

WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to protect and improve the environment as a valuable resource and asset for the people and the Town of West Seneca. We strive to advise the Town Board and make recommendations that will promote a clean, healthy, and well protected environment supporting a sustainable society and economy. The committee shall also provide community outreach and education to achieve these goals.

Environmental Issues for current action and long term planning purposes for the West Seneca Environmental Commission (WSEC)					
Category Sub-categories	Priority: 1 = High 2 = Medium 3 = Low	Details	Actions	Team Members	Status / Comments
Water Quality					
Buffalo Niagara River - keeper	1		Assisting with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for implementation of flood control methods along the Buffalo Creek.	Evelyn Hicks	
Storm Water Coalition					
Pesticide / Herbicide Use					
New subdivisions impact on Sanitary Sewers					

Storm Drain Medallions	1	Was a past major project for WSEC. A recent study (sampling) determined about 46% are now missing from where placed.	1. Purchase replacement medallions. Determine how and when to replace. 2. Idea: What can be done to have developers install these on storm drains in new developments? Update town codes for new subdivisions?		
Trees					
Tree Inventory Grant	1	Grant awarded to the town in Dec. 2023.	WSEC to partner with the town for grant activities through public outreach and education during grant implementation.	Tree Subcommittee	
Urban Forestry Management	1	Subsequent to completion of tree inventory above	See above.	Tree Subcommittee	
Tree City USA		Is this something the town board would support?			
Invasive Species					
Approved Tree List	1		1. Tree Subcommittee has a proposed tree list.	Tree Subcommittee	Links to tree inventory grant, future grant opportunities.
Green-Space					
Town Parks					
Buffer Zones for Subdivisions					

Growth / Zoning Impacts					
Community Gardens	1		Agenda topic for 4/15/24 WSEC mtg. Town resident input.		
Hiking trails					
Bike Paths	?	GObike and West Seneca Bikes	Interface with these organizations to identify priorities for WSEC.	Danielle Bagley	
Road Traffic					
Bike Lanes	1	GObike and West Seneca Bikes	Interface with these organizations to identify priorities for WSEC.	Danielle Bagley	Letter was sent to West Seneca Town Board in April 2023. Need status.
Pedestrian Walkways					
Growth / Zoning Impacts					
Wildlife Concerns					
Deer Overpopulation	1	Deer Task Force / Survey	West Seneca Deer Management Plan		
Coyote Overpopulation					
Growth / Zoning Impacts					
Recycling					
Hazardous Waste					
Electronics Waste					

Composting	1	1. Farmer Pirates (Farmers Market) 2. NEST (Northeast South Towns) Solid Waste Management Board	1. Attending events in March and April 2024 to support the events and inform the public about the WSEC. 2. Attend NEST meetings and bring back information to the WSEC.	1. Bob Amadon, and others? 2. Barb Lipiew	
Climate Change Impact					
Water Quality					
Forest / Trees					
Impacts from Extreme Weather Events					
Climate Smart Community	?	Refer to what East Aurora and Lancaster have done on this.			
Air Quality					
Traffic congestion					
Industrial Pollution					
Pesticide / Herbicide Use					
Noise Pollution					
Highway Traffic					
Industrial Sources					
Noise Ordinances					
Other					

Survey Town Residents (voice of the customer)					
Rank and summarize Environmental issues important to them					
Effectiveness of the town's environmental policies					