

City of New Rochelle
Mayor's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Charles B. Strome, III, City Manager
FROM: Noam Bramson, Mayor
DATE: July 9, 2019
SUBJECT: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Resolution creating the Ecology and Natural Resources Advisory Committee. Sponsored by Mayor Bramson

As previously discussed by City Council, it is recommended that an Advisory Committee on Ecology and Natural Resources be established. The Committee would consist of up to 9 members and would be appointed by the City Manager. The City Manager would appoint the Chair and members would serve 3-year terms. A staff liaison would be assigned to the Committee.

Mission

Advise the City Council and City Administration with respect to issues, practices, and policies related to the ecological health, beauty, and sustainability of New Rochelle's natural environment. These may include, but are not limited to, natural resource management, urban forestry, open space protection, native and invasive species, water quality, green infrastructure, local agriculture, fisheries, wetlands, and marshlands.

Foster community support for, knowledge of, and involvement in green initiatives related to the topics noted above.

Promote the implementation of relevant portions of GreeNR, New Rochelle's Sustainability Plan.

Review GreeNR in concert with City staff and recommend updates or amendments to the Plan as needed.

Assist in researching and securing public and private grants or other revenue streams related to the topics noted above.

Assist in researching and inventorying natural resources of New Rochelle.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing an Advisory Committee on Ecology and Natural Resources as described above.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION CREATING THE ECOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle seeks to establish an advisory committee on ecology and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the committee would advise the City Council and City administration with respect to issues, practices and policies related to the ecological health, beauty and sustainability of New Rochelle's natural environment; and

WHEREAS, these may include, but are not limited to, natural resource management, urban forestry, open space protection, native and invasive species, water quality, green infrastructure, local agriculture, fisheries, wetlands and marshlands; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

- o Fostering community support for, knowledge of, and involvement in green initiatives related to the topics noted above;
- o Promoting the implementation of relevant portions of GreeNR, New Rochelle's sustainability plan;
- o Reviewing GreeNR in concert with City staff and recommend updates or amendments to the plan as needed;
- o Assisting in researching and securing public and private grants or other revenue streams related to the topics noted above;
- o Assisting in researching and inventorying natural resources of New Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, the committee would consist of up to 9 members and would be appointed by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager would appoint the chair and members would serve 3-year terms; and

WHEREAS, a staff liaison would be assigned to the committee; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Rochelle, that this City Council hereby establishes an Advisory Committee on Ecology and Natural Resources consisting of up to 9 members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the City Manager, including a Chair appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the City Manager.