

**Eastmorland Community Association Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 7, 2022, 1:00-2:30pm**

**Meeting will be hosted in-person at the Lansing Food Forest (intersection of Lansing and Richard Streets). In case of inclement weather, meeting will be held via Zoom. (Zoom link to be posted on ECA website in case of bad weather.)**

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1:00 Call to order and call for changes to the agenda. Introductions.		
1:10 Review and approval of minutes of the April, 2022 Meeting		
<b>1:15 Updates of city committees/commissions</b> (Grant Foster, Alderperson, and Jacob Wright, County Supervisor, if present)		
<b>1:25 ECA Board Elections</b>  Link to Ballot: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8K14RcFdSQcGJhwDffgPkN8yNxHyvnd8_lzWAqj7rL9xQ/viewform?usp=sf_link">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8K14RcFdSQcGJhwDffgPkN8yNxHyvnd8_lzWAqj7rL9xQ/viewform?usp=sf_link</a>  Share Ballot link with anyone who has not yet voted. Volunteers to assist residents without computer access to vote via personal mobile devices. Voting may continue through the end of the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Six director positions are up for re-election:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Emily Mixon</li><li>○ Dan Zimmerman</li><li>○ Kathy Soukup</li><li>○ Brian Juchems</li><li>○ Breanna Illene</li><li>○ Emily Sprengelmeyer (1 yr term)</li></ul></li><li>• Two alternate positions: (not on ballot because not enough candidates)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Patrick Soukup</li><li>○ open position</li></ul></li></ul> Results tallied at end of meeting		
<b>1:30 ECA Events &amp; Issues</b> ( <a href="#">2022 Events listed here</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parks cleanup, April 23 - review</li><li>• ECA Garage Sale<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dates: June 18-19</li><li>○ Point Person: Emily Mixon and Dan Zimmerman</li></ul></li></ul>		

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- Dan will be contact for people without computer access to RSVP - 608-241-1158

- Possible new event: Make Music Madison at Lansing Food Forest June 21. (Registration by May 25) <https://www.makemusicmadison.org/> . Anyone want to organize/lead this?
- Tunes on the Triangle - sometime in September. Breanna and Jennica will sit on TOTT Committee.

### 1:50 Neighbor Announcements

Announcement below, seeking volunteers to mow for:

#### **Starkweather Drive Prairie Planting (from Maddie Dumas at Madison Engineering) (see photo below agenda for map of planted area)**

--Last fall, we decided not to sow seed as the terrace was covered in fall leaves. Instead we took our seed mix and artificially stratified it this winter. We sowed the mix on site this past Friday 3/25. Please see the attachment for the list of what we sowed. With the exception of some of the grasses, all seed was collected on Engineering land! ([Seed list here](#))

--Areas sowed include all the terraces from right next to the driveway at 3401 Hargrove St, up to Dawes. We didn't sow seed in the small triangle of soil by the new bridge crossing at the Hargrove end. We also skipped sowing the "duck crossing" area near 3401 Dawes St.

--Observed growing in the terrace already is plenty of yellow rocket, a common broadleaf weed. Like most mustards, it's a biennial. Frank Hassler also noted Kentucky blue grass growing in the area last fall. We will have weed competition. In the first year of a prairie planting it is crucial that it be mowed. This might seem counterintuitive—after all, we don't want to mow up our prairie plants! Fortunately our native prairie species will take a longer time to germinate and establish than weeds, so when we mow, we are lopping the heads off annual weeds and effectively stopping their reproduction, as well as stressing and/or preventing perennial and biennial weeds from setting seed. Our chances of success at establishing this planting are very low if we don't mow this first year. Sometimes we may also want to mow into year two. **As such, we are looking for volunteers to mow the prairie planting, particularly this growing season! Please reach out if you are willing to mow (MDumas2@cityofmadison.com).** Based on the kind of mower you have, we may need to mow more frequently than is typical, as a traditional home lawn mower usually doesn't have a setting higher than 4" or so (we'd ideally like a setting at about 6"). We can work with a lower mow setting if we mow more frequently.

--If anyone has native plants they would like to donate, that would be great! Let me know what species and what you're thinking. We may wish to install these in fall or spring 2023 so we can mow without fear of taking out a faster-growing more established plant.

Mowing will comprise most of the management for this year, but it will also be helpful to have eyes on the site. We may choose to pursue other management options as needed. I'll be keeping an eye on the planting as well of course!

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<p>Thanks everyone for your interest in helping out. This project is happening solely due to the interest and assistance we were offered by volunteers. As I said before, we don't have a budget for plants, seed or maintenance here. This is truly a neighborhood effort.</p>		
<b>1:55 Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>2:00 Agenda items for June Meeting.</b> Outdoor location?		
<b>2:05 Results of Elections</b>		
<b>2:10 Adjourn.</b> Board members stay to discuss officer positions for upcoming year.		

## NOTES

Board Members attending:

Board Members absent:

Review and approval of April minutes