



**THE CITY COUNCIL OF WATERLOO, IOWA
Work Session TO BE HELD AT
Harold E. Getty Council Chambers
Monday, May 15, 2023
4:05 PM**

RULES FOR WORK SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT

Iowa Code Chapter 21 gives the public the right to attend council meetings, but it does not require cities to allow public participation except during public hearings. The city council shall not receive any public comment during a work session.

Roll Call.

Approve agenda, as proposed or amended.

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2023, as proposed or amended.

**Approx. 4:05 Discussion of a Climate Action Plan with UNI's Center for Energy and
p.m. Environmental Education.**

Submitted by: Jonathan Grieder, Ward 2 Council member

ADJOURNMENT

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk

May 1, 2023

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Harold E. Getty Council Chambers
4:50 p.m.

Roll Call.

Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem in the Chair, Boesen, Creighton-Smith, Chiles, Grieder, Wilder and Feuss. Mr. Nichols arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Agenda, as proposed or amended.

Grieder/Wilder
that the agenda, as proposed or amended, be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2023, as proposed.

Grieder/Wilder
that the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Council Work Session, as proposed, be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion carried.

Discussion of an ordinance amending Article C, Unfair Practices-Conversion Therapy, of Chapter 3, Human Rights, Title 5, Police Regulations.

that "Discussion of an ordinance amending Article C, Unfair Practices-Conversion Therapy, of Chapter 3, Human Rights, Title 5, Police Regulations.", be . Voice vote-Ayes: Seven. Motion .Mr. Grieder explained that during the period of time the initial ordinance was tabled, he had conversations with council members and the ordinance and resolution proposed is a product of that compromise. He then provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and resolution.

Mr. Boesen questioned the number of documented conversion therapy cases in Waterloo.

Mr. Grieder explained that some of that data is privacy protected, but that Iowa Safe Schools and other LGBT organizations have reported that it is happening in the area.

Mr. Boesen questioned if there had been any conversation with Director Funchess regarding the proposed ordinance, since this would increase the work load to his department if people begin to file complaints.

Mr. Grieder explained that he worked two council members and the city attorney to come up with a compromise that would work.

Mr. Boesen requested that Abraham Funchess, Human Rights Director, address how this ordinance would pertain to his work load.

Abraham Funchess, Human Rights Director, commented that he and his department are in favor of the ordinance as a protective measure. He explained that each case would take approximately eighteen months to investigate. However, he does not expect the ordinance to burden the work load for his department because of the built-in mechanism of sending out a

letter then following up with an ethical violation sent to the state.

Ms. Wilder thanked Mr. Grieder for trying to find a compromise and shared thanked Mr. Funchess for being willing to take on the work load.

Mr. Chiles commented that he supports the idea but cannot vote for it if it creates a liability to the city.

Mr. Grieder explained that the city's role is to notify the violation by letter, but the enforcement is from the licensing body. Therefore, there would be no liability on the city for it's role in the process.

Mr. Chiles questioned what would happen if it was being carried out by someone that is not licensed.

Mr. Grieder clarified that the ordinance only applies to licensed individuals.

Mr. Feuss thanked Mr. Grieder for his work on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Boesen questioned the time frame for licensing bodies to do investigations.

Mr. Grieder commented that it could be a few weeks or a few months, it is just dependent on workload for the licensing body, time of year, etc.

Mr. Nichols questioned the typical time line for infractions we are involved with to be investigated.

Martin Petersen, City Attorney, commented that it would depend on the citation in reference to code enforcement. In the case of this, if a referral came to his office, he would want to investigate it, so with interviews, etc., he estimated that it could take about a month.

Mr. Boesen commented that the ordinance does not state that the city attorney's office would investigate and questioned how an investigation would take place with the HIPAA laws as they are.

Martin Petersen explained how the process would work.

Mr. Feuss commented that the ordinance does not preclude any other enforcement power, so it could include the city attorney, not just the commission.

