, etc.
- Landscaping with native plants
- Infiltration basins & strips
- Wetland restoration and/or construction
- Riparian buffers

BIODIVERSITY & LAND USE

- Prairie, wetland, and shoreline restoration
- Connected natural habitats (e.g., pollinator corridors and wildlife pathways)
- Native and diversified plantings
- Invasive species removal
- Soil health practices
- Pollinator habitat establishment
- Urban forestry and tree canopy enhancement

ENERGY & GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) MANAGEMENT



What It Means

Energy management involves measuring, tracking, and optimizing energy use across operations, including:

- Electricity
- Fossil fuels (natural gas, diesel)
- Renewables (solar, wind, geothermal)

Since non-renewable energy use is often the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, reducing non-renewable energy demand directly lowers emissions.

How Businesses Manage Energy

- Track usage (utility bills, fuel records)
- Analyze trends over time
- Normalize metrics (e.g., energy per sq. ft.)
- Establish a baseline
- Set reduction targets

Role of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)

NBS help reduce energy costs and carbon emissions while enhancing the experience of people who visit, live, and work in buildings.

Key Strategies

- Tree planting for shading and cooling
- Green roofs and walls for insulation
- Daylighting to reduce lighting demand
- Natural ventilation

Business Benefits

- Lower cooling and heating costs
- Improved employee comfort and productivity
- Reduced emissions

What It Means

Waste management involves understanding and responsibly handling the materials your organization discards, with a focus on reducing waste generation and diverting materials from landfills through prevention, reuse, recycling, and recovery.

Waste Management hierarchy:

1. Prevention
2. Reduction
3. Reuse
4. Recovery
5. Disposal (last resort)

How Businesses Manage Waste

- Conduct waste audits to determine what types of wastes are being generated and how they are being disposed of (e.g., landfill, recycling, composting)
- Measure:
 - Total waste from all sources
 - Waste intensity: the amount of waste generated relative to a business activity (e.g., revenue, production output, square footage, number of employees)
 - Landfill diversion: the percentage of total waste that does not end up in a landfill

Role of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)

NBS convert waste into valuable resources using natural processes.

Key Strategies

- Composting
- Vermicomposting
- Anaerobic digestion (waste → energy + fertilizer)

Business Benefits

- Reduced disposal costs

WATER STEWARDSHIP



What it Means

Water stewardship means understanding and managing your company's impact on the quantity and quality of shared water resources in your community.

How Businesses Manage Water

- Measure:
 - Intake: water that enters the facility
 - Discharge: water that leaves the facility
 - Consumption: water that enters the facility but is not discharged
 - Stormwater runoff: water from precipitation (rain, snowfall, etc.); especially critical because it is not treated before entering waterways.
- Identify:
 - Supply risks
 - Regulatory pressures
 - Opportunities for improved efficiency and/or water reuse

Role of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)

NBS supports water stewardship efforts by improving infiltration, storage, and water quality.

Key Strategies

- Rain gardens
- Bioswales
- Permeable pavement
- Tree planting
- Native vegetation
- Wetland restoration

Business Benefits

- Reduced flooding risk
- Lower stormwater fees
- Improved water quality

What It Means

Biodiversity & Land Use refers to the variety of life in ecosystems and how land is managed and developed. Changes in land use, such as conversion of natural habitats for development, agriculture, or infrastructure expansion, can significantly impact:

- Habitat quality
- Species diversity
- Ecosystem resilience and stability

How Businesses Manage Impacts

- Track land use changes in your own operations and your supply chain
- Assess impacts on ecosystems from your operations and sourcing activities
- Apply the mitigation hierarchy to manage impacts to ecosystems
 - Avoid
 - Minimize
 - Restore
 - Offset

Role of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)

NBS help restore and enhance ecosystems while improving land value.

