
TO: Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer
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RE: Staff Report

Champaign County Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program

This program is now open for applications. The City is working to share information on the opportunity with commercial property owners.

Closed Landfill

Through a vendor, staff has removed woody vegetation at one corner of the entrance road to the Landscape Recycling Center on the City's closed landfill. This effort will increase visibility and create a mowable condition which will be easier to maintain.

Closed Session

Following a closed session, "a determination shall be made, and reported in an open session that (1) the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes or (2) that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection."

Landfill Solar

The Low Income Community Solar array at the closed landfill will be energized soon. Staff is now preparing a new request for qualifications for landfill solar developers for the balance of unused land at the closed landfill. The land remaining is sub-optimal for solar development as it has significant slopes, trees, and other woody vegetation. It is uncertain whether these spaces will receive any bids and whether bids will convert to leases.

Landscape Recycling Center

Staff will be submitting a renewal application this month to the Illinois Environmental Protection Division for operation of a compost facility.

Public Engagement

Staff spoke about decarbonizing with geothermal energy at a webinar organized by the Illinois Geothermal Alliance. Staff co-hosted a Solar Power Hour with Solar Urbana-Champaign.

Sustainability Advisory Commission

The Commission has an open seat. An application is posted at <https://www.urbanaininois.us/sites/default/files/attachments/Fillable Board Application 0.pdf>. Members are appointed by the Mayor.

Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting

December 7 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.