

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Sustainability Committee
September 30, 2025

Present: D. Alexander; R. Bair; J. Breeding; T. Coughlin; B. McElhone; P. Nelson; G. Pestun; N. Rickey;
Absent: R. Brill; K. Fuchs; D. Lancaster; V. McCann; C. Schauer; T. Shane; T. Sypris

Notes from 4.14.25 were approved; motion by Jeremy; support from Bill.

- **Scheduled**

- Recycle Event, Sat. 10.25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., TTC parking lot
 - Green Earth on board
 - May slightly tweak layout/traffic flow
 - Flyers going out next week, internal and external
 - Texas and Oshtemo Townships; Consumers; Portager
 - KVFfocus; KVFfocus+; Friday Focus
 - Many volunteers returning from April event
 - Will finalize closer to time
 - Give away card with
 - Future dates; 2-question survey (QR code)

- **Future Events**

- Recycle: 4.18.26; 10.17.26
 - Texas Township conducts 1 recycle event – spring
 - Nathan to follow up re: partnering
- Blight Pull
 - Dannie to reach out to Cynthia/Dave Lancaster re: Spring blight pull

- **Sustainability Initiatives**

- USDA Grant (2021): Invasive Species Plan
 - Work completed on above grant which provided for start-up of HORT program
 - Working (contract) with Kalamazoo Nature Center re: management plan/training curricula for invasive species
 - Will incorporate use of FIC engineered wetlands
 - Could be utilized at wetlands locations on other campuses
 - Rachel to follow up re: presentation at Winter Summit
- TTC Trails initiative
 - Considerable erosion, minimally 6' x 12', due to heavy rains
 - Remediation plan developed in conjunction with EGLE, local municipalities, engineering firm
 - Excavation; adding significant amount of compacted gravel; additional drainage into catch basin
 - Also rectified issue from athletic fields
 - Grasses returning
- Technical Trades Wing Project
 - Geothermal study completed to identify appropriate distance from water ways to maintain integrity

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- Charging Stations
 - Ideas to raise awareness/notify re moving cars when fully charged
 - Tags (from Consumers)
 - Individual leaves phone number; receives text to move car
 - Bill to acquire more tags
 - “Parking Ticket” from Sustainability Committee
 - ? Monitor manually
 - Signage
 - Greg to follow up w/
 - Rachel Ferguson re: verbiage
 - Tom Hamman re: graphics
 - Charging App: Charge Point app
- Recycling Stations
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 - Rachel Ferguson re: verbiage
 - Tom Hamman re: graphics
 - Discussion re: engaging students through “Art Create”
- **Other**
 - Case Study Highlighting Food Hub
 - Funding from 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan’s Kids and Farmers Program
 - Case study developed highlighting the Food Hub as a program of the college.
 - <https://valleyhub.kvcc.edu/blog/valleyhub-lessons-from-the-making-of-a-community-food-hub>
 - MSU Extension Research/Education Visit, FIC/MJSCAH in September
- **Future Meetings**
 - 1.13.26, 1:30 p.m.
 - 3.24.23 1:30 p.m.
 - Per Dannie, may be adjusted to facilitate faculty attendance