

## Focus on Environment

We are excited to introduce a new column in the Ramsey Resident, brought to you by the City's Environmental Policy Board (EPB).

First, a little bit about the EPB. We are a group of seven typical Ramsey citizens. Like you, we live, play, relax, and invest in our community. We're a diverse group of residents with varying backgrounds and interests. We meet the first Monday of each Month at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramsey Municipal Center in the Mississippi River Room.

As outlined in City Code, our charge is to recommend to the City Council policies, plans or projects that will enhance and preserve Ramsey's natural environment – including air, soil, water and vegetation. Our work plan includes improving community awareness through such means as the annual Environmental Expo; demonstration projects including a rain garden and prairie restoration/establishment; public communication; and coordination with the Lower Rum River Water Management Organization on community engagement.

While we are an advisory board that reports to the City Council, we also report to you, our neighbors, friends and colleagues. Our meetings always begin with citizen input. We welcome your ideas and perspectives, feedback and criticisms. Our point of contact at City Hall is Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson and he can be reached by phone at (763) 433-9905 or by email at [canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us).

Now, a little bit about this column. Our intent is to develop an icon/logo that will be used in the newsletter, on the website, and other various forms of communication so that one can quickly and easily recognize that the content is related to the environment. Each column will focus on a natural resources topic relevant to Ramsey. We want to keep you informed and up to date on Ramsey's natural environment, while also highlighting ways for you to become involved with the community, and hope to do so through this column.

The information found in this column in the future will also be available through the City's website at [www.cityoframsey.com](http://www.cityoframsey.com). The EPB looks forward to working with you and for you. If you have specific concerns related to natural resources, or would like additional information on a particular topic related to natural resources, please contact the City's Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator or consider attending one of our monthly EPB meetings.