

# CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA

November 18, 2025, 4.00 PM – 5.30 PM CH City Hall

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87450352230?pwd=6S4v31K3nOeJXw6A98bO6wg3lpvM8l.1>

Call to Order

1. Welcome new CESC member Peter Whiting.
2. [October's Minutes](#) approval.
3. CESC Contact Form Submissions Review - YTD CESC has received 30 contact submissions.
  - a. Submissions to **be reviewed and discussed**: Eight submissions are related to Noise Pollution. Use this [link](#) to access CESC's research document on the topic.
    - i. [LEAVE THE LEAVES, PROTECT AIR QUALITY & BEES](#) Dana HERCBERGS *I would like the Climate and Environmental Sustainability team to advocate for low-emissions alternatives to leaf blowing and leaf collection.*
    - ii. [Commercial Lawn Equipment Ban](#) Gerald Sgro *Commercial lawn equipment is harmful in a residential setting.*
    - iii. [Power Blowers](#) Heidi Robertson *Please, get rid of the gas powered blowers in CH.*
    - iv. [Power Blowers](#) Isabel Trautwein *Noise and pollution ordinance to outlaw gas leaf blowers*
    - v. [Power Blowers](#) Jeffrey Talbert *We need to limit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.*
    - vi. [Take Action on LOUD Gas Leaf Blowers!!!](#) Peter Bruce *PLEASE HELP some days are HELL*
    - vii. [Power Blowers](#) Peter Robertson *I'm writing about leaf blowers, which I know have been discussed for a long time, but with no action.*
    - viii. [No mow May](#) Robert Failing *Did Tony Cuda start No Mow May in Cleveland Heights?*
    - ix. [Interested in applying to serve in CESC](#) Tom Housel *Response sent 11/9/25*
  - b. 22 submissions have been resolved/addressed
  - c. Guest resident Eric Yarham will address the committee on the topic of access to public events composting

4. CESC Initiatives:

- a. Update on Air Quality Communication (Director Schantz)
- b. Review/discuss grant opportunities
  - i. [Climate Smart Communities Initiative - 2026 Grants](#)
  - ii. [2026 Cleveland Tree Commission Grant Application](#)
  - iii. [Ohio EPA Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants Community and Litter Grants](#)
  - iv. [The Recycling Partnership \(TRP\)](#)
  - v. [NOPEC Energized Community Grants](#)
  - vi. [Grants from the Solid Waste District](#)

5. Discussion Topics: Follow up

- a. Commercial Recycling Pilot: On October 23rd the City launched the pilot. It comprises four locations and requires businesses to register. Complete details of the program can be found [here](#)
- b. Community Composting update
  - i. 416 households are participating - target household registration was set at 400.
  - ii. 3,279 pounds of compostable material had been collected as of 10/24
- c. CESC 2025 appointments - Two additional appointments will be made in December.
- d. Transitioning CESC files to CH server (Director Schantz)
- e. [Light Pollution](#) -
  - i. Update from Climate Action public engagement October 23/24 (Mark)

6. Discussion Topics: New business

- a. 2026 budget CESC requests
  - i. Styrofoam Recycling Drop Off Site
- b. 2026 CESC members reappointments:

- i. John Barber
- ii. Tami Masuoka
- iii. Catalina Wagers
- iv. Carly Beck
- v. Mohammad Irfan

c. 2026 impact opportunities

- i. 2-stroke engine phaseout discussion
- ii. Tree Commission formation
- iii. Single use plastic reduction in CH restaurants/diversion of rigid styrofoam  
from landfill

7. Adjournment

- a. Next Meeting December 17, 2025.