Key Strategies

- Prairie and grassland restoration
- Wetland and shoreline restoration
- Pollinator corridors
- Native vegetation planting
- Invasive species removal

Business Benefits

- Improved community resilience
- Enhanced aesthetics and brand value
- Better stormwater management
- Increased property value

CONTRACTORS & VENDORS



ENERGY & GHG

Focus on Energy

<https://focusonenergy.com/>

- Energy audits, incentives, and contractor connections
- Supports solar and efficiency upgrades

Faith Technologies

<https://www.faithtechinc.com/brands/faith-technologies/>

- Renewable energy and infrastructure
- Solar, microgrids, low-carbon solutions

Full Spectrum Solar

<https://fullspectrumssolar.com/>

- Turnkey solar installations

WASTE MANGEMENT

Greener Bay Compost

<https://www.gbcompost.com/about/>

- Compost collection and processing

NLC Energy

<https://nlcenergy.com/food-beverage/>

- Anaerobic digestion (waste → energy)

Vanguard Renewables

<https://www.vanguardrenewables.com/>

- Large-scale food waste-to-energy systems

United Recycling Solutions

<https://unitedrecyclingsolutions.com/services/>

- Recycling systems, material recovery

WATER STEWARDSHIP

AQUALIS

<https://aqualisco.com/our-locations/wisconsin/>

- Stormwater and green infrastructure

WATER STEWARDSHIP(CONT.)

EC3 Environmental Consulting Group

<https://www.ec3grp.com/>

- Restoration and native planting services

NES Ecological Services

<https://neswi.com/>

- Rain gardens, habitat restoration, invasive control
- Offices: Green Bay & Stevens Point

Wisconsin Permeable Pavers

<https://wisconsinpermeablepavers.com/>

- Permeable pavement and stormwater infiltration

BIODIVERSITY & LAND USE

The Plant Gal

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/tknjbnw62z>

- Native landscaping, rain gardens, shoreline buffers
- Avg: ~\$550/month (project dependent)

Door County Prairie Company

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/tknjbnw62z>

- Prairie restoration

Door Landscape and Nursery

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/tknjbnw62z>

- Native landscaping, ecological site design

Nature Care Ecological Consulting

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/tknjbnw62z>

- Habitat restoration and planting

Extreme Custom Food Plots, LLC

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/tknjbnw62z>

- Native grass plantings, pollinator habitat

Tree of Life Forestry

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/tknjbnw62z>

- Reforestation and invasive removal

Resources Shared During the City of Green Bay Large Energy User Roundtable Meetings

- **Nature Based Solutions Handbook compiled as part of the Green Bay Sustainable Business Accelerator**
A practical guide for businesses on using nature-based solutions such as green infrastructure, renewable energy, water stewardship, waste reduction, and habitat restoration to improve resilience, reduce environmental impacts, and create long-term business value. This toolkit was developed through the Greater Green Bay Sustainability Accelerator program, an initiative led by the Wisconsin Sustainable Business Council to help organizations advance sustainability and resilience practices.

Link to website - Green Bay Accelerator-<https://www.wisconsinsustainability.com/gbaccelerator>

- **NWTC's DOE Industrial Assessment Center**
Commercial and Industrial Energy Assessment and Education program.
Link to website- [Wisconsin Energy Partnership](#)
- **Focus on Energy**
Statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy program
Link to website-[Focus on Energy](#)
Two new tools:
 - [Energy Advisor Directory](#) – lookup tool to find the correct Energy Advisor that customers or contractors can reach out to based on location and business type.
 - [Business Resources Tool](#) - easy to use navigation tool to help narrow down available rebates, incentives, and special offerings available to customers based on property type and project scope.
- **WPS Business Services and Programs**
Engage with energy services team members and potentially gain access to MyMeter access to hourly energy consumption, as well as tools such as ultrasonic leak detectors, infrared cameras, and more may be available for loan.
Link to website- [Business Savings | Wisconsin Public Service](#)
Link to MyMeter pilot - [MyMeter](#)
 - Electric only, at this time
 - AMI meter required
- **Solar Group Buy –Grow Solar Green Bay-Fox Valley.**
Green Bay is part of a Grow Solar group buy and education program offered by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. “The Oneida Nation, and the City of Green Bay, property owners in Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties can pool their buying power to secure significant discounts that make installing solar more affordable.”
Link to website-[Grow Solar Green Bay-Fox Valley](#)



