



**Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission
Notice of Regular Meeting
May 8, 2019**

The Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission will convene on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in the **Council Room at the Village Hall, 510 Green Bay, Winnetka, Illinois**, at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks | Presenter Dowding |
| 2) Review and Summary of Minutes | |
| a. Adoption of April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes | Presenter Dowding |
| b. Amended March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes | Presenter Dowding |
| 3) New Business, Old Business/Updates | |
| a. Greenest Region Compact 2 Presentation Recap | Presenter Dowding |
| b. 2019 Green Awards (May 21 Village Council Meeting) | Presenter Havlik |
| 4) Communications | |
| a. Approval of June Communications Items | Presenter Havlik |
| b. Discussion of July Communication Items | Presenter Havlik |
| 5) Committee/Staff Reports | |
| a. SolSmart | Presenter Havlik |
| 6) Open Forum | |
| 7) Public Comment | |
| 8) Adjournment | |

Posted Time and Date

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 10, 2019**

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order: Acting Chairperson Varca called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; voting Members present: David Varca, Rosann Park-Jones, Barry Sylvester and Liz Kunkle. Voting Members absent: Chuck Dowding, Chris Foley and Mike Nielsen. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Ex-officio Members present: None. Village Council Representative Present: Andrew Cripe. Student Representative Absent: Clark O'Bryan. Staff Representative Present: Matt Havlik, Public Works Analyst. No members of the public were present.

- 1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks: Acting Chairperson Varca called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members.
- 2) Review and Summary of Minutes:
 - a) Adoption of the March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes: Acting Chairperson Varca asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes which was moved by Commissioner Park-Jones and seconded by Commissioner Sylvester.
 - b) February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (As Amended): Acting Chairperson Varca stated that the amended February 13, 2019 meeting minutes are included in the packet for reference. Acting Chairperson Varca asked for a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 amended minutes which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Sylvester.
- 3) New Business, Old Business/Updates:
 - a) Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact 2 Discussion:
 - i) GRC2 Framework: There was no discussion on this item.
 - ii) Report to Village Council: Commissioner Kunkle stated that Matt Havlik assisted with putting together the report and PowerPoint presentation to Village Council that is to be presented at the April 16th Village Council meeting. Commissioner Kunkle told the Commission that she is planning on giving the presentation on that night.

Commissioner Kunkle also added that her, Chairperson Dowding and Matt Havlik met last week briefly to go over the report and presentation. Commissioner Kunkle noted that she agreed to remove some photos from the presentation that showed extreme flooding events as this would take away from the focus of the presentation of the GRC2.

Matt Havlik added that Steve Saunders looked over the report and presentation and provided some additional suggestions to the recommendations to Village Council section. Matt Havlik also noted that the agenda materials were due today so everything is all ready to go.

Commissioner Kunkle noted that at a previous Village Council meeting, President Rintz mentioned the Village will be updating its 2020 comprehensive plan and that inclusion of the GRC2 would be a good idea. Commissioner Kunkle also added that the EFC and Village Council should focus on sustainability policy moving forward as well as stay open to other possibilities in the future regarding sustainability matters.

Commissioner Kunkle told the Commission that the three focus areas of the report and presentation are water, energy and waste. Of these three focus areas, each contain studies, policies and education sections. Commissioner Kunkle also added that the Commission reviewed 424 items in the GRC2 framework. Commissioner Kunkle stated that as part of the presentation, the EFC will be recommending to incorporate the GRC2 into the Village's EFC webpage.

The Commission reviewed the report and presentation and agreed that the main the EFC should recommend the following work plan regarding the GRC2:

- The Council should consider incorporating elements of the GRC2 framework, as tailored for Winnetka through the EFC's review and analysis, into Winnetka's Comprehensive Plan. This would document the Village's sustainability goals in a real and forward-looking way so that the Village Council and EFC can continue working on identified implementation plans.
- The EFC will incorporate elements of the GRC2 framework, as tailored for Winnetka through the EFC's review and analysis, into the EFC's Strategic Plan, so the EFC can continue bringing focused recommendation to the current and future Village Councils.

