Village of Spring Lake
Environmental Action Plan – Fall 2025 – 2026

Municipal Operations		
AREA	**EAC SUGGESTIONS**	**COMPLETED/COMMENTS**
Buildings	Adopt green building standards for all new buildings or renovations for the Village e.g.: installing solar panels Perform an environmental audit or an energy assessment on the current infrastructure Cost analyze insulation in the shop's roof to save energy	Install high efficiency furnaces when they need replacing – office done in 2024, shop done in 2025
Vehicles	Purchase low emission vehicles when replacing equipment	
Street Lighting	Convert decorative lights in the Ranch subdivision to LED for dark sky initiative Promote Dark Sky initiatives and education, e.g.: encourage capping off yard lights so light filters down rather than up Evaluate cost savings of LED lights	
Water and Waste Water	Investigate a pumping station within the Village Continue with a waste water savings plan (started in 2025) Develop an information package regarding the collection of rain water and the benefits of using it. Continue to promote rain harvesting and rain barrel usage Continue to educate in regards to Best Practises during dry conditions Continue to be in alliance with the NSWA for research and education opportunities	Two community port-a-potties were purchased in January 2023 Information posted on web site July 2024

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Solid Waste	Implement a public education program on waste reduction for country living	
	Promote and educate about composting by bringing in a guest Master Composter	Posted composting information on web site July 2024
	Continue with twice annually, large item drop off program	Increased the size of the bins in 2023, Had two 40 yard bins and one 30 yard, decreased to two 40 yard bins in 2025
Air Quality	Encourage tree planting to help with air quality	
	Naturalize hill sides but ensure no hindrance to drainage systems	
Other	Continue to be diligent in regards to monitoring noxious and prohibited weeds within the Village	
	Use pre-made cards to drop at doors when noxious or prohibited weeds are identified, leaving a space for the date and type of weed to be removed	Presented to council in 2025, however no certified inspectors yet
	Sponsor/promote bringing in presenters and workshops in the areas of healthy water wells, septic systems, living with beavers, squirrels and skunks, children's programs	Living With Beavers presenter in 2022, Backyard Bird Feeding presenter in 2023. Bat presentation in 2025
	Support Earth Day activities	
	Promote information regarding the importance bees and dandelions in the Spring 2026 newsletter	
	Install native plant identifier plaques along the walking trails	
	Promote and educate residents regarding the use of organic fertilizers and information about the fertilizer by-law	Information regarding organic fertilizers was in winter 2022 newsletter, by-law passed in 2023
This action plan will be presented to council in October 2025 for approval to implement where possible, and where economically feasible to do so. Approved at Council meeting on November , 2025		