



Our Vision

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

Our Mission

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

Meeting Announcement and Agenda Sustainability Commission Workshop Community Development Building, 419 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:30 PM

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Communication Items**
 - 2.A. City Council Liaison Report
 - 2.B. Subcommittee Reports
- 3. Workshop Items**
 - 3.A. Jay McCleary Sustainability Award
 - 3.B. Bee City USA
 - 3.C. Event Calendar
- 4. Announcements**
 - 4.A. Topics for Future Agendas
 - 4.B. Next Meeting Date: TBD - 7/17 is a possible alternative
- 5. Adjournment**

Accommodations for signing interpreter, Braille, large print, etc. can be made. Call City Hall at 385.3600 seven days prior to the need. Hearing assistance devices are available during meetings.

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Jay McCleary Sustainability Award 2024

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Business, Organization, or Individual You Are Nominating

Name of the business, organization or individual you are nominating	Carol A. Overland
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Why are you recommending this business, organization, or individual?	Carol Overland has developed and maintained a legal practice of visible and consistent advocacy of public interest and participation, representing individuals, groups, and extensive pro bono work on environmental and energy issues.
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In what activities has the business, organization or individual been involved with that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship?	<p>In area, projects ranging from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representation of Florence Township when NSP applied to put nuclear waste near the Community Center and Wells Creek nearly 30 years ago; currently working on Xcel's current application for additional nuclear waste dry casks – it's premature as there's capacity for storage until 2033;• Representation of World Organization for Landowner Freedom on Arrowhead Transmission Project and helped achieve condition on permit limiting transfer capacity of line to prevent bulk power transfer of coal generation from Dakotas;• Representing landowners, residents groups, and pro bono work to reroute transmission lines and pipelines to less destructive routes, i.e., successful in avoiding route through Dorer Forest; calcareous fen near St. John's; DNR certified restored forest near Menahga; wetland near Medina; coal gasification in woods on the Range and rail access through Diamond Lake; wilderness area in Colorado; transmission across Delaware Bay and through Delaware in NIETC corridor; advocated against coal gasification plant in Delaware and proposed wind/gas combo approved by
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PSC. Opposition to project and not able to secure routing around school sport field; transmission through wetland and high magnetic field levels too close to homes; Mississippi wildlife area; across Wild & Scenic St. Crois; across Wild & Scenic Delaware Water Gap. Pending intrusion on historical site in Idaho; CO2 pipeline in Iowa and Minnesota

- Working with landowners to secure favorable easements for transmission and pipelines and storage/laydown yards;
 - Protective road ordinances for 2 southern Minnesota townships.
 - Reached first and only buy-out agreements -- two families living near Bent Tree Wind Project bought out when noise studies proved repeated violations of Minnesota noise standard Minn. R. 7030.0400.
 - Representation and consultation with groups opposing polluting facilities, Mesaba Project coal gasification as above; Petitions for Contested Case for Rock Tenn, HERC, and Midtown incinerators spewing on local residents.
 - Pro bono work on environmental rulemakings, including PUC: small wind, transmission siting and need, EAW-EA-EIS rulemakings x2; MPCA: silica sand, CO2, Clean Power Plan.
 - Local issues include coordinating with MPCA for garbage burner informational meeting, Florence Twp. nuclear waste, ash mining and Water Tank Mounds, draft zoning ordinance limiting silica sand mining, wind zoning ordinance for Goodhue County, Zip Rail opposition.
 - Presentations on transmission siting, coal gasification, nuclear waste locally in Dodge County, Rochester and La Crosse, organized Community Wind conference in Northfield, multiple presentations Women's Political Alliance and League of Woman Voters in Mpls, Cannon Valley, and Northfield. Also San Luis Valley CO, PIELC conference in Eugene OR; Stop TANC Redding CA; No New Coal Plants conference in Houston TX; Midwest Sierra Club Environmental Committee Indianapolis, IN; Ratepayers United Denver CO; National Lawyers Guild. Multiple workshops at MREA Energy Fair; Windy River Energy Fair.
 - Media – KTTC - MPCA Clean Power Plan; WPR CapX 2020 transmission; WDIO Duluth Mesaba coal gasification plant; KTCA Newsmight on nuclear waste in Florence Twp. with NSP's Jim Alders; Nuclear waste policy in MN with David Morris, ILSR, and Senators Wellstone & Durenburger; KUED Salt Lake City documentary on Skull Valley nuclear waste; multiple interviews on KFAI re: Hiawatha and Arrowhead transmission, and Florence Twp. nuclear waste.
 - Press: Transmission Lies - GRIST: <https://grist.org/article/transmission-lies/>; Climate Hope: On the Front Lines of the Fight Against Coal – Ted Nace; Orion – Stopping coal in its tracks; small quote in TIME 10/9/2005; Worthington Daily Globe feature on Overland transmission work; Hope Magazine “Up Against the Mall”.
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Jay McCleary Sustainability Award 2024

