

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Sustainability Committee

March 24, 2026

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

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

Notes from 1.13.26 were approved; motion by Jeremy; support from Dave.

- **Past Events/Initiatives**

- **Future Events**

- Recycle: 4.18.26
 - Partnering with Texas Township
 - Logistics plan/traffic flow in development
 - Texas Township residents to be identified
 - Anticipate considerable increase in participants
 - Promotional material/info out this week
 - Call for volunteer to be included in Friday Focus
 - Oshtemo Township approached
 - Conducting shredding event same day
 - Will promote KVCC event

- Blight Pull
 - Dave to follow up with Cynthia re: Spring blight pull

- County Sustainability Plan
 - Climate Action and Climate Justice
 - Public input being sought
 - Will be present at Foodways Symposium
 - Several KVCC initiatives align with plan
 - Financial resources may be available
 - Discussion re presentation at Faculty Summit

- **Sustainability Initiatives**

- FIC Wetland Invasives Management Plan (grant funded)
 - Recommended 3-Phase Wetland Management Plan
 - 1) Invasive species control; 2) Student/Community Engagement; 3) Native Biodiversity Enhancement
 - Next steps to bring in evaluators for site assessment/goal setting
 - Current efforts
 - Established monitoring/treatment practices, incorporated “living lab” into HORT coursework
 - Non-credit skills development course for landscape management piloted, 8.25
 - Rachel to follow up re: Fall Summit presentation

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- Discussion re: sharing plan/engagement opportunities
 - Collaboration with KVCC Grounds
 - Lunch 'n Learn
 - Honorable Harvest
 - Foodways Symposium
 - Wellness/Engagement Committee
- Charging Stations
 - Tag schematic from Consumers shared
 - Individual leaves phone number; receives text to move car
 - Communication Plan
 - Signage to be developed
 - Nathan/Dave/Bill to craft language/sign
 - Suggested limit of 2 hours
 - 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)
 - KVFocus+
 - Discussion re:
 - Implementing app with notification that car is charged;
 - motivation to move the car and enforcement
- Recycling Stations
 - Greg to follow up with Tom
 - Signage (to draw attention to units) verbiage
 - Re: Student Involvement with project and sustainability initiatives in general
 - Follow up with Miranda
 - Presence at VibeFest, Big Chill
 - InFocus
 - Nathan to follow up re: employees “opting in” to receive InFocus

Other

- My Green Michigan Composting site visit, 4.8
 - Dave to send email with information
 - Hammond Farms
 - Leave at 1; return 6 p.m.
 - If interested contact Dave
- **Future Meetings**
 - TBD