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URBAN & PARK
LAND MANAGEMENT

AGENDA

CITY OF CLEMSON SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

November 12th 2025

6:30-8:00PM

CLEMSON CITY HALL (Council Chambers)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from the October 9th meeting.

Public Comments (3-minute limit per speaker)

Action Items

Motion/vote to skip December meeting

Discussion Items

1. Committee goal reports and discussion
NWF Wildlife Certification - Energy Efficiency – Natural Resources
2. Staff report- Tony Tidwell
3. Earth Forum Recap
4. Toxic Burning update - Nanda
5. Discuss suggesting updates to City website Sustainability section-Eunice
6. Discuss recommending the installation of EV chargers in the city-Eunice
7. Open Discussion/New Business

Adjourn

**City of Clemson Sustainability Committee Meeting
October 8, 2025**

Present: Reeta Singh, Bob Fennel, Nancy Spittle, John Heiliger, Andrew Evans, Nanda Edgerton, Cindy Hekking, Eunice Lehmacher. Shelly Geer, Tony Tidwell representing the City.

Call to order by Reeta Singh at 6:30 pm.

Bob made a motion to approve September minutes. Nancy seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Speakers

Andrew introduced the inaugural EARTH (Environmental Action Round Table for Health & Habitat) forum. Two goals: inform policy & planning in Upstate, and to build resilience through community.

EARTH Forum (Environmental Action Round Table for Health & Habitat) organization representatives shared an up-to-5 minute talk on what they are currently doing:

Tree House Trade School: Trad Cotter is working with Scott from Tree House Trade School. Tree House has a passion to share sustainable trades with others in the community, Online platform for training in skills. Modules and videos to help you build resilience. Invited group to sign up for a membership and get access to training modules.

Upstate Master Naturalist Association: Cindy Hekking introduced the group as part of the State Master Naturalist Association. Members are trained for 12 weeks by rangers. Goal to produce volunteers knowledgeable about outdoors to provide educated people for state parks and other areas. Group has approx. 200 people (approx 20 per year are trained); required to do 30 hours of service a year to educate, clear trails, remove invasive species, etc. Group can assist other orgs by providing volunteers to help with projects.

Walk or Bike to School Day: Katie Campbell is rep from Clemson Elementary PTA. Two events every year: walk and roll to school in fall and spring. Involve CU Tiger, Mayor of Clemson. Goal to encourage healthy habits, reduce traffic and connects families. Shows students that sustainability can be fun. Looking to increase number of events.

Green Crescent Trail: Heidi Williams founding member of Green Crescent Trail. Goal is to connect our neighborhoods and communities and to connect with other environmental groups. Reducing traffic, increasing alternative transportation — it represents a tangible infrastructure item that people can understand. Ways to be a part: visit website and sign up for emails. Tag us on social media to increase reach of message. You can sponsor a trail as well.

Clemson Area Food Exchange: Absent

Sierra Club of the Foothills: Eunice Lehmacher first provided info about Clemson Area Food Exchange, then introduced Sierra Club. They sponsor walks, plant trees, hold pot lucks, and provide info on activism topics and training. She shared info on membership in the national organization. The club holds free quarterly educational meetings

Citizens' Climate Lobby: John Beckerlie introduced the organization, which primarily lobbies congress on national level to keep public pressure on Congress to address climate change. Almost entirely volunteer organization. He and others will be lobbying in November, virtually, with representatives. Will be going to DC in summer. Had 8-10 people this past summer from SC go to DC. They lobbied every congressional office during that trip. The organization is composed of citizens taking action to change the big picture of what is going on in climate change.

Copper Head Consulting

Matt Huddleston represented the for-profit business, which also has a nonprofit arm. Group includes almost 50 biologist and ecologists. Based in Kentucky. Started primarily as a bat firm. Matt is more on the water side, primarily on algae problems. Nonprofit arm works with organizations (Friends of Lake Keowee) to apply for grants, works with National Park Service on trail projects. They do a lot of environmental impact studies.

Forest Fest: Patricia Whitener works for Clemson Extension; she runs environmental education programs across state, and holds annual Forest Fest event in Clemson Experimental forest, which is over 18,000 acres. Looking for more community participation in forest fest and will provide space for any community organizations that desire it. March 28 this year.

Mushroom Mountain: Trad Cotter founded Mushroom Mountain then sold it. They do tours and workshops and are a resource to teach mushroom hunting, mycology, and school workshops.

Solid Green: Allison Curl, president of one of the many sustainability clubs at Clemson. She highlighted the disconnect between Clemson students and the many sustainability organizations in the upstate. She is passionate about bridging that connection. Solid green does a lot of litter pickups. Hope to provide student volunteers for local organizations and events.

Recycling Services: Clemson University Facilities recycling services, Kite Hill Recycling is a service available to the community. Staff are there to help educate about recycling. Public tours are available to see where recyclables go. Great educational opportunities for CU students.

Clemson Compost is also within Recycling services, and goal is to divert food waste from all University Dining Facilities and provide wonderful soil for campus and community.

Students for Stewardship: Andrew Evans represented the group which he started on campus to do a variety of projects: from stream bank restoration to recycling. Honeycutt Food Forest is native plant project. Area started as hard pan clay. Using compost, mulch and leaf litter from CU and city, they partner with decomposers to create life.

Native Plant Society: John Heiliger. Was founded to protect native species, and educate about native plants. Two plant sales a year. Offer grants (Green Crescent trail planted native plant garden).

CU Electrical Engineering/Former Sustainability Committee: Raj Singh, Ph.D.: solar, wind and ocean waves are the 3 types of sustainable energy. 5 points: 1) in all new construction, should not do natural gas for heating and cooling. 2) should provide permits only to those who put solar panels on the roof and purchase batteries to store that energy for use at night. 3) when building a new house, 4) more EV charging in city. 5) Charging cat buses is a problem. Work with neighboring cities.

Eunice shared that the Sustainability commission has been encouraging city about getting more EV stations in city, more bike racks, pursuing NWF wildlife certifications, energy efficiency for buildings being built.

Andrew closed out the meeting encouraging cross pollination among the many groups present.

Eunice made motion to adjourn. Andrew seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:30.