



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board
August 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board held a regular meeting on August 13, 2025 at the New Albany Village Hall. Mr. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll Call

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Schumacher	present
Mr. Barnes	present
Ms. Gallo	present
Ms. Scott	present
Mr. Kocian	present
Ms. Kopelman	present
Ms. Lopez	present
Council Member Kist	present
Student Representative Griffith	present

Staff members present: Public Services Manager, Angela Hobart
Planner II, Chelsea Nichols

III. Action of Minutes:

Mr. Schumacher asked for a motion on the Minutes.

Mr. Kocian moved to approve the July 9, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Gallo and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstention to approve the minutes.

IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

Mr. Schumacher introduced and welcomed the new Student Representative to the Board, Noelle Griffith.

V. Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight's Agenda

Mr. Schumacher asked whether there were any visitors present who wished to address the board for an item not on tonight's agenda. Seeing none, he closed the Hearing of Visitors.

VI. Business:

2026 Planning

Board's ideas for 2026:

- Better promotion of the Student Leaders in Sustainability Grant Program
- Explore holding the E-waste drive, Household Hazardous Waste collection, and paper shredding event twice a year. Budget would need to increase by 50% (at least).
 - Concerns were expressed with it being a heavy lift for city staff and whether 50% budget increase would be enough to cover two events.
- Consider providing yard signs for participants to place in their yard to help promote the program.



- Booth at winter/indoor Farmers Market
- Clean-up Day event which would include an education component
- Sustainability mailings twice a year; April and October
- Explore expanding Green Guardians program to other sustainability volunteer opportunities and not just food waste collection at community events.

QTS Sustainability & Tree Planting

City staff met with a representative from QTS regarding their company's tree replacement program. Their company has strong sustainability efforts which include planting at least one tree for every tree removed during construction of their facilities. Now that they have located their company here and have opened their new facility, they would like to plant up to 100,000 trees in the New Albany region. City staff are working to identify different locations within New Albany where they could plant the trees.

Updates:

- **Pocket Prairies**
 - Site prep work has begun at Taylor Farm Park. Once that is done, site prep work will begin at Planters Grove Park. And then lastly, at James River Park.
 - Seed installation is expected to begin in November of this year. Plant installation is slated to happen in April and May of 2026.
- **Pilot Curbside Food Waste Pickup Program**
 - Post cards were mailed to all Windsor residents notifying them of the pilot program and inviting them to register for the program. The goal is to have services starting in mid-September.
- **Watercourse Mailing**
 - On behalf of the city, FSWCD is to mail educational watercourse postcards to all residents in the city with properties that contain some type of watercourse.
 - This mailer also includes info on the Invasive Trade-in Program.
- **Farmers Market Booth**
 - SAB member Pete Barns volunteered to work at the July 31st SAB Farmers Market table to promote various SAB initiatives.
- **New Albany Community Foundation Jeans Recycling Program**
 - Jeans for Green New Albany
 - Denim collection – drop off at locations between September 22 – October 10
 - Locations: Village Hall, all 5 NAPLS school buildings, and Plain Township Fire Station
 - Denim that is reuseable will be distributed to families in need through the New Albany Food Pantry. Unwearable denim will be reclaimed for home insulation.
- **Quartey review of updated 2025 figures for current GoZero Food Waste Drop-off Program and Rumpke Citywide Curbside Recycling Pick-up Services**



VII. Other Business: 2025 Invasive Trade-in Program Update

VIII. Poll Members for Comment:

Items for city staff to investigate:

Mr. Kocian asked about whether the city was in the PUMP program.

Ms. Gallo asked whether The Compost Exchange will provide 2 complimentary bags of compost to the participants

IX. Adjournment: Having no further business, Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m. Without objection, the August 13, 2025 New Albany Sustainability Board Meeting was adjourned.