- The EFC requests policy direction on whether to begin and/or continue pursuing the EFC's three recommended environmental priorities for the Village, namely Waste, Water, and Energy.
- The EFC intends to provide regular status reports to the Council and community on progress toward meeting stated goals and deadlines.

Trustee Cripe added that looking at the Village's comprehensive plan is a good idea. Trustee Cripe noted that sustainability and environmental topics are of interest to the current Village Council. There are sustainability and environmental items in the current plan, but they appear to be outdated. Trustee Cripe also added that he thinks the GRC2 recommendations to Village Council are great and looks forward to the meeting next week.

Commissioner Kunkle added that the Commission should think about basing the sustainability and environmental section of the comprehensive plan off of the GRC2 material. Commissioner Kunkle noted that the energy section of the GRC2 is uniquely relevant to Winnetka because of its power plant, thus being a lot of future opportunities. Commissioner Kunkle added that this is an important category to keep on the radar for upcoming discussions. The Commission discussed how it is easier to encourage solar on residential homes and that it is tougher to encourage on commercial buildings. Acting Chairperson Varca stated that the Commission could possibly assist with future energy discussions and do research and studies for the Village Council.

- b) Green Awards: Matt Havlik told the Commission that two nominations have been received for this year's Green Awards program. The first nomination is for the residents at 855 Auburn Road for various yard projects they completed including vegetable beds, a hoop house, and native plantings. The second nomination is for the residents at 420 Birch Street for water/stormwater related projects including the installation of multiple sump pumps.

Matt Havlik told the Commission that the Green Awards are scheduled to be presented at the May 7th 2019 Village Council meeting. The Commission discussed the two applicants in further detail and agreed that both applicants are deserving of an award. Acting Chairperson Varca asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Green Awards for each of the two applicants which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Sylvester. Matt Havlik stated that he will go ahead and order the plaques.

The Commission discussed reaching out to the following organizations next year and encourage them to submit applications for a Green Award:

- North Shore County Day (composting)
- Hadley School (new building)
- Park District
- New Trier

4) Communications:

- a) Approval of May Communications Items: The Commission discussed the draft articles for the month of May and agreed that they can be sent to the Village Manager's office for posting. Acting Chairperson Varca asked for a motion to approve the May communications items which were moved by Commissioner Sylvester and seconded by Commissioner Kunkle. Matt Havlik agreed to send this information to the Village Manager's Office.
- b) Discussion of June Communications Items: The Commission looked ahead to the June communication items and agreed upon who will draft articles for each topic. Commissioner Park-Jones suggested adding a photo to the June article regarding Buckthorn. Matt Havlik said that he will add a photo.

- 5) Committee/Staff Report: Matt Havlik told the Commission that all documentation has been submitted to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus on behalf of the Solar Foundation for SolSmart designation. Matt Havlik also said that the designation event is scheduled for May 9th at Argonne National Laboratory at 10:30AM. Matt Havlik said he will be attending and invited anybody else that would like to attend.

Commissioner Kunkle inquired about the use of recycling Styrofoam material that Commissioner Park-Jones inquired about at the last meeting. Matt Havlik said he contacted the Village's Styrofoam recycling, Dart Container Corporation, whom explained that the majority of Styrofoam is used for making picture frames.

- 6) Open Forum: Commissioner Kunkle suggested that the Village host an event around Earth Day and Arbor Day in the future. This could be a Village-sponsored event. Commissioner Kunkle also noted that Earth Day always fall on the week of the Village's clean-up week. Matt Havlik told the Commission that the Village Forester, Jim Stier, will have tree saplings available for residents on Earth Day at the Public Works Facility and the Village Hall.

Commissioner Kunkle also stated that the Commission should be more involved in the planning process for the Downtown Master Plan. Specifically, by repainting of the recycling

and garbage containers throughout the business districts to easily distinguish garbage from recycling.

