

Invasive Species Discussion

- Faith talked with Leif at Fayetteville
- Created stakeholder group – Jennifer Ogle most important
 - o Landscapers
 - o Urban foresters
 - o Nursery
- Goal to identify worst invasive species in city
- Leif recommend finding local botanist to identify
- No additional compliance check required
- Stakeholder discussion
 - o Ban on sale of items – nursery items worried; big box stores had more problems – did not happen
 - o Other cities have ordinance
- Gave list of invasive species to local stores
- Leif recommended making a matrix of different scenarios
 - o Needs more research from different cities – find endmember examples
 - o Scenario 1
 - ordinance that bans the use in new developments
 - voluntary education
 - o Scenario 2
 - Figure out how to tag invasive species
 - Voluntary education
 - Might be time consuming
 - Encouraging nurseries to label native species
 - Individual plants to time intensive; might need to make signs for areas
 - Signs could provide alternatives
 - Brochures at the checkout
 - o Scenario 3
 - Complete ban on sale and use
 - Portland may have fee – look at website
- Need to identify more cities
 - o Are there any cities that completely ban invasive species?
- Chapter 15 of the city code
- Earth Day – Protect your Species
 - o Michael mentioned UALR Earth Day
- Landscape plans only go before the Planning commission; City Beautiful commission may pre-review – all before it goes to the City Board. City Beautiful approves variances...
- Staff support for Planning commission supports invasive species ordinance idea.
- Really need to identify the stakeholders – **who WANTS invasive species?**
 - o Just big box stores... who else wants these?
 - o Small landscapers?
- Need to document the effects of invasive species actually in Little Rock

- Allsopp and Boyle Park examples
- Use energy standards ordinance as analog example
 - Since we could convince builders to energy rate
- Fayetteville has a Natural Heritage Association (FNHA - <https://www.fayettevillenatural.org/>)
 - Ecosystem services

ACTIONS

- Identify more cities
- Take pictures
- Talk to Tom Frothingham; Steve Grace to get more details about invasive species
- Flyer for EARTH DAY

Compost program

- Dunbar is collecting food waste in Icing buckets from local neighborhoods
 - Locals bring compost to the garden
- Dunbar has collected from local restaurants; having trouble finding people to collect
- No option for compost – where can we put our compost? (*Talk to Mark Webre?*)
- Hierarchy for food
 - Food for people
 - Food for animals
 - Energy production
 - Compost
- Need to find grant funding to make this happen

Recycling discussion

- Waste to energy locations

Sustainable Events

- Need to be able to compost
- Need to be able to recycle