Mr. Chiles questioned if this could already be investigated by Mr. Funchess's office if someone reported an issue today.

Mr. Grieder clarified that this specific practice cannot be investigated at this time as it would need to be included in their ordinance.

Mr. Chiles questioned if Mr. Funchess would feel comfortable acting on a case if it was filed today.

Mr. Funchess commented he would not, and would encourage the complainant to look at the

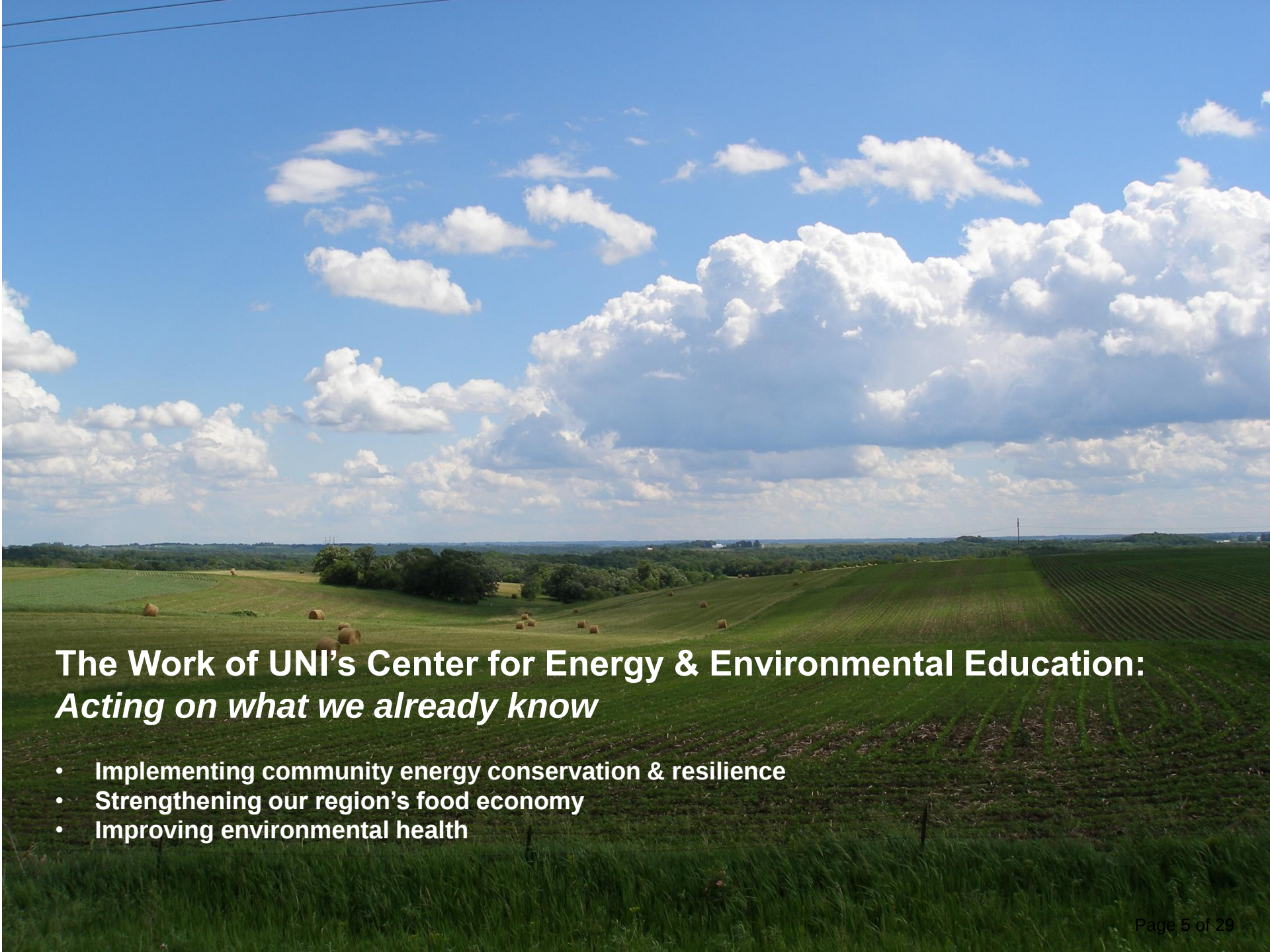
child abuse law through the Department of Human Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Grieder/Wilder

that the meeting adjourn at 5:09 p.m., be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Seven. Motion carried.