- 7) Public Comment: None.
- 8) Adjournment: There being no further business, Acting Chairperson Varca asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Sylvester. Having the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
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- 1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks: Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members.
- 2) Review and Summary of Minutes:
 - a) Adoption of the February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes: Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes which was moved by Commissioner Nielsen and seconded by Commissioner Park-Jones.
 - b) January 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (As Amended): Chairperson Dowding stated that the amended January 9, 2019 meeting minutes are included in the packet for reference. Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 amended minutes which was moved by Commissioner Varca and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen.
- 3) New Business, Old Business/Updates:
 - a) Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact 2 Discussion:
 - i) GRC2 Framework: There was no discussion on this item.
 - ii) Report to Village Council: Chairperson Dowding directed the Commission to the list of goals in the packet that the Commission has compiled to date. Chairperson Dowding thanked Commissioner Foley, Varca and Kunkle for their work on developing goals to recommend to Village Council. The Commission spent the next hour talking about each recommendation in greater detail and talking about how to

communicate the information to the Village Council in a clear and concise manner. Commissioner Kunkle noted that the new presentation date is the April 16th Village Council meeting. Chairperson Dowding said that he may not be able to make the meeting due to travel obligations but will do his best to be there.

The Commission discussed the format of the presentation to Village Council. Matt Havlik said that he anticipates the presentation being 20-30 minutes long with approximately 10-15 slides of material in a PowerPoint format. Commissioner Kunkle agreed to do the presentation. Matt Havlik noted that he will be there and can provide assistance if needed. Matt Havlik told the Commission that the agenda materials are due to the Village Manager's office the Wednesday prior to the meeting and that he wants to review the material a few days before with staff.

The Commission continued discussing GRC2 goals related to water, land, waste, recycling and energy. The Commission discussed studies, policies and education aspects related to each category. The group also discussed which items would require a proposed ordinance, staff direction or Commission direction from the Village Council.

4) Communications:

- a) Approval of April Communications Items: The Commission discussed the draft articles for the month of April and agreed that they can be sent to the Village Manager's office for posting. Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the April communications items which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Varca. Matt Havlik agreed to send this information to the Village Manager's Office.
- b) Discussion of May Communications Items: The Commission looked ahead to the May communication items and agreed upon who will draft articles for each topic.

5) Committee/Staff Reports:

- a) SolSmart Update: Matt Havlik addressed the Commission on the status of the Village in The Solar Foundation's SolSmart program. Matt Havlik told the Commission that the Village will be hosting a Solar Ambassador, through the Illinois Solar Energy Association, on Monday, March 18th at 6:00 PM at Village Hall. Matt Havlik explained that Solar Ambassadors are volunteers who help educate residents about solar power and answer any solar-related questions. Matt Havlik also added that this non-technical presentation will cover the basics of residential solar systems, including actual results

from the presenter's experiences of converting his last 2 homes to solar energy. Matt Havlik welcomed everyone to attend.

Matt Havlik also told the Commission that he converted the Commission's "Energy" webpage to a "Solar Landing" page, which will count toward points through the SolSmart program. Matt Havlik stated that he posted numerous resources on the page and encouraged everyone to take a look.

Matt Havlik told the Commission that the deadline for the Village to have all of its documentation due to SolSmart is by the last day of March, and added that staff is on track to doing so. Matt Havlik also added that the SolSmart designation event is scheduled for Friday, May 10th at Argonne National Laboratory. Matt Havlik noted that he is planning on attending the event.

- b) Green Awards: Matt Havlik told the Commission that two nominations have been received for this year's Green Awards program. The first nomination is for the residents at 855 Auburn Road for various yard projects they completed including vegetable beds, a hoop house, and native plantings. The second nomination is for the residents at 420 Birch Street for water/stormwater related projects including the installation of multiple sump pumps.

Matt Havlik also mentioned that Sacred Heart School contacted him inquiring about submitting an application for a project. Matt Havlik stated that he is working with staff from the school on getting an application submitted.

Matt Havlik told the Commission that the Green Awards are scheduled to be presented at the May 7th 2019 Village Council meeting. The Commission discussed that they will finalize the award recipients at the April Commission meeting. Matt Havlik stated that once award recipients are finalized, he will go ahead and order the plaques.

