

Summary – Environmental Subcommittee Meeting – 2-12-2026
(as part of Implementation Committee Meeting)
Anderson Government Center
4:30-5:30

The subcommittee met on February 2, 2026 during the breakout portion of the Implementation Committee meeting. Present were subcommittee members Susan Wheatley and Peg Fenner and new members Andrea McLearn and Lisa Arnett; trustee Tom Hodges; and Scout Lucy and her father Jeremy Gray.

Native Plant Initiative Event – 2026

- The 2026 Anderson Native Plant of the Year is Amsonia (Bluestem).
<https://nativerootscincy.com/product/bluestar/>
- The **kickoff event** will be on Sunday, May 17, at the Anderson Heritage Center, from 1:00-3:00. Native Roots has agreed to sponsor.
- We will get into planning details at the next subcommittee meeting (March 4, 4:30).

Ongoing for Native Plant Initiative

- Anderson Insights will come out soon highlighting the Native Plant of the Year and the May kickoff event.
- Continue to improve and monitor the webpage and map uploading of native garden locations, instructions, etc.
- Discussed talking with schools about adding a native plant garden.
- Coordinate with Anderson Park District. Scout Lucy is planning an Eagle Scout project at Johnson Hills Park. She will be creating native plant gardens this summer. Subcommittee is very supportive.

We will revisit these subjects and more at our next meeting.