

Environmental Advisory Board
2014-2015 Annual Report

Existing and Emerging Issues

- Imagine Cary
- Town's Strategic Energy Action Plan
- Reduction of solid waste to the landfill
 - Collocation of trash and recycling bins for the Town operations, facilities, festivals, and sports venues
 - Bin-trade out at small neighborhood level
- Natural Gas Development in shale (hydraulic fracturing)
- Other Emerging issues
 - Tracking and reporting metrics
 - Monitor factors affecting Jordan Lake drinking water supply
 - Advise on grant opportunities that advance Council direction.
 - Other...

Awareness and Engagement

- Support staff on the Sustainability Communication Plan
 - Provided feedback on design and content of website.
 - Provided feedback on quarterly report to highlight sustainability
- Advise staff on additional opportunities to increase public participation and education
 - Recommend staff partner with National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat Program (EAB Members and staff & council liaisons are all certified! Resident attainment only category left to achieve town certification!)
 - Researched to inform staff regarding the proposed Cary Green Neighborhood Program, a grant funded method of engagement for citizens to promote environmentally friendly activities within participating neighborhoods.
 - Other opportunities
- Provided EAB representation at Town of Cary Events
 - Arbor Day
 - Spring Daze
 - Herb Fest
 - Lazy Daze
- Work with Community Groups and the Town to support Environmental efforts:
 - Black Creek Watershed
 - Champion Tree program
 - Committee for the Future
 - Transportation Advisory Group
 - New Building Guidelines
 - Block Leader program
 - Spruce program
 - Amateur Sports Venues