

Last Name	First Name	Question	Answer
Soldner	Danielle	Harper's Prairie has been mowed down and removed. All trees uprooted and torn out. All grasses and flowers mowed multiple times last year. It is no longer prairie. Is it going to come back to prairie or will the new mowing stay?	Staff removed overgrown invasive plants and species and will allow the natural prairie to regrow.
Soldner	Danielle	How is invasive vs noninvasive determined in removing prairie plants? Most plants in praries are native, which by definition is noninvasive.	The prairie is mowed to remove invasive wooded vegetation that will prevent the prairie from thriving. We are trying to remove the undesirable trees such as Siberian Elm, Box elder, Black Locust and Mulberry. We mow the prairie in the fall after all the prairie plants have seeded out. The prairie plants are not affected by the mowing. This is all part of the making of a stronger more self-sustaining prairie.
Schilling	Eric	What would it take to elimiate R1 zoning within a mile of downtown?	We received a question about removing R-1 zoning with one mile of downtown. A best practice is multi-use developments in downtown areas.
Schilling	Eric	...right, but if youre looking to get cars off the road and decrease heating emissions, youre gonna need to work on densifying the city around downtown. I understand that RMU is a best practice, but it seems to me that the city is completely uninterested in actaully implementing RMU and instead continue to practice R1-A greenfield development which is one of the worst practices. What would it actually take for the city to switch to RMU and elimiate R1 districts around downtown?	We will need to follow up with City Planners and we will contact you with a more detailed response after the forum. <i>Eric followed up (see below) to say no response required.</i>
Schilling	Eric	Thanks Sarah, but I've already talked to City Planning about this. I dont really need a follow up	No follow up required
Schilling	Eric	Any ideas on when the blaseline will be completed for green tier?	The baseline data will be completed in 2022 and will be available to the public upon completion.
Schilling	Eric	When for the green tier baseline data be released to the public?	The baseline data will be completed in 2022 and will be available to the public upon completion.
Stevens	Genia	Andy, can you explain quickly why reducing nitrates in our ground water is important and who high nitrates tend to affect the most?	The best way to answer that is through a link with more information... https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/public-health/environmental-health/water-quality/nitrates-in-groundwater .
Schneider	Gregg	Which Commission/Committee will be incharge of sustainabilioty.	Sustainability is not just the responsibility of one committee. Many recommendations will flow through the Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Conservation Commission such as an upcoming composting program.

Schneider	Gregg	Are they adding solar pannels to the new technology center?	At this point, the solar installation is a separate, stand-alone, facility near the new County IT facility but not directly part of that project. I am not aware of any solar installation at the new building. (Rock County)
Schneider	Gregg	Your cutting off people from voting.	No intention to cut people off from voting.
Schneider	Gregg	everyone should get questions and asnwersd for all questions	Will be providing responses.
Schneider	Gregg	Where was alternative energy as can option? Why wasn't it included in the city plan/presentation/options?	<p>The presentation about the Wastewater Treatment Plant included information about our evaluation of solar energy. Certain infrastructure is being installed that can accommodate a future solar installation.</p> <p>One of the items not covered at the forum for the purpose of time was the solar panels at City Hall. Photovoltaic solar panels are installed on the roof of the Police Department with the financial assistance of a Department of Energy grant. The energy produced by these panels ties into the electrical system at City Hall and reduces the amount of energy that the City purchases.</p>
Hoople	Jenny	There will be no livable planet unless we achieve a state of zero carbon emissions and implement projects to draw down the carbon that has already been released. When will we hear from the city what their plan is to achieve this for our municipality?	<p>Carbon neutrality is a lofty goal of any community and it will take all of us to accomplish it. These are long term plans but some substantial gains can be achieved with the basics...</p> <p>Building Efficiency - ensuring good insulation, high efficiency windows</p> <p>Fleet management - moving towards electric vehicles when appropriate</p> <p>Looking at energy usage to manage your large infrastructure - like all of the improvements at the WWTP.</p> <p>Also, generating energy can be an option.</p>
Witte	Jodi	next time explain the menti thing. I had no idea how to use it	Thank you for the feedback
Preuschl	Mark	To WisDNR reps - Want you to know that you do a wonderful, high-quality job with your Facebook engagements despite challenging circumstances sometimes.	Shared with DNR
Preuschl	Mark	Will the ROck County presentation be available like the other handout?	We will save the full presentation and email out to all attendees.

