



New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board Agenda

Wednesday, July 8, 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 July 8, 2026 at the New Albany Village Hall. Mr. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll Call

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Schumacher
Mr. Barnes present
Ms. Gallo present
Ms. Scott
Mr. Kocian present
Mr. Burack present
Ms. Griffith

Staff members present:

- David Celebrezze, Sustainability Program Coordinator
- Steve Mayer, Deputy Director, Public Service

III. Action of Minutes: June 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Kocian seconded the motion. The motion passed. Board adopted the June 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes with Mr. Schumacher abstained (he was not at the June meeting).

IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

2 presentations for the Student Leaders in Sustainability.

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

None.

VI. Business:

i. Student Leaders in Sustainability Grant

- Gavin Biggs presented on his New Albany Woods reconstruction project. He would like to replace old, failing benches with new ones. He is asking if the grant can cover the costs of materials which comes to \$1,045.

Asking for support to purchase materials to restore the benches. Removal will be easy. Students can use the area again. 27-30 Planks needed but would like to order 37 to be on the safe side. This is his Eagle Scout project. Peter Barnes is the advisor.

Questions:

Mr. Kocian: How long has the existing benches in place? Mr. Barnes said 20 years.

Is the cost of dumpster in the proposal? It is not, maybe add it. Mr.

Barnes: hoping to get the school to provide.

Mr. Schumacher: Who currently oversees the area? Mr. Barnes: schools and city.



Other questions about the platform, creating plaque, and getting the word out were discussed.

- The process of the SLiS was discussed which is a presentation, application submission, review, and vote at the next Sustainability Advisory Board meeting.
- Noelle Griffith presented on her project of Recycle Right. The three components of her project include:
 - Working with Parks to purchase and place 16 recycling bins at Bevelhymer Park.
 - Distribute 153 boxes of Hefty ReNew bags at events and tours.
 - Take 75 people on a tour of the Rumpke recycling facility.
 - Increase recycling at Market & Main

Ms. Griffith plans to apply for the SWACO Community Waste Reduction Grant which has a 20% cash match.

Questions about if people are using the recycling or getting confused. The City said that they are now using blue bags in the recycling containers which will hopefully cut down on confusion. Mr. Schumacher asked if the city can go with universal blue containers for recycling, is there an opportunity to revisit the city's position. Mr. Mayer: City can explore it.

Mr. Burack asked about the effectiveness of recycling with the city. Mr. Mayer stated the City expanded operations to empty recycling twice a day during summer time; on the weekends as well. The city will explore additional signage as well.

Other questions about timing, SWACO grant timing, contacting Hefty, if one grant is awarded but not the other, and if Kroger could help.

ii. Windsor extension proposal and numbers

The City presented on success to date. Mr. Kocian asked about surveying those that participated and did not participate in the program. The City will research it. Survey could ask about overall impression, frequency of pickup, are they in favor of a city-wide program.

iii. Pocket Prairie update. Outside of the wetlands.

The City presented on updates to the three pocket prairies. The Board asked the City to look into having signs made to let folks know why the spraying is occurring. The city will coordinate with MAD on the spraying and signs.

iv. Styrofoam collection recommendation

City staff presented on a possible Styrofoam collection event between Christmas and New Years. The cost would come from the existing SAB budget. The SAB voted to move forward with the collection event.

v. Mid-year review/next six months

City staff went over the current budget, what was budgeted, what was spent, and how much is left. Question about the pocket prairie budget was asked, but that is out of the Service budget. Ms. Scott asked about holding a clean up day in the fall like the City used to hold. City staff are looking into it.

A project prioritization activity took place with the following actions a priority for the rest of 2026:

- Fall clean up day
- Research pesticide/herbicide use and best alternatives.
- Research commercial food waste compost success stories.
- Find examples of successful sustainability action plans and identify potential functions for such a plan in New Albany.
- Research capacity and best practices related to alternative fuel vehicles, fueling stations, and city fleet.



- Bring in local partners and organizations to speak about their sustainability programming and educational resources including solar panels/alternative energy.
- Learn about the PACE program and how they are used to encourage property owners to make energy efficient improvements in their homes and businesses.
- Determine how communities complete annual benchmarking activities for city buildings, commercial properties, and multifamily residential properties.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Poll Members for Comment

None.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Schumacher made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, Ms. Gallo seconded. All were in favor.