

Agenda
Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC)
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall, City of St. Joseph, MO
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 1 PM

Goals of SEAC:

Renew, Repurpose, Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Plant and nurture trees and native plants
Decrease single-use plastics
Encourage and support businesses which model environmental sustainability
Seek to reduce pollution of our water resources
Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse
Encourage the City of St. Joseph and all residences, businesses and other organizations to improve energy efficiency to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Main orders of business:

1. Sustainable Small Business awards, generally shared around Earth Day.
2. Plant Native, St. Joe!
 - a. Ongoing projects at Krug Park, Robidoux Roundabout, 6th and Edmond Bump-out, Pony Express
 - b. New proposals for landscaping ordinance and pollinator pathway
 - c. Review plans for Native Plantings grant with Washington Park
 - d. Continue plans for community/neighborhood education
3. Review goals for 2026 including our Facebook page and promotion
4. Updates from Dr. Schutte and Colleen Armstrong, Tree Board
5. Welcome Juniper Brown, City Preservation Planner and Neighborhood Coordinator
6. Set next meeting (possibly May 20) also noting dates below listed under Schedule

Detailed Agenda

Acknowledge members, staff and guests

Continuing committee and community reports:

- (1) Sustainable Environment Awards and Recognitions Committee
- (2) Tree Projects, Prairie Restoration and Native Plantings
 - A. MWSU and Mosaic Prairies
 - B. Trees/Trees Board
 - C. Plant Native, St. Joe! —
 1. Bump-out — coordination with Downtown Assn
 2. Robidoux Roundabout
 3. Pony Express National Museum
 4. Krug Park
 5. Goals:
 - a. Encourage native plantings in businesses, schools, public areas such as parks, parkway, and home landscapes
 - b. Educate residents of the many benefits of native plants and trees
 - c. Work toward making St. Joseph a destination for visitors for Native Plantings
 - d. Include native plants, shrubs, trees and pollinator plants
 - e. Collaborate with community groups which promote native plants in public and private landscapes

Continuing City and Community Partnerships Reports and Schedule

- A. GEO Team (Green Energy Opportunity Team (On hold)

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- B. Dr. Kim Schutte, City Planner
- C. Colleen Armstrong — Stormwater Quality Coordinator, Water Protection
- D. Welcome Juniper Brown, City Preservation Planner and Neighborhood Coordinator

Community coordination

- (1) Continuing plans with Ecumenical Eco-Justice for programs at JOY Center.
- (3). Social Media/Education/Facebook— Thanks to Jan Storts, LuAnn Cadden

Next meeting:

Addendum 1: 2025 Goals

Current goals/work include;

- *Plant Native, St Joe*
- *Green Small Business Awards*
- *Campaign to decrease single use plastics*
- *Facebook*

We will add (or build on)

- *Offering educational sessions, working with community partners (Ecumenical Eco-Justice) at the JOY building, 1202 Felix) to offer educational sessions for neighborhood groups and partners as related to our goals...*
 - Decreasing single use plastics*
 - Composting*
 - Native plantings including trees*
- *Working with Dr. Schutte and the Landmark Commission to see how we can be helpful in promoting our goal to Promote sustainable stewardship of historic buildings including adaptive reuse*
- *and other ideas~*

Schedule

*Plant Native: St. Joe! Monday, Feb. 9 6 PM. JOY Center, 1202 Felix
This will highlight the grant at Washington Park*

*Plant Native, EEJ Saturday, April 25 10 AM JOY Center, 1202 Felix
This is a free SEED SWAP and continuing education*