- c) Activity Calendar:

- i) Recycling Receptacles in Business Districts: Matt Havlik provided an update to the Commission regarding the status of recycling receptacles in the commercial districts. Matt reminded the Commission that three new locations were added in 2018 by Grand Foods, Chestnut Court and by the BP Station. Matt Havlik also told the Commission that in total, there are approximately 60 receptacles spread throughout the commercial districts.

ii) Special Recycling Programs: Matt Havlik provided an update to the Commission regarding collections of special materials at the Village Yards facility. Matt told the Commission that the Village still collects Styrofoam, CFL bulbs, 4 foot fluorescent bulbs, holiday lights, small electronics and used tennis shoes. Matt Havlik provided a handout with totals of recycling material collected through each program. Matt Havlik also noted that the Village's light bulb vendor, Everlights, switched from a pick-up program to a mailing program at the end of 2017. Commissioner Park-Jones asked what happens to the Styrofoam after it is picked up. Matt Havlik said he would contact Dart Container to find out.

iii) Lakeshore Recycling Systems Update: Matt Havlik provided an update to the Commission regarding tonnage and rebates from the Village's recycling contractor, Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Matt Havlik handed out a tonnage report of material that was collected from 2016 to present. Matt Havlik also informed the Commission that a total of \$19,883.10 was received by the Village as a rebate in 2018 from Lakeshore Recycling Systems.

Chairperson Dowding asked what happens to the rebate money that the Village receives every year. Matt Havlik said that the rebate funds are deposited into the Village's general fund. The Commission discussed possibly using this rebate money in the future for sustainability-related projects.

6) Open Forum: Commissioner Nielsen inquired about the status of the information stickers to put on recycling bins that the Commission had discussed this past fall. Matt Havlik indicated that he contacted Lakeshore Recycling Systems about this item and was informed that such stickers are a possibility. Matt Havlik said he would follow back up with Lakeshore Recycling Systems as to how the logistics of this would work.

Commissioner Kunkle updated the Commission on the status of the Park District liaison discussion. Commissioner Kunkle stated that she spoke to the Park District Board's President, Mickey Archambault, who indicated he is in favor of dedicating a standing Park District member to the Village's Environmental and Forestry Commission (EFC). Commissioner Kunkle stated that she asked about other options and that Presidents Rintz is open to appointing a Park District representative to an At-Large position that would have set term limits.

Commissioner Kunkle told the Commission that she attended the Go Green Illinois meeting and that the overarching message of the meeting was conservation and open lands. Commissioner Kunkle reminded the Commission that Trustee Cripe stated that the Village Council is also interested in promoting conservation efforts throughout the Village.

Commissioner Kunkle also stated that the Village of Glencoe has a Sustainability Task Force that allows for multiple student members to be a part of the group. Commissioner Kunkle said that Glencoe allows middle school aged students to be on the task force. Commissioner Kunkle expressed that the Commission should think about potentially adding additional student representatives.

Commissioner Kunkle also told the Commission that she heard the City of Highland Park is looking into purchasing an electric police car, which would make them the first community in the area to do so.

Commissioner Kunkle also told the Commission that the Village of Glencoe started offering curbside compost pick-up service approximately six months ago through their recycling provider, Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Commissioner Kunkle noted that Glencoe also has a community drop off location at their public works building for residents to bring food scraps to. This compost material is then transported to the Glencoe Community Garden for use. The Commission discussed the possibility of starting a similar program in Winnetka.

Commissioner Kunkle also told the Commission that the City of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Park District have officially adopted an integrated pest management (IPM) policy.

Chairperson Dowding inquired about registration for insecticide applicators in the Village now that mosquito season is approaching. The Commission discussed ideas about how the Village can monitor the spraying of insecticides and limit harmful exposure.

