



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OCTOBER 18, 2022

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM #121
2 PARK PLAZA
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. September Meeting Minutes
- IV. ARBORIST REPORT**
- V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS REPORT**
 - a. Environmental Programs Report October 2022
- VI. STRATEGIC PLANNING**
 - a. 2023 Strategic Work Plan Sheets
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Natural Resources Commission Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022

7:00pm – Alpharetta City Hall

I. Roll Call and announcements

- a. Present were Clay Jones, Geri Chapple, Ben Manley, Beth Ott, Dan Mitnick, Clifford Martin, Terry Porter, and special guest, James Drinkard.

I. August 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. August meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. Programs update

- a. 10/01/22 Community Sensitive Document Shredding Collection and Electronics Recycling Collection.
- b. 10/22/22 Rivers Alive Volunteer Cleanup We are expecting more students and are looking for new project ideas. Staging area is Rock Mill Park.
- c. 11/12/22 Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection

III. Strategic Planning

James Drinkard - Planning Session for Strategy and Implementation for future programs and outreach. The plan to be developed can be a tool when looking for additional community participation and funding

Process began with identifying the major operational areas the commission is tasked with. From there, goals and objective are outlined.

The Operational areas are:

- Tree Canopy and Preservation
- Recycling and Sustainability
- Clean Waterways
- Wildlife and Habitats

Worksheets prepared by James are attached with notes from discussion. A 3-year and 1-year vision and plan will be created.

Tree City USA, Wildlife, Keep America Beautiful programs, and water quality protection all involve community engagement, outreach, and education.

IV. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on 10/18/22 at City Hall.

VI 8:50pm meeting adjourned.

Environmental Programs

October 18, 2022

Programs since last meeting

10/1/2022 Community Shredding and Recycling Collection

Alpharetta Public Works Department
1790 Hembree Road, Alpharetta, Ga., 30009

10/1/2022 Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection

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Upcoming Programs

10/22/2022 Rivers Alive Volunteer Cleanup

Help with our Volunteer Watershed Cleanup to protect our streams!
Pre-register – tporter@alpharetta.ga.us or call 678-297-6213

11/12/2022 Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection

For residents living in Alpharetta City Limits. Registration is required.
See City of Alpharetta website in October for more information and to register,
Go to <http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/about/news>.
For more information email tporter@alpharetta.ga.us or call 678-297-6213

11/19/2022 Get Outdoors Event for Take A Hike Week

Preston Ridge Community Center by the YMCA
3655 Preston Ridge Road Suite 100
Alpharetta, GA 30005

City of Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection

The Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection is available for residents living within the Alpharetta city limits. The form to register can be found here
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/hazardous-waste>

Paint that has been completely dried in the container may also be disposed curbside by arranging a Bulky Waste Pickup. Instructions and form can be found here

<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/bulky-waste>

Gardening Workshop Series with the North Fulton Master Gardeners

Alpharetta has hosted classes in partnership with and taught by the North Fulton Master Gardeners for many years.

The North Fulton Master Gardeners Fall 2022 Gardening Lecture Series includes the following:

Past Workshops this Season

9/11/2022 All About Roses

Live Zoom: 3:00 pm

Roses have long inspired countless poets, writers and artists with their elegant blooms and divine fragrance. They are some of the most beautiful and versatile garden plants and there's a rose for every garden. Join North Fulton Master Gardener Anila Nair to learn about the various types of roses and how to get the best out of them.

9/18/2022 Make Thyme for Herbs in Your Garden

Live Zoom: 2:00 pm

Do you want to learn how to grow an awesome herb garden? Whether for food, medicine, seasonings or pleasant fragrances, North Fulton Master Gardener Robin Pollack will guide you as to the best Fall and Spring herbs, annuals, and perennials for a Southern Garden.

10/1/2022 Fabulous Fall Fairy Gardens

Live Zoom: 3:00 pm

Learn how to create a fall fairy garden for your yard or porch. North Fulton Master Gardener Marty Thomas will demonstrate various fairy garden projects that you can do with children using a variety of materials

10/9/2022 Gardens of the North Fulton Master Gardeners: Finding Gardening Inspiration through Shared Ideas

Live Zoom: 2:00 pm

North Fulton Master Gardener Sandra Shave will showcase the gardens of four Master Gardeners, with the goal of providing gardeners with ideas and inspiration that they can bring to their own home gardens. The class provides an overview of what might be possible and elements of garden design. The class will demonstrate that gardening is as varied as your individual creativity and the fun is in the discovery, the failures, and the success.

Operational Area	NRC Goal Statement (Three Year)	NRC Goal Statement (One Year)	Strategies	Tactics	Success Metrics	Budget	Board Lead	Supporting Agencies & Individuals
Tree Canopy And Preservation	By the end of Fiscal Year 2026, Alpharetta will achieve a year-over-year net increase in the community's tree canopy.	By the end of Fiscal Year 2024, Alpharetta will have achieved an annual net-zero loss in its tree canopy.						
			Strategy 1:	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	\$ -		
			Strategy 2:	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	\$ -		
Recycling And Sustainability								
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			Strategy 2:	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	\$ -		
Clean Waterways	By the end of Fiscal Year 2026, Alpharetta will reduce by 20% the level of bacteria in area waterways during wet weather sampling.	By the end of Fiscal Year 2024, Alpharetta will reduce by 7% the level of bacteria in area waterways during wet weather sampling.						
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			Strategy 2:	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	\$ -		
Wildlife And Habitat								
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			Strategy 2:	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	\$ -		

Ideas Noted During September 20, 2022 Planning Session

- 1 Explore and pursue changes in Alpharetta's development ordinances to prohibit clear-cutting of trees from development sites.
- 2 Identify / secure properties and establish tree sanctuaries.
- 3 Purchase trees (not tiny saplings) suitable for planting in this zone and hold a tree
- 4 Promote the use of live, plantable Christmas Trees
- 5 Create and deliver educational programming for homeowners on:
 - ☐Codes, permits, and processes related to tree removal
 - ☐Proper tree pruning techniques
 - ☐Selecting the proper species and types of trees
 - ☐Native tree species for residential landscapes
 - ☐Yard waste recycling and composting

Ideas Noted During September 20, 2022 Planning Session

- 1 Reduce the amount of yard waste and debris entering storm drains
- 2 Build alliances with area clean water groups
- 3 Create and deliver educational programming for homeowners on:
 - ☐ Impact of animal waste on area creeks and streams
 - ☐ Impacts of everyday actions on waterways and drinking water
 - ☐ Proper maintenance of detention ponds