Kelley Felchle
City Clerk



The Work of UNI's Center for Energy & Environmental Education: *Acting on what we already know*

- Implementing community energy conservation & resilience
- Strengthening our region's food economy
- Improving environmental health







UNI's Green Iowa AmeriCorps

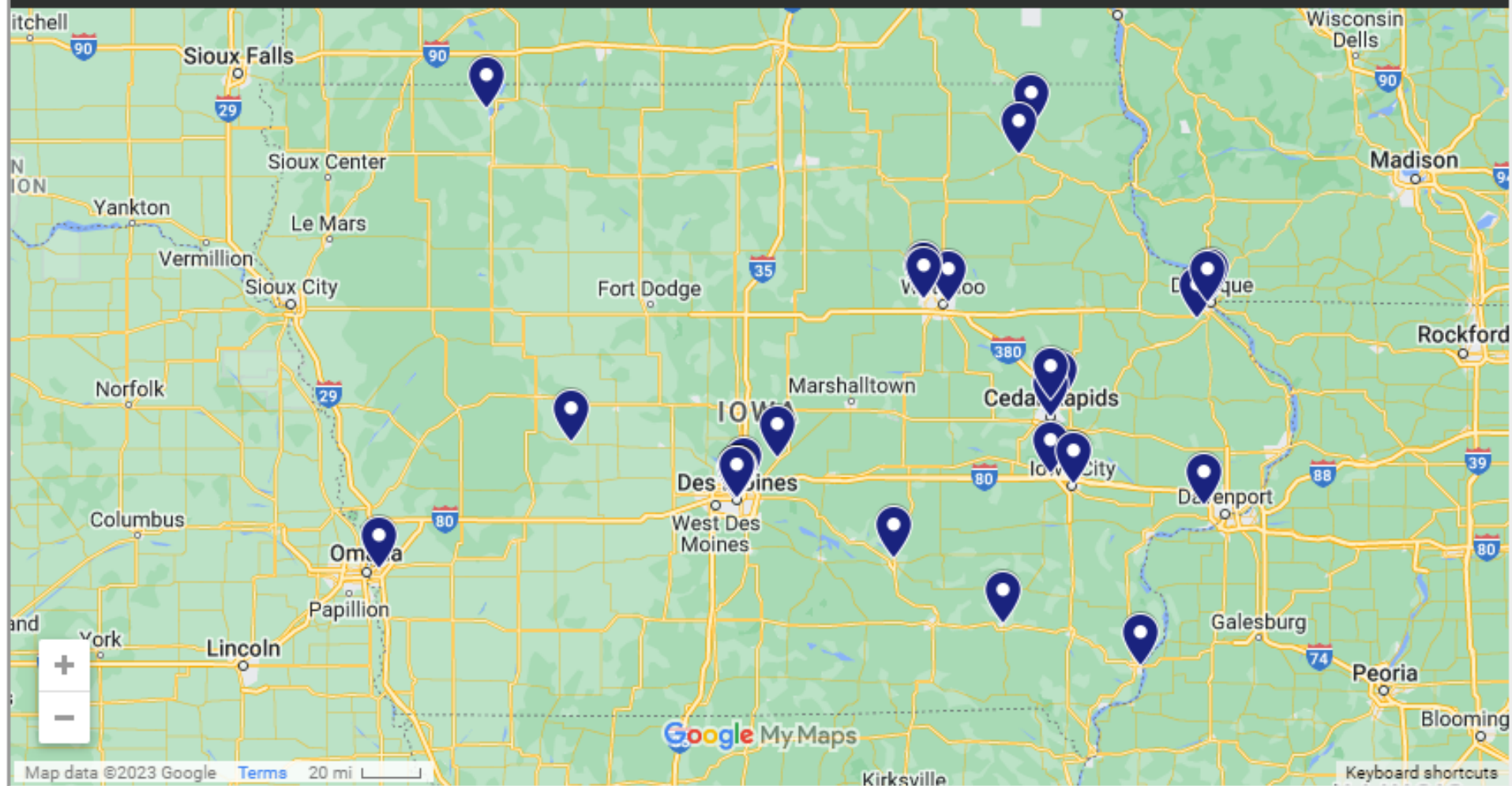
- Energy & Community
- Sustainable Schools
- Land & Water Stewards