- 7) Public Comment: None.
- 8) Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen. Having the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

GREENEST REGION COMPACT 2 GOALS

Elizabeth Kunkle
Environmental & Forestry Commission

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OVERVIEW

- Timeline & Process
- Status
- Suggestions
- Plans
- Recommendations



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TIMELINE & PROCESS

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- **GRC2 adopted/endorsed by Village Council on March 19, 2018**
 - The GRC2 is a municipal pledge that articulates high-level goals for communities and a future sustainable region.
 - The GRC2 framework is a comprehensive sustainability tool consisting of 424 line item goals and/or strategies for improving sustainability.
 - These line items are sorted into ten (10) categories, Climate, Economic Development, Energy, Land, Leadership, Mobility, Municipal Operations, Sustainable Communities, Waste & Recycling, and Water.
- **Village Council requested that EFC:**
 - Examine Framework
 - Return in Fall with: Status Report, Suggestions, Plans
 - It took longer than we thought
- **Development of plans, status and suggestions**

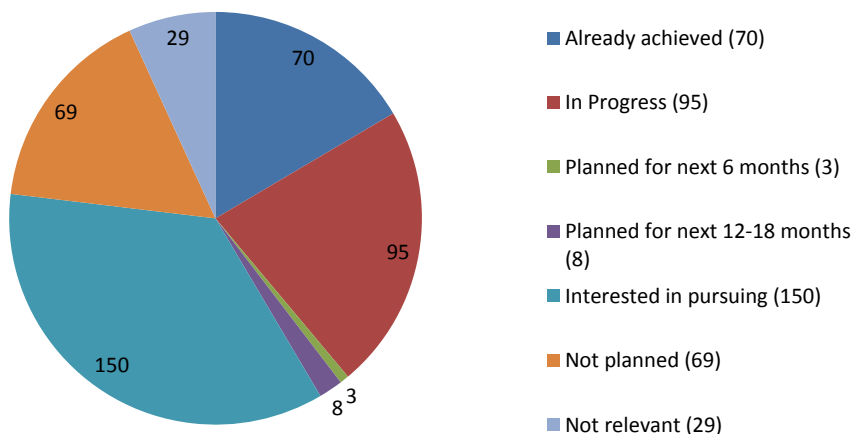
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GRC2 FRAMEWORK STATUS SUMMARY

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GRC2 STATUS & SUGGESTIONS

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- At EFC meetings between June and October 2018 one or more categories were reviewed to determine Accomplishment, Actively Pursuing, or Interest in Pursuing
- At EFC meetings between November 2018 and February 2019, EFC Commissioners each identified ten (10) GRC2 goals they thought the Village Council should or might consider pursuing. These goals were then combined and condensed into a workable list to present to the Council.
- Staff reviewed EFC determinations
- Current GRC2 framework contains those findings
- Today's presentation organizes these goals around three main themes within an overarching philosophy of acting and executing locally while thinking globally.



GRC2 PLANS

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- Continue to refer to the GRC2 framework to guide future sustainable efforts within the Village
- Continue to populate the GRC2 framework with accomplishments
 - Describe how Winnetka has accomplished with short description or links (completed first pass)
- Deploy the GRC2 framework as directed by the Village Council following this meeting
- Integrate GRC2 into the EFC webpage short term and strategic plans longer term





WASTE – EFC RECOMMENDATIONS

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Policies and actions that contribute to sustainable material management and help reduce consumption, increase use of reusable materials and products, increase recycling and waste diversion (including via food scrap collection), and decrease waste overall and sent to landfill.



WASTE PRIORITIES

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- Adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw program (PO, DS) WR+6
- Support and incentivize expansion of existing services to include food scrap collection, commercial and multi-family recycling, and discouraging the use of unrecyclable or hard to recycle items (such as single-use disposable plastic bags and/or utensils) (PO, DS, EFC) WR+12, WR16, WR18, WR19, WR20
- Make public events “zero waste” (PO, DS) WR+8
- Ensure municipal finance practices are consistent with sustainability and reinvest cost savings into sustainable initiatives (DS) MO48, MO8a
- Ensure municipal finance practices are consistent with sustainability and reinvest cost savings (such LRS rebate) (PO) MO 8a, in infrastructure (PO) MO 48, MO 49



WATER – EFC RECOMMENDATIONS

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Policies and actions that use and distribute water efficiently and sustainably, protect and improve water quality, and optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage stormwater while improving the habitability of Winnetka



WATER PRIORITIES

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- **Protect surface and groundwater from runoff and contamination, support post development runoff reduction and mitigation, and encourage residents and businesses to address flood risks on their property (PO) W9, W11, W24**
- **Collaborate with other organizations (to enhance wetlands for improved ecosystem services) (PO) W27**
- **Adopt codes that enable rainwater harvesting for non-potable uses (PO) W37**
- **Adopt codes to eliminate barriers to sustainable landscaping (PO) L33, L29a**





