

# Problem Solving for Environmental Change University of Minnesota

Potential council presentation date – 12/13/21

## Topics:

1. A proposal for right-of-way vegetation management
2. Expanding the use of fruit-bearing trees and shrubs in parks and public land
3. Green Step Cities advancement and next steps
4. Volunteer urban tree surveys – creating/updating an inventory of West St. Paul trees
5. Bike and ped plan review for environmental changes & equity of access
6. Residential yard nutrient management and water use
7. Compostable to-go containers, styrofoam/plastic bag ban, and organics recycling education
8. Park use assessment to better understand equity and areas of need
9. Promoting Adopt-A-Drain Program and stormwater management education
10. *Possible/backup in case there are more students: Pollinators/Bee & Bird City USA*

## West St. Paul internal project leads:

- Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
- Lisa Eng-Sarne, Councilmember

## University of Minnesota Contacts:

- Kristen Nelson: Professor, Department of Forest Resources
- Eric North: Assistant Professor for Urban & Community Forestry
- Hannah Ramer: PhD Candidate & Course TA

## In attendance 7/16 meeting:

Eric North, Dave Schletty, Lisa Eng-Sarne, Melissa Sonnek, Nate Burkett