



MBCA Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Attendees:

- Michelle Ford
 - Michele Kendus
 - Karl Neidhardt
 - Pat Neidhardt
 - Jane Story
 - Cheryl Gray
 - Gary Mohamed
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Discussion Summary

1. Beach Restoration Project: The committee discussed the ongoing beach restoration project.
 2. Documentation and Transparency: The committee agreed on the need for improved documentation and transparency moving forward.
 - Michelle Ford has volunteered to act as co-chair.
 - The committee will determine the process for uploading meeting minutes and calendar events to the MBCA website.
 3. Memorial Garden Proposal: The committee explored ideas for a potential community Memorial Garden.
 - The concept of incorporating rain gardens was suggested.
 - The committee plans to collaborate with the Social Committee to assess community interest.
 - Key considerations include standardizing a memorial token and establishing a clear maintenance plan.
 4. Watershed Steward Program: Classes this Spring
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Future Plans

- Cypress Beach Restoration: The committee will evaluate Cypress Beach to address issues such as overgrown grasses, silt in ponds, and collapsed rock jetties. A site visit with subject matter experts (SMEs) is planned for March,

followed by a committee-specific visit. The goal is to develop a comprehensive restoration and maintenance plan, exploring volunteer contributions and grant opportunities.

- Invasive Species Management:
 - A date will be set to treat/remove invasive species on the newly cleared paper road.
 - An effort to remove bamboo in Manhattan Woods will be organized for the spring.
 - A community education initiative, the "Invasive of the Month" flyer, will be launched to help residents identify and manage local invasive plants.
 - Mosquito Control: Karl Neidhardt will research and propose environmentally-friendly mosquito control alternatives for the area around the MBCA Clubhouse.
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Action Items

Task	POC	Date	Status
Generate meeting minutes and publish	Michelle Ford	2/27/2026	New
Initial Cypress Beach Evaluation w/SMEs	Michele Kendus	TBD before 3/14/26	New
Environmental Committee Cypress Beach Evaluation	Michele Kendus	3/14/26 @ 1pm	Scheduled
Identify, Remove, or Treat Invasives on Gordon Paper Road	TBD	TBD	New
Remove Bamboo in Manhattan Woods	Michele Kendus	Springtime TBD	New
Develop "Invasive of the Month" Flyer	Jane Story/Michelle Ford	2/27/2026	New
Provide Alternative Mosquito Control Options	Karl Neidhart	TBD	New