

**Environmental Advisory Board
Annual Report on 2013-2014 Work Plan/Accomplishments**

Summary: The Environmental Advisory board met 10 times in the past year. The commitment by board members to serve the community is reflected that no meetings were cancelled due to lack of quorum. In addition the Shale Gas Development subcommittee of the EAB held 10 additional meetings, opened to the public, during this same period.

The 2014 Goals and Work Plan serve as a useful way to summarize the board’s activities:

2014 Goal	2014 Progress
Continue support on implementation and evaluation of the sustainability communication plan to increase environmental awareness and stewardship, including the development of a sustainability umbrella website	Board reviewed and provided input on the sustainability communication plan. Based on EAB feedback, the Town is working to develop a sustainability webpage to help visitors easily find and navigate to the Town’s many sustainability-related projects and programs.
Provide input to council and staff on Town master plan and long range plan implementation including, but not limited to, Imagine Cary, the Stormwater Master Plan, and the Long Range Water Resource Plan	Board member participated in the Champion Tree Ordinance Task Force. EAB inputted on Champion Tree Ordinance. Provided input during Budget Input Month. Board provided input on Imagine Cary.
Advise staff on additional opportunities to increase public participation in sustainability initiatives and activities, including but not limited to consideration of outreach programs for residents like the National Wildlife Federation’s Certified Wildlife Habitat Program and recognition programs for neighborhoods and home owners associations	Board members provided input on displays and activities for Spring Daze and Lazy Daze as well as volunteered to staff sustainability tents at these events. Board members provided feedback on the JouleBug Teen Council Contest. Board provided feedback on the Block Leader Program.
Provide input on the implementation and evaluation of the Town’s Strategic Energy Action Plan	Board provided input on a draft New Building Standard Procedure for the Town’s building projects.
Provide input on the Town’s efforts to reduce the solid waste that goes to the landfill, including but not limited to, initiatives for Town operations, facilities, festivals, and sports venues	Board members inputted on Town’s Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program. Board member provided input regarding an EPA tool to calculate and communicate about benefits of our solid waste reduction activities.

2014 Goal	2014 Progress
Provide input to Council and staff, as needed, on natural gas development in shale (hydraulic fracturing)	The Shale Gas Subcommittee of the EAB was formed in April 2013 and concluded in March 2014. An extensive EAB Shale Gas Development Report was received by Council on 5/22/2014 with staff follow-up with Council on 9/11/2014.
Update and seek continued progress on the Board's Issues Index	Board reviewed and updated the Issue Index as a means of tracking progress towards goals and issues identified as important to the EAB. The index is a public document, approved by Council.