

Bloomington Environmental Commission Meeting

Public Notice for Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6pm

This meeting will be held in the Hooker Conference Room (Suite #245, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St) and may also be accessed via Zoom at the following link:

[Bloomington Environmental Commission Zoom Link](#)¹

As a quorum of this Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

Bloomington Environmental Commission meetings can be watched on the following websites:

- [Link to CATS TV](#) can be found here: <https://catstv.net/index.php>

Materials for this meeting can be found on the [Bloomington Environmental Commission's website](#)².

Board Membership

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, and in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Commission Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
Carrie Albright	Mayor	02/01/2026	02/01/2026-01/31/2028
Heidi Brown	Mayor	08/29/2025	02/01/2025-01/31/2027
Matt Caldie	Mayor	02/01/2025	02/01/2025-01/31/2027
Adam Fudickar	Common Council	03/05/2025	02/01/2025-01/31/2027
Karl Gaisser	Common Council	03/04/2026	02/01/2025-01/31/2027
Shannon Gayk	Common Council	02/01/2026	02/01/2026-01/31/2028
Adam Martinez	Common Council	02/01/2025	02/01/2025-01/31/2027

¹ Zoom Link:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/8657231124?pwd%3DmPqboSiD0AhVwK SgkuW2aO7NHixihO.1%26omn%3D81563021562&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1774096922177101&usg =AOvVaw1kHWcvSnKwgoBVFFYCopfj>

²Bloomington Environmental Commission website: <https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/environment>

Commission Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
Justin Meschter	Common Council	03/04/2026	02/01/2026-01/31/2028
Mitchell Owens	Common Council	02/01/2026	02/01/2026-01/31/2028
Vacancy	Mayor	Not Applicable	02/01/2025-01/31/2027
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Agenda

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. Approval of April 16, 2026 Agenda*
- B. Approval of March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes*
 - a. [March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes Link](#)³

3. Public Comments

Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

4. New Business

- A. Working Group Reorganization Discussion
- B. Tree Commission
 - a. Application*
 - 1. [Karl Gaisser Tree Commission Application Link](#)⁴

5. Old Business

- A. Handbook Discussion*
 - a. [Bloomington Environmental Commission Handbook Link](#)⁵
- B. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience - Capstone Update
 - a. Presentation to be held in Council Chambers on April 28, 2026 at 5:30pm

³ March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eXcgzA23rPycw3qFZUabS2pD1opYvKnOWhFtvjd2aY8/edit?usp=sharing>

⁴ Karl Gaisser Tree Commission Application Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c3B0qjNpN3x8Txng4dDhy28OnfG0uGP7vDxHtcYNAYE/edit?usp=sharing>

⁵ Bloomington Environmental Commission Handbook Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I-6-4npsdNpZ5hIMTq0f8BO-i3lKi58OmW1Ms2xKiAg/edit?usp=sharing>

1. Confirm attendance
- C. Working Group Updates
- a. Biodiversity Working Group
 - b. Eco-Heroes Working Group
 1. Update on 2026 Eco-Heroes Art Contest
 - c. Environmental Commission Plan Committee (ECPC)
 - d. Light Pollution Working Group
 - e. Outreach and Education Working Group
 - f. Special Projects Working Group
 - g. Water Quality Working Group

6. Reports

- A. Tree Commission (TC)
- B. Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC)
- C. Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM)
- D. Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience (BCOSR)
- E. Monroe County - Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS)
- F. Clean Community Program
- G. Staff Reports
 - a. Celebrate Earth Day with IU Cinema Social Media Posts*
 1. [Celebrate Earth Day with IU Cinema Email Link](#)⁶ [3rd Party Material]
 2. [Earth Connection Film Festival Flyer Link](#)⁷ [3rd Party Material]

7. Commissioner Announcements

8. Upcoming Events

- A. Earth Day – Saturday, April 18, 2026 12pm - 3:30pm
 - a. 12pm to 3:30pm at Switchyard Park Pavilion, 1601 S Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN
 - b. Vendor set up begins at 10:30am
 - c. Contact Carrie Albright with any questions

9. Upcoming Meeting

- A. May 21, 2026, 6:00pm, Hooker Conference Room at Bloomington City Hall, Zoom and CATS

⁶ Celebrate Earth Day with IU Cinema Email Link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mJaZu_7p26CfIXSvWeZ1_Z-YK_BZNzRv/view?usp=drive_link

⁷ Earth Connection Film Festival Flyer Link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/18nZd3K8d01_nBrQbLzYDnrI9od2nr1cU/view?usp=drive_link

10. Adjournment

* Item to be voted on

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