

## District 10 Community Council Committee Charter

**COMMITTEE NAME:** Environment Committee

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION:**

The committee was formed in October 1995. The focus of the original committee was the water quality of Como Lake. Currently active and will remain active until the D10 Board decides and determines that the committee is no longer needed by a majority vote.

**COMMITTEE PURPOSE:**

The Environment Committee works to maintain, protect, and improve the environment of the District 10.

This work has included instigating the creation of the Capitol Region Watershed District, initially to improve the water quality of Lake Como, assisting the St. Paul Parks and recreation department in cleanups of Como Park and the Como Lake lakeside, removing buckthorn within Como Park and creation and oversight of the Como Woodland Outdoor classroom.

The committee acts as a liaison between the community, District 10, government and regulatory agencies, and private businesses to improve the environment.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Involve the citizens and businesses of the District to improve the District's environment.

Partner with government agencies, non profit organizations, businesses, and citizens groups to improve the environment of the District.

Work with the City of St. Paul, the Metropolitan Council, and the State of Minnesota to improve Como Park.

Work with the Capitol Region Watershed District to maintain and improve the water quality of waters within the District and the region.

Communicate with the District 10 board, the City of St. Paul, and citizens of the District about projects and work done by the committee on behalf of the District.

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

*(Reports to Board through whom, when, how and about what?)*

The committee is accountable to the District 10 Council and to the District 10 community. The committee will exist and function in general accordance with the bylaws of the District 10 Como Community Council. The members of the committee have authority to send out communications of inquiry to any public institution and private business concerning matters that may affect District 10 residents. Approval from the District 10 Board will be obtained before sending communications or statement on behalf of the District 10. Approval from the District 10 Board will be obtained before entering into any binding agreement with an outside organization for work to be conducted by the committee. Such approval will be brought to the District 10 Council by the Chair of the Environment Committee.

**RESOURCES AND BUDGET:**

No budget has been allocated to this committee. The committee will utilize cost effective methods to meet the goals as established by the committee. Any donations received by the District 10 for use by the Environment Committee should be earmarked for use of that committee and a full accounting will be provided to the District 10 Council upon any expenditure related to the funds.

**COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:**

*(Identify criteria for membership, qualifications for voting, and member responsibilities)*

Anyone with an interest in environmental issues in District 10 is eligible for membership. If a member is present at any meetings during a calendar year they are considered active and can vote on topics brought before the committee. Members are requested to participate in committee and District activities.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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