



Alpharetta Natural Resources  
Commission Work Session  
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL  
2 PARK PLAZA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. The Natural Resource Commission Work Session began at 6:34pm in the First Floor Community Room on November 18, 2025.

2. ROLL CALL

a. Present were:

- i. Commissioners: Mike Buchanan, Herb Velazquez, Lindsey Ann Burnett, Ben Manley, and Kate Tunison
- ii. Staff: Terry Porter and David Shostak

3. WORK SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4. WORK SESSION ITEMS

a. Staff Updates

- i. Arborist Report-A Staff meeting was held regarding Boards and Commissions with Lauren Shapiro.
  - 1. At first meeting of the New Year the Chair and Co-Chair need to be voted on.
  - 2. Voting requires a quorum of 4 for the NRC.
  - 3. If the City Council Chambers are being used, the attached conference room will also be used.

Tree canopy resources can be made available. Information is provided through Fulton County. Herb will follow up with David about using these resources through GIS to help us be able to show the public about changes in the tree canopy over the last ten years.

ii. Environmental Programs

1. Saturday Jan 3, 2026 is our annual Bring One for the Chipper Christmas tree recycling event. The event takes place from 8:30am-3:00pm in the parking lot of The Home Depot on Windward Pkwy.
2. Community recycling collections for electronics and shredding have been scheduled for March 28, 2026.
3. The Great Christmas Bird Count is ongoing through Georgia Birds and Audubon Societies. This is a great family citizen science opportunity.
4. Alpharetta's fall Rivers Alive Watershed Cleanup was a success. Water quality awareness projects were accomplished and over 400 pounds of trash was removed.

b. Program Updates

i. Tree City USA

ii. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful

iii. Wildlife and Alpharetta's Wild Side

Atlanta Best Media will feature an article on Alpharetta's Wild Side soon.

iv. Tree Canopy and Preservation

Update of Green Cell and PRISM recycling option

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion was made to adjourn the work session at 7:28pm by Kate Tunison. The motion was seconded by Herb Velazquez. The motion passed unanimously.