

**REPORT
OF THE
UHEW ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Spring 2022**

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The Environment Committee continues to correspond via email and meet through teleconferences.

Committee activity for the last several months continues to be low mainly due to COVID and other issues taking priority.

After several false starts it appears as though the “Goodbye Plastic” campaign will finally get off the ground (we hope it’s true this time). Tentative meetings with PSAC are scheduled over the next few months to finalize the details of what the campaign will look like. The expectation is that the campaign will start to be rolled out over the next 6 months.

Recently the Environment Committee was tasked by the National President to make a recommendation on where to purchase Carbon Offset Credits for the Component. After some research and discussion, Sharpe Management based out of NFLD was selected. Sharpe Management has developed an engineered wetland system to help municipalities treat wastewater. The system essentially uses natural processes to treat wastewater and therefore requires very little energy (GHG emissions) compared to a more conventional treatment system. These emissions savings allow them to provide the COC. By purchasing our COC through this company we allow them to increase investment and bring the technology to other communities.

We are always looking for new ideas and welcome any interest you or your members might have in the committee or in starting their own workplace committee. As a way to reach out, the Environment Committee will be holding a session during the upcoming Regional Conference. It will be an information and idea session where hope to let members know what we have been up to, solicit new ideas for the future, and look to identify interested members across the country to assist in the committee’s work. Please promote our session to any of your members you think might be interested.

Stay safe and go Green!