ENERGY – EFC RECOMMENDATIONS

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Policies and actions to help reduce Greenhouse Gasses (GHGs), promote energy efficiency and reduced energy usage, develop renewable sources of energy, and engage the Village community in sustainability and clean energy practices to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change



ENERGY PRIORITIES

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- Where feasible and economic, adopt energy efficiency measures for Village facilities, endeavor to make procurement and other Village functions consistent with sustainability, and develop renewable energy resources on underutilized Village properties (e.g., landfills, rooftops, etc.) (PO, DS) E5, E6, E12, E14, E16, M9, M12, M17, MO9
- Support the adoption of renewable energy technologies, particularly those that expand economic development opportunities in the Village or access to alternative energy options for residents (e.g., community solar, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, etc.) (PO, DS, EFC) E12, E13, E14, E17





PROPOSED WORK PLAN

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1. The Council should consider incorporating elements of the GRC2 framework, as tailored for Winnetka through the EFC's review and analysis, into Winnetka's Comprehensive Plan. This would document the Village's sustainability goals in a real and forward-looking way so that the Village Council and EFC can continue working on identified implementation plans.
2. The EFC will incorporate elements of the GRC2 framework, as tailored for Winnetka through the EFC's review and analysis, into the EFC's Strategic Plan, so the EFC can continue bringing focused recommendation to the current and future Village Councils.
3. The EFC requests policy direction on whether to begin and/or continue pursuing the EFC's three recommended environmental priorities for the Village, namely Waste, Water, and Energy.
4. The EFC intends to provide regular status reports to the Council and community on progress toward meeting stated goals and deadlines.



RECOMMENDATION

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- Provide the EFC with specific policy direction on proceeding with the proposed work plan outlined prior.



June 2019 EFC Communications Content

1. Coal Tar Sealant Reminder

E-Winnetka Newsletter

In August of 2014, the Village of Winnetka implemented a ban on the use of coal tar-based sealing agents on all public and private driveways, parking lots and other roadway surfaces with Village limits. Coal tar is a waste material generated during coal processing that contains high levels of chemical compounds shown to be harmful to aquatic life and pose a potential risk to humans. This initiative was studied by the Village's Environmental and Forestry Commission as an effort to benefit water quality. As required by this ban, all contractors and multi-family property owners must obtain a Pavement Sealant Applicators License through the Public Works Department. Property owners of single family lots applying sealant themselves do not need a Pavement Sealant Applicators License.

As an alternative to coal tar-based sealants, the Village recommends using asphalt-based sealants (sold in most home improvement stores), replacing asphalt with concrete driveways, or leaving driveways unsealed.

In April, letters were sent to previously licensed contractors reminding them to renew their applicator license in 2019 to confirm their sealant meets Village requirements. For more information, please call Matt Havlik in the Public Works Department at (847) 716-3550.

2. Ban of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers from June 1 through October 1

E-Winnetka Newsletter

In Winnetka, it is illegal to operate gasoline powered leaf blowers at all times from June 1 to October 1. No noisy landscaping activity is to begin before 7 a.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. on Sundays and holidays. No such activity may continue after 7 p.m. on any evening. At other times of the year, they may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and on holidays. Lawn care must be neighbor-friendly, so we can all enjoy as much of our few months of good weather as possible.

Electric blowers do meet summer landscaping needs. Most importantly, they have safer decibel levels and minimize dangerous airborne particulate matter.

3. Removal of Buckthorn and other Invasive Species

E-Winnetka Newsletter

Unlike native trees and shrubs, invasive species like buckthorn spread quickly across our woodlands, prairies, wetlands, and parks, competing with native species for resources needed for a stable, healthy environment. Examples of invasive species in northern Illinois include buckthorn, Lesser Celandine, Callery pear, Amur maple, burning bush, Norway maple, tree of heaven, and barberry. These invasive plants, trees, and shrubs thrive in our area mainly because of their ability to reseed.

