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1. **Activity areas updates:** *What has been done, what needs to get done, what are resources needed and timelines (including dates/specific periods where support wanted from broader SK)?*
 - Watersheds (Katherine, Carolyn, Daphne). Distinguish from stormwater by focusing on private land, whereas stormwater is public land.
 - o Weed Warriors.
 - o Bay-Wise. Links with Master Gardener program.
 - o Incentives for watershed stewardship on private lands. Trees, discounts, composting bins, rain barrels, etc. Linking people to County programs too.
 - o Native plants sale. Other education tables then too.
 - o Partnering with other organizations. Water monitoring program of Silver Creek with Woodened – Nature Forward.
 - o Need to draw linkages with stormwater management activity area.
 - o Watershed management plan. Put on backburner for now – what we’re doing will help with watershed quality. Explore this in parallel through conversations with the County – including the Water Quality Advisory Group.
 - Insect hotel/bee city/pollinator gardens (Kate, Ken, and Ann)
 - o Moved the “home certification programs” (e.g., Bay-wise, NWF-certified, etc.) under this activity area.
 - o Need some organization in education, outreach, demonstration into a matrix so we can talk about all of them and the linkages/overlaps. Some overlaps and similarities. Including demonstration projects/examples.
 - o Bee city should be quick and straightforward. Initiatives to build the habitat for pollinators would be next step. Pull in beekeepers in town to participate.
 - o NWF Habitat certification. Enough individual site certifications, we could qualify for Town designation status.
 - o Bay-Wise is Master Gardner’s program. Links with watershed management. Best placed there.
 - o Insect hotels – could showcase different types at our garden properties for demonstrations. Brookside has some good examples.
 - o Map some of the pollinator gardens around town and sites (plus candidate sites). Could do a walking audit of potential locations. Including Town right-of-way.
 - o Need to identify volunteers from Greenscape committee who will join this effort; **Ann will raise at the next Greenscape Committee meeting.**
 - Rooftop solar and resilience hub for Town Hall (Nate and Ann)
 - o No update – **Ann and Nate to follow up on the discussion with Green Bank from the fall.**
 - Bike and Pedestrian Plan (Nate)
 - o BPPA Plan will be ready and finalized in February, and will help us to set priorities moving forward.
 - Sustainability Resource Center (Ben)

- No update.
 - Stormwater Management (Ken, Karen, Ben)
 - Brainstormed a bunch of questions. Take out channelized portion of Silver Creek and put in natural banks, etc.
 - Start with understanding water quality.
 - Link with [Sector Plan](#) – has specific focus on the Town and Silver Creek.
 - Stormwater utility/fee as an idea to pursue. MML 2023 conference, and also in the Sector Plan.
 - **Ken will share questions with us and Matt and set up a meeting to discuss.**
 - Trash/Recycling/Composting program (Olwen residential, need business rep)
 - Olwen, Ann, and Nate updated on discussion with Matt and Alex around adding Composting to our trash/recycling pick-ups.
 - Town Contract with Ecology (refuse company) is expiring this year and will require town to undertake new procurement for waste collection.
 - May consider different options and models for how to add it while keeping costs down. Compost Crew is expensive, and other companies might be starting to add this service. Other municipalities considering or already doing it.
 - Town is collecting data from other nearby towns related to composting and trash, getting cost information from Ecology and Compost Crew, etc. Town will collect more data on current numbers for pick-ups, which companies might do it. We will probably need SK members to help with outreach and education in the community.
 - Green Schools (Karen). Issue with KP program in jeopardy is still there. Person leading it is writing up everything she does with the program. She may be able to still do the program through Nature Forward. Paid by PTA.
 - **Budget. Each activity area should give a provisional idea for reasonable budget for FY25 and how it would be used, so Ann and Nate can discuss with Town Council at February Town Council meeting. Please share your budget requests with Ann and Nate by February 9th.**
- 2. Communications.** Logo reveal by Kate.
- Beautiful logo!
- 3. CIP Forum.** Ann and Nate
- Upcoming forum to create more engagement, understanding, and participation around the municipal budget process, the focus will be on the capital improvement program(CIP) part of the budget.
 - Forum will be in late February – likely Feb 27 or 29. End of business day.
- 4. Other.**
- Carolyn and Alex attended the SM feedback forum. Overall feedback was similar. Great process, very helpful staff/support, but cumbersome and some redundancy.
- 5. Next meeting** – (a non-Monday in Feb or March)
- March 6th, 7:30 Town Hall.