



New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board Agenda

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 6:30pm

Village Hall, 99 W. Main Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054

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I. Call to Order

The New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board held a regular meeting on June 10, 2026 at the New Albany Village Hall. Ms. Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll Call

Those answering roll call:

Ms. Gallo present
Mr. Barnes present
Mr. Kocian present
Ms. Kopelman present
Mr. Burack present
Council Member Kist present

Staff members present:

- Angie Hobart, Public Service Manager
- David Celebrezze, Sustainability Program Coordinator
- Sara Ziegler, Economic Development Manager
- Ryan Hanigan, Economic Development

III. Action of Minutes: May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Board adopted the May 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes by unanimous consent.

IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

No additions or corrections to the agenda.

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

- Resident Jeremy Cram commented on the city's definition of greenspace and if it needs to be adjusted to be more sustainably focused. He is interested in knowing what our definition is, and how it is applied. He also commented on the use of gas lights being out in some neighborhoods and the environmental impact of them. The City will get back to him regarding the definition of greenspace. The board mentioned there are criteria for the greenspace and having Steve Mayer discuss it at the next meeting could be an option. Councilmember Kist suggested the SAB could make a recommendation to Council regarding the gas lights.

VI. Business:

- ECOS Program Update – Presentation given by Community Development Department
 - Economic Development gave a presentation on the revised ECOS program. Much of the original criteria has become standard practice (examples are LEDs, high efficiency water fixtures). The revisions clarify the credits, refine the



submission requirements, prioritize credits that support the New Albany Strategic Plan's sustainability goals, and give city staff more flexibility. Additionally, applicants can use the LEED standard or a LEED-like standard that would count. Both would require documentation from the applicant.

- b. Applicants cannot get all the points from just a single category (and no business has tried).
- c. ECOS is an incentive for large businesses moving or expanding in New Albany.
- d. Discussion took place over what the city could do to highlight the sustainability efforts of businesses. Maybe a "Green Business of the Year" award.
- ii. Half year report on Backyards and Invasive Species trade in program– Presentation given by Grace Chaffin Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
 - a. Community backyards has been around for about 15 years and promotes water quality education for residents in New Albany. The goal is to protect water quality by reducing stormwater runoff at home. In person workshops a few times a month throughout Franklin County. Participants can get a rebate (FSWCD does verify their address) which helps offset the cost of a rain barrel, native plants/trees, compost bin, or rain garden.
 - b. To date there are 20 rebates remaining. Rebates range from \$100 to \$250. The website is communitybackyards.org.
- iii. The Invasive Trade-In program gives residents up to \$500 for removing one of the top 5 invasive species from their yard. 7 rebates remain. The website is communitybackyards.org/invasive-trade-in-program. This is a different program than Community Backyards, but both are administered by FSWCD.
 - a. The board discussed ways to promote the program like at the farmers markets, on social media, and through Green Guardians.
 - b. The board asked about promoting the program in the schools since 5th graders learn about invasives. Other areas to promote is to the HOAs. Also, to expand the program in teaching people how to install and how to level the ground.
- iv. The update on the fall waste collection event is Joseph's Coat will be onsite to take the names and contact information of those that have furniture to donate. This way Joseph's Coat can set up a time with interested residents to pick up the donation.
- v. Kitzmiller Park
 - a. We heard about the success of the Kitzmiller Park outreach: 60 people at the open house, comment extension, and an Engagement Report being developed.

VII. Other Business

Councilmember Kist mentioned the city's data center website is live. He will forward it to the group.

VIII. Poll Members for Comment

No other comments.

IX. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Gallo moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:31p.m. Without objection, the June 10, 2026 New Albany Sustainability Board Meeting was adjourned.