

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Sustainability Committee

January 13, 2026

Present: D. Alexander; R. Bair; J. Breeding; T. Coughlin; D. Lancaster; B. McElhone; P. Nelson; G. Pestun; N. Rickey;

Absent: R. Brill; K. Fuchs; V. McCann; C. Schauer; T. Shane; T. Sypris

Notes from 9.30.25 were approved; motion by Jeremy; support from Bill.

- **Past Events/Initiatives**

- Recycle Event, Sat. 10.25
 - Attendance up significantly
 - 250-260 cars; 30-35% increase
 - 5800# electronics

- **Future Events**

- Recycle: 4.18.26; 10.17.26
 - Texas Township conducts 1 recycle event – spring
 - Meeting next week to discuss
 - Oshtemo Township to be contacted re: possible participation
 - Still exploring document shredding
- Blight Pull
 - Cynthia Schauer/Dave Lancaster to be contacted re: Spring blight pull
- County Sustainability Plan
 - Link to be sent to the Committee

- **Sustainability Initiatives**

- Invasive Species Management
 - Rachel reviewed the FIC Wetland Invasives Management Plan (grant funded)
 - FIC is located in the Kalamazoo River Watershed and a 1.5-acre (approx) engineered watershed
 - Discussed/identified
 - different invasive species at the FIC
 - Dannie inquired re: identification of several vines at TTC campus
 - Recommended 3-Phase Wetland Management Plan
 - Invasive species control
 - Student/Community Engagement
 - Native Biodiversity Enhancement
 - Current efforts
 - Established monitoring/treatment practices, incorporated “living lab” into HORT coursework
 - Non-credit skills development course for landscape management piloted, 8.25

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- Discussion re: sharing plan/engagement opportunities
 - Collaboration with KVCC Grounds
 - Lunch 'n Learn
 - Summit/panel discussion
 - Honorable Harvest
 - Foodways Symposium
 - Wellness/Engagement Committee

- Charging Stations
 - Information re: tags from Consumers is pending
 - Individual leaves phone number; receives text to move car
 - Signage
 - Signage to be developed
 - QR code
 - Providing contact info to alert that car has been charging for “x” hours
 - Providing alert that charging is complete
 - Possible donation to the college for usage (future opportunity)

- Recycling Stations
 - Follow up items include
 - Signage re: verbiage
 - Graphics/student involvement
 - Engaging student clubs

Other

- My Green Michigan Composting
 - Committee members are invited to join tour of My Green Michigan Composting site on 4.8

- **Future Meetings**
 - 3.24.23 1:30 p.m.; 4370