Your Information

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Business, Organization, or Individual You Are Nominating

Name of the business, organization or individual you are nominating	Hank Bremmer
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Why are you recommending this business, organization, or individual?	Hank has played a crucial role in connecting people with locally produced food by inspiring people to grow their own and actually making safe places for them to do so. His efforts also directly provide people access to food grown locally and organically by other people.
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In what activities has the business, organization or individual been involved with that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship?	<p>Back in the early 2000s, the farmer's market was an unorganized group who sold produce in front of City Hall. Hank played a significant role in organizing the group into a structured 5013c, and creating the farmer's market that we know today; a group with membership, regular scheduling, marketing, etc. Through this work, he has made locally and healthfully grown produce far more accessible to Red Wing residents, and forged a direct connection from the farmer to the table.</p> <p>Furthermore, in 2009, Hank played a crucial role in the formation of Red Wing's first community garden. He got other community members inspired by the idea and brought it to the City. He worked to secure permission to create the first community garden site on Spring Creek Road, which has since been expanded three times. The program was so successful that a second community garden has since been added off of Featherstone. To date, 73 garden plots are rented out with no spots standing fallow. The garden spots are very affordable, are fenced, and have free water onsite. Numerous lower-income families and individuals rent out the spots, as well as people from</p>
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all walks of life. Hank arranges meet and greets so the gardeners can get to know one another and form a sense of community. Hank encourages only organically grown foods at the community gardens, teaching others what to grow for success, and how to grow it organically. He has made a profound difference in this novice gardener's life. I wish we could tally up the environmental savings Hank has directly created by reducing our local reliance on imported and shipped foods, reduction of packaging from purchased food products, and the trickle down effect each person gets throughout their lives by being connected personally to the soil. Once I had a community garden plot and worked the soil, I changed some habits at home, like installed rain barrels and started home composting. If we averaged all of the habits individuals have changed as a correlation to the community garden alone, Hank's impact has been huge.

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Jay McCleary Sustainability Award 2024

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Business, Organization, or Individual You Are Nominating

Name of the business, organization or individual you are nominating	Kristin Bandurski
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Why are you recommending this business, organization, or individual?	Kristin has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership in advancing sustainability initiatives within both her professional and community roles. Kristin's efforts have not only contributed to the advancement of sustainable practices within her organization but have also extended to broader community initiatives, emphasizing her holistic approach to sustainability. Her consistent actions and unwavering advocacy for the planet serve as a commendable example for others to follow. This award would allow us to acknowledge and celebrate Kristin's outstanding contributions, while also inspiring others to follow her lead in championing environmental stewardship and making the world a better place for future generations.
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In what activities has the business, organization or individual been involved with that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship?	Kristin has exemplified her commitment to sustainability by transforming her passion into tangible action. From her role as the Sustainability Manager at Red Wing Shoe Company to her leadership as the chair of the Red Wing Sustainability Commission, along with her active involvement in Resilient Red Wing and collaboration with the Honoring Dakota Project, she has left an indelible mark. Her unwavering dedication to making a positive impact on our planet is evident through her consistent actions. Kristin is a true advocate for environmental stewardship, and her efforts serve as an inspiration to us all. It is with great admiration that I nominate her for this award, as she embodies the kind of leadership we should all strive to emulate in caring for
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our world.