Moffett	Rebecca	Should home owners be worried about pipes coming into their homes?	<p>Many sewer and water laterals coming into people’s homes are original to when the home was built. Sometimes old galvanized water laterals will corrode over time and need replacement. You can get a general idea of its condition by looking at the pipe where it enters your home through the basement wall or basement floor. This is especially true if it comes into your basement in a dirt pit in the floor. A rusty corroded pipe is much more likely to have issues. Many water laterals in Beloit are galvanized piping.</p> <p>The biggest concerns with a sewer laterals are tree roots, old pipes settling that opens the joints and flushing things down the toilet that should not be flushed. “Flushable” wet wipes, baby wipes, napkins, paper towel and feminine hygiene products do not break down easily like toilet paper. They get stuck in sewer laterals and mains causing the sewer to back up into homes.</p> <p>There are companies that offer insurance for sewer and water laterals. The cost for replacement can be between \$5,000 and \$8,000 each. Homeowners’ insurance does not always cover the replacement of these services. The City does not make any recommendations on getting a policy or what company to work with.</p>
Moffett	Rebecca	Is there a cost to have your home assessed for energy efficiency?	Answered by Focus on Energy during forum; yes there is a cost to a home energy assessments
Blakeley	Sherry	Where can farmers or urban gardeners/farmers sign up to join Farmers on the Rock?	Chris Newberry in our office maintains the distribution list, etc. Please call or email for more information. christopher.newberry@co.rock.wi.us 1(608)295-5980

<p>Adams Susan</p>	<p>The city has signaled commitment to sustainability with the carbon neutrality proclamation made last year. What is the city planning to do to move forward on this commitment towards actionable steps?</p> <p>The city has signaled commitment to sustainability with the carbon neutrality proclamation made last year. What is the city planning to do to move forward on this commitment towards actionable steps?</p> <p>The city has signaled commitment to sustainability with the carbon neutrality proclamation made last year. What is the city planning to do to move forward on this commitment towards actionable steps?</p> <p>The city has signaled commitment to sustainability with the carbon neutrality proclamation made last year. What is the city planning to do to move forward on this commitment towards actionable steps?</p> <p>Can community members contact Laura Sikup directly?</p>	<p>Carbon neutrality is a lofty goal of any community and it will take all of us to accomplish it. These are long term plans but some substantial gains can be achieved with the basics...</p> <p>Building Efficiency - ensuring good insulation, high efficiency windows</p> <p>Fleet management - moving towards electric vehicles when appropriate</p> <p>Looking at energy usage to manage your large infrastructure - like all of the improvements at the WWTP</p> <p>Also, generating energy can be an option. Laurel's email is included in the presentation files.</p>
<p>Adams Susan</p>	<p>Could you add the water treatment plant area to the list to make prairie land in conjunction with solar panels.</p>	<p>We received a question about solar options and natural prairie options at the wastewater treatment plant. We are pursuing solar field options and will need to evaluate the prairie option.</p>
<p>Clark Syd</p>	<p>Should there be a land acknowledgment at the beginning of a meeting like this? Sustainable living techniques were used by indigenous populations that resided here before the land was bought and sold by European settlers. I feel like we should pay respect to those who this land belongs.</p>	<p>Beloit holds deep respect for the indigenous populations who proceeded us. We formally recognize Indigenous People's Day and have close ties to the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation.</p>