A good way to remove and lessen the risk of spreading buckthorn is to remove the plants before they flower (May-June) and produce seeds (August-September). If you suspect that removed buckthorn or other invasive plants contain seeds, bag them in landscape waste bags and place them out on the same day as your trash pickup rather than composting them, as landscape waste is banned from landfills in Illinois.



4. Recycling Tip – Make sure all containers are free of liquid and food residue

E-Winnetka Newsletter

When recycling used food containers, it is important to remove leftover food waste or liquids. Containers or cardboard that have excessive food waste on them may contaminate other recyclable materials they are mixed in with. When recyclables are heavily contaminated with food waste, they become less desirable for resale. Items with minimal amounts of food waste on them are acceptable if the food waste is minimal. For example, you can recycle a pizza box if you wipe off any cheese or sauce stuck to the box.

5. Recycling Tip – Plastic bags and film

E-Winnetka Newsletter

Plastic bags, wraps, and film can be recycled into new materials – they simply require a different collection system and processing equipment than many curbside recycling programs provide. So please DO NOT put plastic bags/wraps/film in your bin as the Village's recycling provider, Lakeshore Recycling Services, does not accept these items.

Plastic bags may be brought to grocery stores for recycling. Plastic bags are made out of "film", or thin flexible sheets of plastic. The majority of plastic films are made from polyethylene resin and are readily recyclable if the material is clean and dry. Plastic wrap and film packaging are generally #2 and #4 plastic, both of which are recyclable. Most plastic bags are recycled into composite lumber, but can actually become a wide variety of products.

2019 EFC Communications Plan

EFC Communication Process for Monthly Postings

1. EFC and Staff work together to draft and finalized monthly topics and supporting text.
2. Topics and supporting text are discussed and approved by the EFC at monthly meetings.
3. Topics and supporting text are sent to Village Manager's Office each month to be published in the appropriate communication channel (Weekly email newsletter, Winnetka Report, etc).

January

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- EFC Green Awards Application Reminder
- Reduce - Consider how to reduce energy use and costs in your home and business
- Reduce - Switch from incandescent bulbs to LED bulbs (and put incandescent into garbage/landfill and recycle LED bulbs in the lobby of the Winnetka Public Works)

February

EFC Green Awards Application Deadline – February 28

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Reduce – Think before you buy
- Reduce - Think before you pack

March

Spring Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – March 19

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Coal Tar Sealant Reminder
- Paper Shredding Event
- Electronics Recycling Program Resuming
- Clean-Up Week

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Electronics Recycling Program Resuming
- Reduce - Use your car less
- Reduce - No Idling
- Composting - Backyard

April

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Compost available at Village Yards
- Paper Shredding Event
- Phosphorus Ordinance
- Earth Day – April 22nd, 2019 and Arbor Day – April 27th, 2019

May

Summer Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – May 11 (Include Recycling Guidelines Insert?)

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Green Award Recipients

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- EFC BMP Guide – Summary & link to document
- Recycling - Break down all boxes
- Recycling - Leave lids on plastic containers

June

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Coal Tar Sealant Reminder
- Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers from June 1 through Oct. 1.
- Recycling - Make sure all containers are free of liquid and food residue
- Recycling - Plastic bags & film
- Forestry - Remove buckthorn and other invasive species

July

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Shredding Event
- Recycling - Plastic silverware
- Recycling – Styrofoam
- Forestry - Look into landscaping solutions as stormwater solutions

August

Fall Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – August 23

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Pumpkin Composting Event
- Curbside Leaf Collection

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Recycling - #3 plastics
- Recycling - Paper napkins, towels, and tissues

September

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Recycling - Pizza boxes
- Recycling - Lids from glass bottles

October

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Pumpkin Composting Event
- Recycling - Textiles
- Recycling - Look for bins in business districts
- Purchase unlimited recycling bins at Village Hall

November

Winter Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – November 2

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Holiday Lights Recycling

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- America Recycles Day (11/15)
- Composting - Leaf collection
- Battery Recycling
- Plastic bag, film and wrap recycling

December

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Christmas Tree Pick-Up
- EFC Green Awards Application Reminder
- Holiday Lights Recycling
- Commercial District Business Lighting