Green Iowa AmeriCorps Host Sites ★

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UNI Local Food Program

- Connect region's farms & institutional food buyers
- Expand local markets for local agricultural products
- Improve access to nutritious food among vulnerable populations
- Help recent new Iowans (especially immigrants and refugees) develop roots here feel at home through access to land
- Help Iowans value good food, good land, and importance of a functioning food system to our health and economy









UNI students carrying out our services at Peoples Community Health Clinic in Waterloo



A GARDEN IN EVERY LOT

Renewing a culture of gardening in our community







One out of three people exposed to potentially harmful pesticide

New study suggests children at high risk of exposure to a popular weed killer

Date: February 10, 2022

Source: George Washington University

Summary: One out of three people in a large survey showed signs of exposure to a pesticide called 2,4-D, according to a new study. This novel research found that human exposure to this chemical has been rising as agricultural use of the chemical has increased, a finding that raises worries about possible health implications.

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FULL STORY

One out of three people in a large survey showed signs of exposure to a pesticide called 2,4-D, according to a study published today by researchers

“Children’s exposure to pesticides should be limited as much as possible.” *American Academy of Pediatrics*

**CEEE’s
Environmental
Health
Programs**

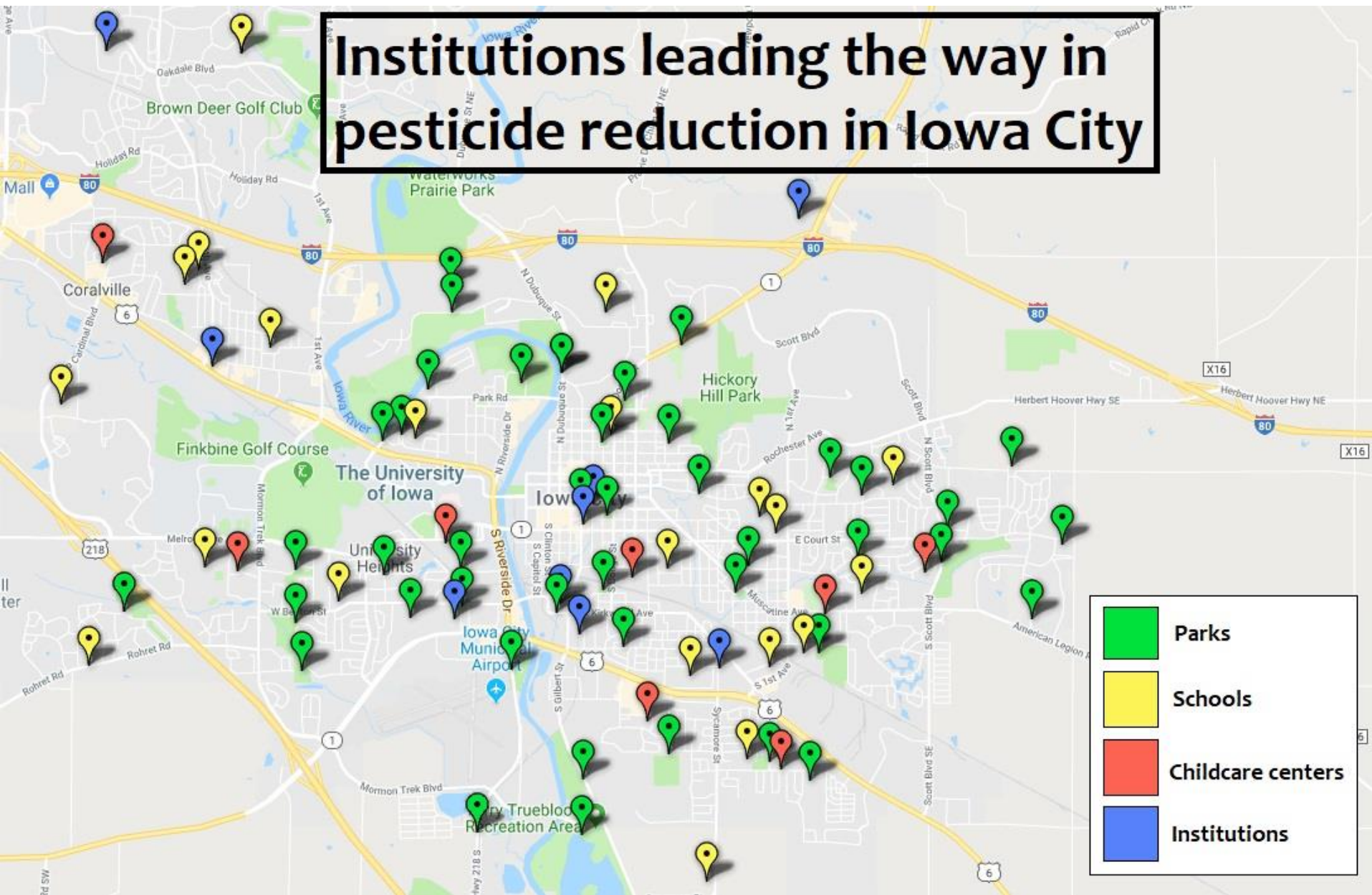






Iowa City Community School District has committed more than 20 schools (190 acres of turf) to pesticide-free management.

Institutions leading the way in pesticide reduction in Iowa City





CEEE is the convener of **Resilient Iowa Communities**, a collaborative work to help communities develop and implement resilience plans.

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- A photograph of a suburban street scene. A concrete sidewalk runs along the right side of a grassy area, bordered by several large, mature trees. To the left of the sidewalk is a paved road. A 'No Parking' sign is visible on the left side of the road, indicating a time restriction from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday. In the background, there are houses and parked cars.
- ☐ Best Practices: Benchmarking, tracking, recognition
 - ☐ Coordination with MidAmerican Energy
 - ☐ Residential Energy Efficiency
 - ☐ IWRC Small business energy audits
 - ☐ Solar Group Buy (residential, commercial, governments)





Highly Visible Educational and Neighborhood Outreach

- ☐ Neighborhood Trees
- ☐ Stormwater/Watershed improvements
- ☐ Multitude of services brought together in “Block by Block”
 - Energy audits/improvements
 - A Garden in Every Lot
 - Neighborhood trees
 - Solar and efficiency improvements