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AGENDA ITEM # F.2

Community Engagement Work Group

BACKGROUND

Chairperson Kananen met with Mayor Genrich regarding City staffing to support sustainability initiatives. Noted budget constraints as a likely hindrance to adding head count. Instead, requested that Sustainability bring case-by-case situations to his attention so that he can evaluate existing staff capacity to support and make introductions as needed.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA ITEM # F.3

Waste Reduction Workgroup Update

BACKGROUND

The Work Group connected with Mark Walter, Business Development Manager for the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department, to discuss opportunities to refresh solid waste and recycling educational resources available to Green Bay residents, particularly as the new school year approaches.

- ☐ Single stream recyclable materials collected at Brown County's Transfer Facility get transported to the Tri-County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Appleton. Tri-County Recycling produces a Recycling Guide in English and Spanish, which can be downloaded here: <https://recyclemoretricity.org/recycling-guide/>
- ☐ Tri-County offers the **Betterbin** app, which allows users to scan product barcodes to determine how it should be disposed of in Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties.
- ☐ Tri-County has the Waste Wizard widget on its website. The Waste Wizard is a search tool that allows users to look up how to dispose of any waste material in Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties. Mark Walter has Tri-County branded magnets and stickers with QR codes for the Waste Wizard tool that are available upon request.
- ☐ Tri-County produced "The ABC's of Recycling Right" book that helps educate students about solid waste management and recycling. The book also includes 26 classroom activities to help reinforce the lessons taught throughout the book. Physical copies of the book can be requested. There is also a digital version of the book on the Tri-County website: <https://recyclemoretricity.org/educator-resources/>
- ☐ For Green Bay residents wanting to brush up on recycling skills, Tri-County offers a free introductory program called the "Tri-County Recycling's Recycle Right Master Class!" More information about the program and how to sign up go to : <https://recyclemoretricity.org/classes/>

2. Jeanette Knill plans to attend the next Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Clean Energy Committee meeting on September 8. Because the Waste Reduction Subcommittee has not met since its inaugural meeting on April 30 and a subsequent meeting has not yet been scheduled, Jeanette plans to add an agenda item to the Clean Energy Committee meeting to discuss recycling issues expressed by GBAPS.

RECOMMENDATION

To place on file the Waste Reduction work group update.

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Tri-County-Recycling-Guide-2025

These guidelines are applicable to residents and businesses located within Brown, Outagamie, or Winnebago Counties.

TOSS IT IN:



PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Cardboard & paperboard (flattened)
- Newspapers & inserts
- Office & school paper
- Envelopes, junk mail & catalogs
- Books & magazines
- Milk, juice & soup cartons



METAL

- Aluminum bottles, cans & cups
- Steel & tin cans



PLASTIC

- Household bottles, jugs & jars
- Dairy containers & lids
- Produce, bakery & deli containers & lids



GLASS

- Food & beverage bottles & jars

KEEP IT OUT:



PLASTIC

- Motor oil bottles
- Loose caps & lids
- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags, wraps & films



PAPER

- Shredded paper
- Tissue paper
- Pet food bags
- Paper cups



GLASS

- Mirrors
- Window glass
- Ceramics & china
- Drinking glassware



METAL

- Propane tanks
- Aluminum pans & foil
- Aerosol cans
- Empty paint cans
- Scrap metal & cookware
- Pet food cans

WHY WE HATE THE UGLY 8...



PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags, wraps & films are our #1 contaminant. Recycle items loosely and not in plastic bags! Take clean and dry plastic bags back to store drop-off collections.



