

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**Friday, October 22nd, 2021****10:30-11:50a.m.****Zoom Meeting****Armstrong Hall 113 Conference Room**

- 1) 10:30-10:35am – Welcome
- 2) 10:35am – Call Meeting to Order
- 3) 10:35-10:40am – Call for Nominations of Co-Chairs
- 4) 10:40-11:00am – Update on Plastic Film Recycling (Anne Ludvik)

When committed to film recycling, it was intended to be pilot in main floor of library
Collected over 100 pounds of plastic just around library
Total from 3,000 pounds with Mankato area zero waste (500 to qualify for free bench)
Echo food shelf will get first bench
On campus there is still interest
Perhaps a student group could do our own collection and earn our own benches
This program is new and unique – goes directly to manufacturer – no middle steps
Check bin once a week
Jeff Jeremiason coordinates student interns at Gustavus - earned 5-6 benches
With more students involved, it would be less intensive – get assistance from facilities
Anne and Michael drop off at Cub Foods
Set up one other location and see how it works

Lou - Students would be interested in because it is hands on
classes – students want hands-on activities

Could tag on with sustainability certificate

Lou – HyVee has bins where you drop bags – information on bins – takes plastic and
give it to Trex?

Betty Winkworth tried to get an initiative to get rid of plastic bags in Mankato

Trex pays HyVee and Cub for plastic
Cub and HyVee transport for other collection efforts
Shrink film takes up a lot of volume
If did waste sort, we could see if there would be savings

Trex makes benches and lumber

By the Yard uses recycled milk jugs

Next month, further study of sustainability coordinator – permanently oversees the
projects that we initiate

AASHE – sustainability coordinator – 80% of coordinators funded from the general fund

5) 11:00-11:15am – Open Discussion of Next Steps / Updates

Gearing up to do the next update for the carbon update

Job is easier with new SIMAP software

SIMAP did not treat the commuting section appropriately – assumptions about average distance unavailable. Now in keeping with how Gary collects information with survey

Thinking of ways to turn over carbon accounting to someone else – to explain the process to someone else.

Possibly have a seminar on carbon footprint to see if someone is interested

Sustainability director (Lou talked to former president Davenport, he was not interested – suggested check with Academic Affairs)

MN State Mankato has won awards and Environmental Committee is recognized.

Paul Corcoran's report – solar project will be a great thing.

6) 11:15-11:20am – Other Business / Announcements

- a) Gary submitted our renewal for the Bicycle Friendly University application on October 1, 2021. Our Bronze category was good from November 2017 - Fall 2021. The League of American Bicyclists reviews our application. Our status will be known February 2022.

**Future Meetings: 10:30a.m.- 11:50a.m.
November 19th**