

Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee
City of Oregon
Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday April 13th, 2026, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

City Hall Conference Room
115 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Public Access to Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 873 4861 0618

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1. Public Comment
2. Approve March 9th, 2026, Minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Eco Oregon
 - b. 2nd Street Native Planting
4. New Business
 - a. Rock River Clean Up
5. Other Business
 - a. OCSWC Rain Barrels
6. Adjourn

Committee Members

Melanie Cozzi, Tim Benedict,
Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, Vic Zaderej
Ex. Officio Member Darin DeHaan, City Manager

Some things other Sustainability Committees work on.

- Council/Citizen Priorities Survey
- Bottle Fill Locations
- Recommended Funding Sources for Sustainable Elements of the City Capital Improvement Plans
- Education elements – Gas Powered Vs. Electric Lawn Care
- Helping with Electronic Recycling Events
- Raising Funds for Sustainable Initiatives
- Earth Day Event
- To assist City departments in an effort to encourage, where possible and within budget parameters, the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices.
- Recruit and maintain a list of volunteers willing to lend their time and effort to implement the recommended short- and long-term sustainability goals
- Spread awareness of environmental issues

<https://www.crystallake.org/your-government/boards-and-commissions/sustainability-committee/resources>

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The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday March 9th, 2026, at 9 am.

Present: Tim Benedict, Melanie Cozzi, Darin DeHaan, Cheryl Hilton, Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, and Vic Zaderej.

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

No public comment.

Steve Rypkema moved to approve the February 9th, 2026, minutes, Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Finalize Eco Oregon: The committee discussed how to assign value to each item throughout the Eco Oregon program. Each category was assigned a point value based on achievability. Points ranged between one and three. A total of eighty-one points could be earned for successfully implementing sustainable practices within the program. Levels of achievement, incentives, and growth awards were also discussed. Steve Rypkema suggested offering business owners the opportunity to meet with a member of the Sustainability committee to discuss the program. They would also like to review the logo for the program at the next meeting.

2nd Street Green Space vs. Prairie: Darin DeHaan said his perception was a pollinator habitat similar to the one created at the Ogle County Health Department on Pines Road. Tom Pacey said these types of spaces typically start as a prairie and turn into a pollinator habitat. He said species selection will be important when it comes to planting. Melanie Cozzi said the space will be more like a prairie garden. Darin DeHaan said there are other grants available such as the OSLAD grant. The committee discussed not rushing into the project, the need to educate residents, reach out to volunteers, and present a formal plan to the City Council.

Steve Rypkema moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m., Seconded by Tom Pacey.

Motion carried. No Nays.

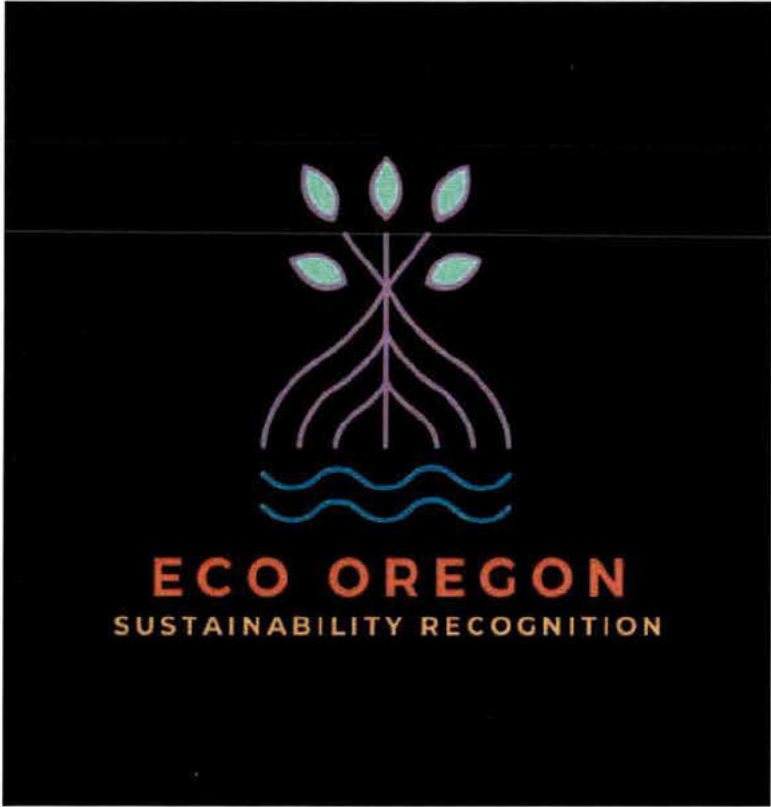
Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

Logo 1



Logo 2 was approved by the City Council on 11-22-2022.

Logo 2





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Suite A
Bowie, MD 20715

STATEMENT OF USAGE

February 2026

To: **City of Oregon (IL)**
115 North 3rd Street
Oregon Illinois United States
61061

Attn: **Darin DeHaan**
ddehaan@cityoforegon.org

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Blink Owned

City of Oregon - Remittance

Memo: City of Oregon (IL)

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Total Time:	(-) Cost of Electricity	\$ 16.15
14:10:20	(-) Transaction Fees	\$ 8.88
Total kWh:	(-) Network Fees	\$ 36.00
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	(=) Net Revenue	\$ 49.96
	Revenue Share %	40%
	Revenue Share	\$ 19.98
	(+) Electric Reimbursement	\$ 16.15
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