SHREDDED PAPER

Shredded paper builds up in our equipment creating unnecessary maintenance & cleanup. Take confidential papers to a shredding event.



YUCK

Putting garbage, liquids, food, or 'wish-cycled' items in the recycling makes it harder and more costly to process clean recyclables. When in doubt, check our Waste Wizard tool, BetterBin app, or contact us.



TANKS

Tanks & compressed gas cylinders can contain small amounts of fuel and can ignite if damaged. Search "propane tank" in our Waste Wizard tool or BetterBin app to find proper drop-off locations.



SHARPS

Needles, lancets & syringes are the #1 safety concern for our sorting staff. Do not place sharps in your recycling or garbage! Visit: dnr.wi.gov and search "Sharps Collections" for proper drop-off locations.



TANGLERS

These materials are anything that wraps around our sorting equipment, such as cords, hoses & wires, creating unnecessary maintenance. Take these items to a drop-off location for proper recycling or place them in the garbage.



TEXTILES

Clothing, bedding & towels wrap around sorting equipment creating unnecessary maintenance. Donate textiles or if in poor condition place them in the garbage.



BATTERIES

Batteries & electronics are a fire hazard and should never go in recycling carts. Search "battery" or "electronic" in our Waste Wizard tool or BetterBin app to find proper drop-off locations.

USE THESE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RECYCLE RIGHT

**DOWNLOAD
THE BETTERBIN
APP IN ANY
APP STORE**



**SCAN TO USE
OUR WASTE
WIZARD
WEBSITE TOOL**





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AGENDA ITEM # F.4

Green Bay Conservation Corps Update

BACKGROUND

The Green Bay Conservation Corps (GBCC) wraps up its 4th program year on August 21st, 2026, celebrating a year of significant accomplishments in environmental restoration, community engagement, and conservation while building on that momentum with ambitious goals for the year ahead. From September 2025 to August 2026, the GBCC accomplished the following:

- Engaged 36 individuals from various backgrounds to serve on the GBCC; many participants served multiple terms on the crew. Members served a total of 22,261.75 hours.
- Leveraged approximately 200 volunteers for an estimated total of 500 service hours.
- Planted >8,000 native plants and spread 28.75 lbs. of native seeds across 3 acres. This completed the Pollinator Corridor goal of having native plantings within 0.5 miles of each other.
- Gave away 4,000 native plants to Green Bay residents and local schools.
- Removed invasive species across 200 acres, returning to the same area multiple times throughout the year. This included cutting 82,400 woody invasive plants and pulling 16,150 gallons of invasive vegetation.
- Produced 1,050 gallons of biochar soil amendment.
- Conducted 72 frog/toad surveys and completed weekly bumblebee surveys throughout the summer.
- Inventoried all vegetation at Red Smith Park for restoration monitoring.
- Established a 0.5-mile loop trail with storybook signage at Red Smith Park and maintained 1 mile of mulched trails.

The GBCC secured the next 3-year AmeriCorps grant, which will sustain the program through August 2029. In the next program year (September 2026 – August 2027), the GBCC aims to:

- Engage 50 individuals from various backgrounds to serve a total of 27,450 hours.
- Leverage 300 volunteers for a total of 750 service hours.
- Plant 10,000 native plants and spread 150 lbs. of native seed across 15 acres.
- Give away 2,500 native plants to Green Bay residents and schools.
- Remove invasive species across 250 acres.
- Produce 1,250 gallons of biochar.
- Conduct 72 frog/toad surveys, weekly bumblebee surveys, and monthly bat surveys.
- Inventory 3 parks.

RECOMMENDATION

To place on file the Green Bay Conservation Corps Update.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA ITEM # F.5

Resiliency Coordinator Report

BACKGROUND

Projects to be discussed:

- East River Emilie Park
- East River Van Beaver
- Connect the Bay
- DPW rooftop solar projects

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and place on file.

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None