

EAB 2022 Proposed Goals from Board Members

- Encourage beautification of Retention Areas by planting indigenous trees, flora and fauna that attracts natural wildlife habitat (think mini Nature Preserves) and cleans (de-nitrification) stormwater prior to discharge to canals and ultimately Myakka River/Myakkahatchee Creek and Charlotte Harbor.
 - Benefits: clean air, clean water, bird migration/nesting, soil erosion protection, social/public interaction, seasonal blooming beauty.
- Encourage beautification/care of Swales.
- Consider an I-75 Animal/Wildlife Habitat Corridor/Crossing.
- Encourage Committee to consider the creation of more outdoor Disc Golf Courses; 1st area of consideration: Myakkahatchee.
- Enforce Land Clearing Signage; Ensure consistency in usage and application.
- Encourage the elimination of plastic bags and straws in North Port; Suggest alternatives, e.g. paper straws.
- Encourage Planning and Zoning Division, when permitting, to avoid clear cutting land during nesting seasons, protecting beyond just the Scrub Jay population.
- Participate in Green Space Conservancy in neighborhoods with residents through partnerships with, but not limited to, People for Trees, Inc., the Environmental Conservancy of North Port, Florida Native Plant Society, our Chairperson, Ms. Luke, etc....
- Develop a Social Media presence to promote local and worldwide environmental events such as, but not limited to, April 22 Earth Day, Earth Hour, Coastal Clean-ups, North Port Tree Sales, North Port Enviro Events, etc...
- Propose the installation of super pollinator Bee Stations and Butterfly Gardens around city buildings and parks, using tree funds.
- Initiate/Participate in Canal/Waterway Clean-ups.
- Influence/Justify the need for a baseline study of Canal/Waterway sediment and water quality to be compared to future samples to maintain healthy waterways and take action to mitigate pollutant loading trends.
- Create a “Hazard/Educational Guide” for existing and new residents of North Port that identifies the good, the bad, the ugly of our natural wildlife and flora/fauna (think snakes, spiders, alligators, lizards, poison ivy, poison oak, oleander, Mexican clover, etc....).
- Create an alliance and ongoing collaboration w/ Science Depts. in NP High Schools to help identify/solve Environmental issues.
- Encourage the Committee to consider the creation of Geo Caching in our local parks using environmental fun facts to lead people to the prizes.
- Buy green lots with city funding.

EAB Potential Goals Associated w/the Powers & Duties of the EAB

For Consideration Below:

- *What fits where, in our level of influence? (bucketed below by categories of duties/function)*
- *What doesn't fit ever? (look down below the line)*
- *What doesn't fit now, but could be a future goal? (bucketed below w/asterisk **** to identify potential future goal)?*

Powers & Duties of EAB: "The Environmental Advisory Board shall serve as an Information resource to and advise the City Commission on ways to Protect, Conserve, Enhance and Raise Public Awareness of the city's natural and environmental resources, its wildlife habitat, its flora and fauna, and on safeguarding environmental quality for the future." (City Code Ch. 4-182)

Items & ideas can be (must be) reasonably accomplished/discussed by the EAB in meetings. Action items seem to best fall within "Powers and Duties of the Board" (City Code Ch. 4-182) when they can be used to steer or advise the commission to adopt policy or ordinance, not suggest specific tasks or actions for the Commission to perform.

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Advise the Commission on State & Federal Environmental Regulations having Impact on the City (Ch. 4-182)

Analyze and Consider Environmental Concerns Raised by Citizens (Ch. 4-182)

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Identify Educational & Outreach Community Opportunities related to preserving/protecting environment/wildlife/habitat (Ch. 4-182)

Research and Recommend Grants & Incentives (Ch. 4-182)

Advise the City Commission on Trees: Planting, Care, Landscaping, Beautification of Public Rights-of-way and Public Spaces, Grant Opportunities, Special Programs to Assist the Public (Ch. 4-182)

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Perform other Duties Directed by City Commission to Preserve/protect Environment, Wildlife Habitat, Trees, Landscaping and Beautification (Ch. 4-182)

Below the line: not a goal of the NP EAB

The following items do not appear to fall within “Powers and Duties of the Board” as specified in City Code Ch. 4-182.

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