

**Agenda**  
**Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)**  
**St. Joseph, MO**  
**May 20, 2020. 3:30 PM**  
This will be a Zoom meeting set up through City of St. Joseph

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Welcome and call to order

**Minutes**, April 29, review

**Roll call** by check-in

**Statement of purpose in recognition that we are a part of the Mayor's Climate Network**

This committee comes from a Resolution which states: *Resolved, That the City of Saint Joseph continue to expand on innovative environmental programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions*

- Goals:**
- Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
  - Plant and nurture trees
  - Decrease single-use plastics
  - Decrease greenhouse gas emissions

**Old Business:**

Sustainable Alliance of St. Joe (The Sustainable Alliance of St. Joe [would be] a group of vetted organizations, businesses, and educational facilities in St. Joseph which models, encourages, and supports sustainable environmental practices.)

- A. Planning is as per minutes, with coordination through MWSU Strategic Communication beginning the fall semester of 2020
- B. Other coordination, planning, as per committee decision, summer 2020
- C. Input from Council representatives and Chamber welcomed

Report from Martha Clark, ISA-Certified Arborist and consultant

- A. Report on tree planting regarding plan to order from Forest ReLeaf about 2 dozen trees for fall planting (pocket parks and neighborhood groups)
- B. Other

Recycling, St. Joseph

- A. Current status and concerns
- B. Other stakeholders — Jennifer Hall Melbourne and Robert Melbourne

Reports

- A. Mosaic — Sean DeWeese
- B. MWSU — Dr. Barta, Dr. Drake, Dr. Sawin
- C. Patrick Ruiz on City

**New and Ongoing Business**

- A. Upcoming monthly highlights
  - 1. May highlight postings about Blandings turtles — Dr. Mark Mills — via Dr. Drake — with thanks!!!!
  - 2. June: Establishing a pollinator friendly garden (to celebrate National Pollinator Week). Mary Jo Harris and Shelley White will coordinate with Harris-Kemper Neighborhood to highlight their work.

Kemper

- 3. July: Tips for water conservation. LuAnn Cadden will coordinate with Leah Swindler and Katie Bruegge with Water Protection, on Corby Wetlands

4. August: Back to school conservation tips. Work on encouraging sustainability in educational facilities. Possibilities are highlighting the work in collaboration with MO Conservation, of the 36 acres area which is being developed into a natural meadow or other

5. September: Reducing your carbon footprint (to celebrate Car Free Day)

One example of a carbon footprint calculator is [CoolClimate.org](http://CoolClimate.org), "a consortium of universities, businesses, governments, and non-profit organizations dedicated to the

*broad dissemination of climate solutions. We provide smart decision-making software tools and programs to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy. CoolClimate's top rated carbon calculator quickly identifies the unique opportunities each individual, business, organization or community holds to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and compares users to peers."*

6. October: Doing our part to battle climate change ( International Day of Climate Action)

7. November: Recycling tips (to celebrate America Recycles Day)

B. Promotion of SEAC through Media, Programming, etc.

C. Other including Public Comment

**Next meeting — June 17 , 3:30 PM, by Zoom**