



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2025

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA

7:00 PM OR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION WORK SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of the Natural Resources Commission Meeting and Work Session Minutes from October 21, 2025.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **NEXT MEETING DATE**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**



Alpharetta Natural Resources
Commission Work Session
OCTOBER 21, 2025

ACTION SUMMARY

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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a. Natural Resources Commission Work Session began at 6:32pm in the First Floor Community Room at City Hall on October 21, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

a. Present were:

- i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Kate Tunison, Herb Velazquez, and Beth Ott
- ii. Staff: Terry Porter and David Shostak

3. WORK SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the adjournment of this Work Session, the Natural Resources Commission will convene and conduct its monthly meeting.

4. WORK SESSION ITEMS

a. Staff Reports

- i. Arborist Report by David Shostak
 - a) Discussed idea of conducting a tree canopy study to compare coverage from a decade ago prior to a spate of development in Alpharetta. Herb Velazquez mentioned speaking with a staff member who may have skill/experience to help with the study.
- ii. Environmental Programs Report by Terry Porter
 - a) Alpharetta's Rivers Alive Volunteer Cleanup event will take place this Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 8am to noon at Rock Mill Park. Projects will include litter pick-up and plantings.
 - b) November 8, 2025 - Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection for Alpharetta residents - participants must pre-register
 - c) November 15, 2025, is America Recycles Day - discussed putting information out on City's social media about recycling

b) Committee Reports

i. Wildlife Habitat / Alpharetta's Wild Side - The City is re-certified as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat for 2025.

5. ADJOURNMENT

a. A motion was made by Beth Ott to adjourn the NRC Work Session. The motion was seconded by Herb Velazquez. The motion passed unanimously. The work session ended at 7:28pm



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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Natural Resources Commission Meeting began at 7:29pm on the First Floor Community Room at City Hall on October 21, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

a. Present were:

- i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Kate Tunison, Herb Velazquez, and Beth Ott
- ii. Staff: Terry Porter and David Shostak

3. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. There are no meeting announcements

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Kate Tunison made a motion to approve the Natural Resources Commission meeting and work session minutes from September 16, 2025. The motion was seconded by Beth Ott. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Discussed participation requirements for NRC commissioners
- b. Discussed mission/purpose of NRC and how to accomplish NRC directives and mission
- c. Kate Tunison gave update on daffodil planting project

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussed trees that were cut down at Wills Park as a result of the construction of a new Wacky World playground and stormwater management area
- b. Mike Buchanan spoke about planting 8 trees at Innovation Academy campus. Discussion about placement and species of remaining trees to be planted and possible donation of trees by local nurseries

c. Kate Tunison and Mike Buchanan to meet with Chris Lagerbloom (instead of Mayor Jim Gilvin) regarding the NRC mission to preserve tree canopy

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. There was no public comment

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. The next NRC work session and meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

a. A motion was made by Herb Velazquez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kate Tunison. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm