



COOL CITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	October 20, 2025
TITLE:	Goals & Projects Update
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development
PROJECT MANAGER:	Caitlin Rice, AICP, Senior Planner
REQUESTED ACTION:	Discussion
SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS AREA(S):	Engagement, & Education

1. Leave the Leaves

- Well received but not as popular as Low Mow Spring
- Extra signs at Willoughby or parks?
- Display at Fall Festival?

2. Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Festival** – Saturday, October 25th 10-3 pm.
- **Tree Planting** – Saturday, November 8th, 9 am – noon
- **Green Business Challenge Awards Luncheon** – Friday, December 12th
 - i. Our challenge information submitted 10/16/2025

3. Fall Festival:

- Scheduling Shifts
 - i. Morning (Setup)
 - ii. Afternoon (Clean up)
- Event 10am – 3pm
- Confirmation of games
 - i. Wheels, Worms & Cards
- Committee has budget for candy, staff will purchase.

4. New Earth Farms

- 20 active registrants
- 1,515 lbs diverted as of 10/8/25
- Promotion is still in progress

5. PFAS

- Opportunities for the Cool Cities Committee to discuss PFAS regarding water quality & reduction of single use plastic and waste.
- [PFAS FAQ & Updates webpage](#)

6. Dark Skys & Lighting Webinar

- [Slides from Dr. Chris Palma's presentation](#)
- [Recording of presentation](#)
- Dark Sky International webpage: darksky.org

- [Lights Out Initiatives](#) from Pennsylvania Audubon Council
7. **Relevant Reading Materials from APA (linked in Agenda)**
- Adaptation Pathways for Climate Resilience PAS Quick Notes 115
 - Planning for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation PAS Report 601
 - Zoning Practice Report – The Physical Footprint of Artificial Intelligence
8. **Next Meeting – November 17th, 2025 – Reschedule/Cancel**
- Rice will be out of town Nov 15th -28th