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**Subject:** Testimony for June 3, 2021 Conservation, and Maintenance Subcommittee

Hello Sean,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony:

To the APRC regarding GHG emissions reduction in our parks:

I'm writing to support the proposal to replace the fleet of diesel mowers with rechargeable electric units. This proposal speaks to the City of Ashland's climate goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and also will contribute towards the health and well being of Ashland residents and visitors. As part of the planning and procurement process for the new, more green maintenance equipment, I encourage APRC to work closely with the Ashland Climate and Conservation Outreach Commission to help spread the word in the lawn maintenance community about the importance and benefits of decarbonizing our lawn maintenance equipment wherever and whenever possible. Since the APRC is one of the biggest users of mechanized mowing and trimming equipment in the region, your efforts and planning mean a lot toward everyone reaching our climate goals. In addition to reducing carbon emissions, electric mowers also do not require engine maintenance and they do not directly pollute the air as do diesel and gasoline machines. Thank you for being part of the solution for reducing our reliance on petroleum.

Sincerely,

Larry Cooper, Ashland resident and member of the Ashland climate and Conservation Outreach Commission.

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