



**Citizens for Sustainability**

Parks & Environmental Commission Update

September 12, 2022

 *Citizens working to create a resilient and sustainable community*

## Agenda

1. VillageFest Parade
2. Citizens Science
  - Wetland Health Evaluation
  - Pollinator Count
3. Creating Habitat
  - St. Anthony Pollinator Gardens
  - Stillwater Pollinator Gardens
  - Silverwood / Wilshire Park Buckthorn Removal
4. Focus for this Fall



## VillageFest Parade

Promoted Electric Vehicles



People are interested in:

- learning about available models
- incentives and affordability
- expanding charging networks



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## Wetland Health Evaluation Program

Annual Hennepin County evaluation of targeted wetlands



Wetlands are shrinking throughout the metro

Grass Lake, Minneapolis



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## Pollinator Count in Stillwater

Annual pollinator count organized by Pollinator Friendly Alliance



*Extended heat and drought are reducing the number of pollinators we expected to see*

Pine Point Park, Stillwater



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## Creating Habitat

- Helped plant pollinator garden at St. Anthony City Hall
- Helped refresh Butterfly gardens in Stillwater
- Removed Buckthorn at Silverwood Park and Wilshire Park



St. Anthony Village



Stillwater

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## Our Focus This Fall

1. Continue to Create Habitat
  - Help girl scout troop with new pollinator garden
  - Refresh plantings in the courtyard at Wilshire Park
  - Refresh plantings at Middle School
  - Plant trees at Nativity (Tree Canopy grant)
2. CFS goal planning for 2023
3. Advocate for climate action in 2023 SAV Goals



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## Our Request for Climate Action in 2023 Goals

1. Expand solar installation on Central Park pavilion rooftop
2. Take up efforts to reduce waste
  - Expand organics
  - Explore single-use bans
  - Promote grants within business communities
3. Prioritize public charging station in public space
4. Initiate outreach to promote energy and water reduction
5. Start a community-based effort to develop a bike/ped plan



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Questions?

