

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

FY 2027

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) is an all-volunteer board created by the City Council in 2006. The City Council deemed it in the public interest and affirmed the importance of protecting the environment by creating the board that provides the Council with expert and comprehensive advice on various matters related to environmental quality and safety.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The City of Raleigh's Strategic Plan outlines the City's key priorities and sets a clear path for future goals and actions. The Environmental Advisory Board and its initiatives are aligned with the following strategic objectives:

- ☐ **Community Safety**
- ☐ Economic Development & Innovation
- ☐ **Environmental Resilience**
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ **Organizational Excellence**
- ☐ **Quality of Life**
- ☐ Transportation

FY 26 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The board worked through multiple work plan items in FY2026. In addition to the recommendations that came from those board discussions, the EAB also:

- Selected the 19th Annual Environmental Award Winners. The awards celebration was held on April 24, 2026, during the Earth Day celebration at Dix Park. The Board's March meeting was designated to serve as the jury for the awards.
- Hosted a virtual education event in partnership with Raleigh Water and Sustainability featuring a nationally renowned keynote speaker with the goal to educate residents on forever chemicals. Nearly 75 attendees received tips and actions they can take in their everyday lives to reduce exposure.
- Received presentations from the following city departments, divisions, and offices:
 - Transportation (on micro-mobility and reducing vehicle-miles-traveled)
 - Planning and Development (on Raleigh's efforts to grow sustainably)
 - Housing and Community Development (on sustainability opportunities for affordable housing development)
 - Sustainability (on the annual Community Climate Action Plan Implementation Report & on construction and demolition policies and practices for City facilities)
 - Raleigh Water (on the City's proactive approach to combatting PFAS and other forever chemicals entering the City's water supply)
 - Solid Waste Services (on sustainability initiatives being undertaken by the Department under new leadership)
 - Information and Technology (on sustainable processes to manage the City's e-waste)

FY27 FOCUS AREAS

The Environmental Advisory Board work plan aligns with the Council-adopted Community Climate Action Plan, that seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, foster social impact and advancement, and build community resilience to the impacts of climate change. Board members will explore and share recommendations on a range of topics related to Raleigh's Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and related sustainability issues.

Project	Description	Strategic Plan Alignment	Target Date
Strategic Plan	Receive an update on the City's five-year Strategic Plan , specifically the Environmental Resilience Initiatives related to heat, flooding, and green stormwater infrastructure; and Transportation and Transit Initiatives related to enhancing mobility, accessibility, and safety.	Organizational Excellence	Fall 2026
Stormwater Planning Initiatives	Review the City's current Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) initiatives to better understand how Raleigh can continue to build on resilient infrastructure.	Environmental Resilience	Winter 2026
Land-Use Planning Initiatives	Review the upcoming 2050 Comprehensive Plan proposed policy recommendations related to environment, resilience, water resources, transportation, housing and other climate action related topics.	Organizational Excellence	Winter 2027
Raleigh Parks Planning Initiatives	Review the future Nash Square Public Realm Plan related to the environmental, clean energy and community amenities being considered for one of Raleigh's most iconic public spaces.	Quality of Life	Spring 2027
Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness	Review the City's Heat Safety and Preparedness work on how heat hazards are being incorporated into the City's preparedness, mitigation, and public safety priorities.	Community Safety	Summer 2027
Community Climate Action Plan	Receive an update on Raleigh's Community Climate Action Plan on the latest climate actions being implemented across the community by departments and partners.	Environmental Resilience	Spring 2027

Events

During the creation of the Environmental Advisory Board, City Council tasked the EAB to host Raleigh's annual Environmental Awards ceremony. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the Environmental Awards, which recognizes environmental champions across the community and highlights examples of impactful environmental action.

Education and Outreach

The Environmental Awards, mentioned above, is the EAB's major activity for education and outreach. The awards involve extensive outreach and education. Outreach includes working with the community on potential projects for consideration and communicating with residents, businesses, students, and more to encourage them to apply – and to educate on ways to consider incorporating more sustainable principles in projects generally. The education component involves lifting up the winners, who serve as examples of leadership in local environmental action.

BOARD OR COMMISSION MEMBERS

Environmental Advisory Board, September 2026

Scott Greenman, Chair
Denzel Burnside, Vice Chair
Veronica Bitting
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