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Jay McCleary Sustainability Award 2024

Your Information

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Business, Organization, or Individual You Are Nominating

Name of the business, organization or individual you are nominating	Linda Flanders
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Why are you recommending this business, organization, or individual?	I am recommending this individual for their proactive spirit in keeping our beloved Mississippi River clean. Her positive outlook and demeanor is a must while battling such large and complex issues involving sustainability. Not only has she been hard at work on the ground with others but her actions have designated her a true leader in the realm of local sustainability.
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In what activities has the business, organization or individual been involved with that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship?	Initially, the issue of the Mississippi River banks being filled with trash was brought to the attention of Goodhue County Commissioner Linda Flanders at a township meeting. From there Commissioner Flanders worked with a City of Red Wing Councilor to put together a local cleanup event in Sept. 2022 and picked up over 30 bags of garbage from the Mississippi River banks with over 60 volunteers. Over the next few months, Commissioner Flanders worked with County staff to organize a State-wide campaign to be held from April 15, 2023 to May 15, 2023. A communications kit was created to aid in the campaign dissemination including a website page, social media posts, press releases, flyers, and an announcement video. All the counties and cities along the Mississippi River were challenged via email, social media, and letters to organize a cleanup event and asked to submit how many volunteers helped and how much garbage they collected in March of 2023. Three counties organized events and participated in the challenge. They included Anoka, Dakota, and Ramsey County. In total, these
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counties had 313 volunteers, 174 bags of trash, an additional 2,387.5 lbs. of trash, and 53 bags of recyclables cleaned up. Dakota County was announced the winner with the most volunteers and trash collected. In August 2023, Commissioner Flanders presented the Dakota County Board of Commissioners with a certificate of achievement both from Goodhue County and from Governor Walz. In July of 2023, Commissioner Flanders was recognized as one of the winners of a NACo achievement award for this work. In 2024, Commissioner Flanders is gearing up for another cleanup challenge with even more local events being held by various groups including the City of Red Wing's Sustainability Commission, the Friends of the Bluff, Dakota Project, Prairie Island Indian Community, and more.

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Jay McCleary Sustainability Award 2025

Your Information

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Business, Organization, or Individual You Are Nominating

Name of the business, organization or individual you are nominating	Red Wing High School Sustainability Club
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Why are you recommending this business, organization, or individual?	The RWHS Sustainability Club has been around for a handful of years but this year's group has really been enthusiastic about their mission and making RWHS and Red Wing better, healthier and more sustainable communities. These young leaders are so passionate and work collaboratively with each other to create change and educate others. I think they deserve this award because their work makes a difference but goes unrecognized. I would love for our communities of RWHS and Red Wing to hear of the great things they are up to and hopefully hop on board with them!
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In what activities has the business, organization or individual been involved with that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship?	This year our Sustainability Club has put a strong focus on the recycling programs at RWHS by educating our custodial teams and students/staff. They've taught us about how to sort the recycling and labeled our bins to make it easier. They have spread awareness about recycling via education at staff meetings, hanging signs and buttons they've made. The group has had several days of trash clean-up around town throughout the nice weather months as well. Students have worked hard to learn about areas of RWHS that could be more sustainable, such as the lunchroom, and are working with the appropriate staff to try to implement important changes. It's really awesome to hear and see the energy of these teens and know that they are making changes now that will ripple for years to come at RWHS. It's also exciting to know that they will go their own ways once
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they graduate and make even more changes in our world!

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