

Monroe County Environmental Commission

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Monroe County Commissioners

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Bloomington, IN 47404

Minutes from the February 2019 Monroe County Environmental Commission Meeting

Updates:

City of Bloomington:

- showing of “Wasted” Sat @4pm free at Bus-Chum
- City Hall (only that part of Showers) re certified as a LEAD Gold building
- Healthy Food and Financing Initiative (part of Year of Food) grant application being submitted tomorrow – this grant is specific to increasing access in retail settings, working with Convenience stores to stock healthier foods
- Close to launching the 2018 Sustainability Report
- In final stages of hiring someone to work on economic development part of the Food initiative -to connect growers to buyers/retailers
- Eskanazi Hospital in Indianapolis is a model for this connection

Indiana University:

- Waste characterization audit of the IU Bton Campus (funded by Provost’s office)
 - Using Cascadia to sample waste and train on replication; and provide recommendation
- Kelly’s Eskew class is working with IU dining to increase sustainability toward zero-waste
- 180 Consulting – student group that does projects

Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District

- Annual Meeting – Sat March 3rd 9am
 - Tickets and information on MCSWCD website
 - Topic is limestone history

County Commissioners

- Would like the Env Commission to do a Op Ed piece on the Houston South project rather than sending another letter from commissioners (Dave S. is currently drafting this)
- Asking for reports of any damage known from the latest flooding

County Council

- Presentation to Council by Dave W. on our commission's behalf requesting a letter from Council asking for more cooperation and communication on the Houston South project

State (update from Dave S.)

- See his email on house bill regarding storm water runoff and limiting local authority on logging/mining permits

Housekeeping

- Dina DeLawter-Myers is contact in the Commissioner's office
- Membership: three members are expiring this month
- Meeting packet will be sent by Monday before the Wed meetings