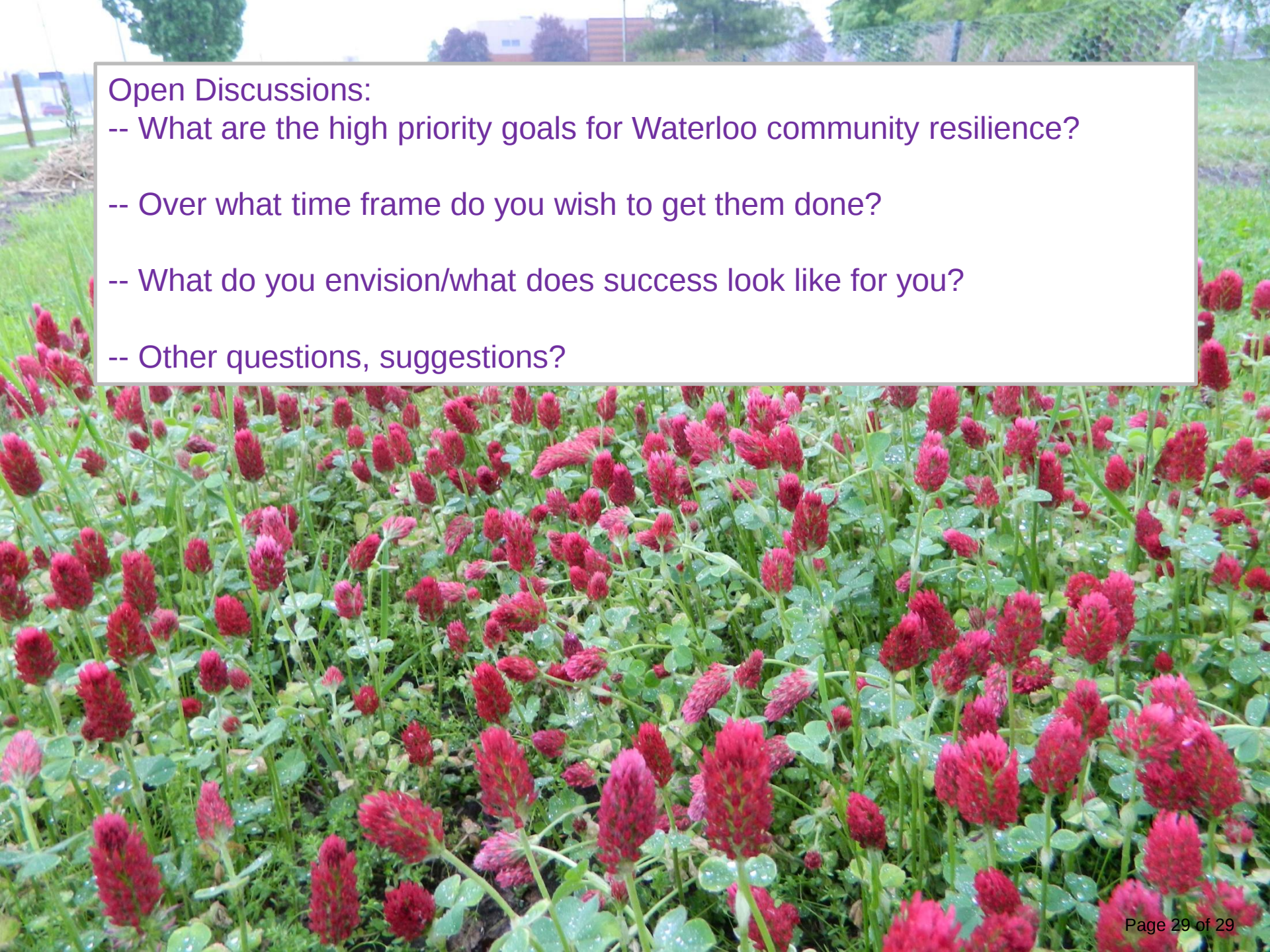
☐ Transportation (INRCOG, MET)

- Public transportation
- Walkability
- Bikeability
- Electric charging station



Role of CEEE:

- ❖ Planning & Coordination
- ❖ Implementation of CEEE services
- ❖ Facilitation with other partners for implementation (INRCOG, IWRC...)

The background of the slide is a photograph of a lush field of red clover flowers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing bright red, spiky heads and others as buds. The green leaves are visible between the flowers. In the upper portion of the image, a white rectangular box with a thin grey border contains text. The text is in a purple font. The overall scene is outdoors, with some trees and a building visible in the far background under a bright sky.

Open Discussions:

- What are the high priority goals for Waterloo community resilience?
- Over what time frame do you wish to get them done?
- What do you envision/what does success look like for you?
- Other questions, suggestions?