

**VILLAGE OF WINNETKA
ENVIRONMENTAL & FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING**

Zoom
January 13, 2021
7:00 PM

AGENDA

In accordance with social distancing requirements and Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44, and Senate Bill 2135, the Village of Winnetka Environmental & Forestry Commission Regular Meeting on January 13, 2021 will be held virtually beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be livestreamed via the Zoom platform. At least one representative from the Village will be present at Village Hall in compliance with the Bill, and the virtual meeting will be simulcast at Village Hall for members of the public who do not wish to view the virtual meeting from another location. Pursuant to Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44 issued by the Governor, the number of people who may gather at Village Hall for the meeting is limited due to the mandated social distancing guidelines. Accordingly, the opportunity to view the virtual meeting at Village Hall is available on a "first come, first-served" basis.

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- In the subject line – "Environmental & Forestry Commission Regular Meeting Public Comment"
- Name
- Address (optional)
- Phone (optional)
- Organization or agency representing, if applicable
- General comment or comment on topic of specific agenda item number

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**Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission
Notice of Regular Virtual Meeting
January 13, 2021**

The Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission will convene on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- 1) **Introduction & Chair's Remarks** Presenter Dowding
 - 2) **Public Comment**
 - 3) **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes Presenter Dowding
 - 4) **New Business/Old Business Updates**
 - a. Parkway Usage Presenter Kunkle
Guest Presenter, Matt Evans, Chicago Botanic Garden Woodland Restoration Technician
 - b. Mayor's Monarch Pledge Presenter Kunkle
 - c. Pesticides Discussion Presenter Wynnichenko
 - 5) **Communications**
 - a. Approval of February Communication Items Presenter Mendoza
 - b. Discussion of March Communication Items Presenter Mendoza
 - 6) **Committee/Staff Reports**
 - 7) **Open Forum**
 - 8) **Adjournment**

Posted Time and Date

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held Virtual via Zoom, Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.; Voting Members present: Chairperson Chuck Dowding, Commissioners Chris Foley Liz Kunkle, Rosann Park-Jones, David Varca and Ted Wynnynchenko. Voting Members absent: Commissioner Barry Sylvester. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative present: Jack Coladarci. Student Representatives present: Marcus Buccellato and Scarlett Harper. Staff Representative present: Brendon Mendoza, Public Works Analyst. Public present: None.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members and the public. Staff Representative Mendoza took roll call for attendance.

Chairperson Dowding and Commissioner Kunkle were absent at the November EFC meeting as they were attending a (Winnetka Caucus) town hall meeting. During the meeting they learned that \$40,000 has been allocated to the Village's Comprehensive Plan Study for the Lakota Group to review alternative designs to enhance the Green Bay Trail.

Chairperson Dowding mentioned that he attended a recent Village Council Study Session related to financing the stormwater project and appears that the finances are in good shape and that from his understanding that the RFPs for the construction on the facility in the forest preserve would be submitted sometime in quarter 4 of 2021. Council Representative Coladarci stated that the project is continuing to move forward.

Oral Declaration Regarding In-Person Meetings

Chairman Dowding stated pursuant to recently adopted amendments to the Illinois Open Meetings Act included in Public Act 101-0640, public bodies may, in certain circumstances, hold entirely virtual public meetings without a quorum physically present in any one location. On March 17, 2020, President Rintz issued a Declaration of Emergency pursuant to the authority granted by the Village Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act to address the health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 29, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued a Disaster Proclamation that declared in-person attendance at public meetings of more than ten people at the regular public meeting location to be infeasible, in accordance the Open Meetings Act, as amended by Public Act. 101-0640. On June 16, 2020, Village President Rintz executed a written determination that given the on-going emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings

of the Village's Village Council are not practical or prudent at this time and until further notice. In accordance with the Governor's Disaster Proclamation and the Village President's Declaration of Emergency and Determination regarding meetings of the Village Council, I, as Chair of the Environmental & Forestry Commission hereby determine that in-person meetings of the Environmental & Forestry Commission are not practical or prudent at this time and until further notice.

2) **Public Comment:** None.

3) **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

a) **Approval of the October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes, which was moved by Commissioner Wynnychenko and seconded by Commissioner Varca.

AYES: FOLEY, VARCA, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCENKO, KUNKLE
ABSENT: SYLVESTER
NAYS: NONE

b) **Approval of the November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes, which was moved by Commissioner Varca and seconded by Commissioner Wynnychenko.

AYES: FOLEY, VARCA, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCENKO, KUNKLE
ABSENT: SYLVESTER
NAYS: NONE

4) **New Business, Old Business/Updates:**

a) **Village of Winnetka Comprehensive Plan Discussion**

Chairperson Dowding stated he has no update at this time and that the Comprehensive Plan is currently on hold. Commissioner Kunkle mentioned that the Village's Comprehensive Plan discussion is on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Staff Liaison Mendoza confirmed that is correct.

b) **Mayor's Monarch Pledge**

Commissioner Kunkle stated that the Mayor's Monarch Pledge is taken and then communities report progress on the three (3) or more actionable items that are required to be taken within one (1) year and still would like to recommend the Mayor's Monarch

Pledge with the new information discovered. The Commission discussed potential opportunities from the Mayor's Monarch Pledge Action Items List for recommendation.

Commissioner Kunkle recommended the Commission review the items on the action list and provide recommendations at the January EFC Meeting.

Commissioner Varca stated that the Mayor's Monarch pledge was approved at the previous EFC meeting and recommended amending the previous motions to clarify the EFC's process for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Commissioner Wynnychenko moved to rescind the previous motions at the October Meeting regarding the Mayor's Monarch pledge pending further review and was seconded by Commissioner Kunkle.

AYES: FOLEY, VARCA, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCHENKO, KUNKLE
ABSENT: SYLVESTER
NAYS: NONE

Commissioner Kunkle asked that each Commissioner choose three (3) of the actionable items listed in the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to share in the January 2021 EFC Meeting.

c) Pesticides Discussion

Commissioner Wynnychenko discussed options to make steps towards addressing mosquito spraying such as education, changes to Village Code, local organizational changes (Park District, School District, NSMAD), and advocate to change the Illinois Pesticide Act at the state level.

Student Representative Harper stated last meeting she was tasked with finding out what the School District and Park District use for pesticides. She stated she attempted to reach out to the School District and Park District but was not able to contact them. Student Representative Harper stated she recently met with State Representative Robin Gable on this issue and has a follow-up meeting.

Chairperson Dowding stated for this to be advanced the Commission needs to research the options and study what other Villages are doing and conduct specific recommendations based upon these findings before bringing this issue to the Village Council. Chairperson Dowding asked Commissioner Wynnychenko and Student Representative Harper to gather more information.

Commissioner Wynnychenko stated that it would be helpful to ask the Village Attorney if there is the possibility of regulating pesticides applicators, similar to the Village's coal tar regulation. Commissioner Wynnychenko stated he would follow-up with the Village Attorney and other Villages' Environmental and Forestry Commissions to find out their views on this issue.

d) Parkway Usage

Commissioner Kunkle mentioned that the parkway usage discussion began as a resident on Cherry Street posted on Next Door in October as he planted a raised garden bed in the Village Parkway and the Village required that he remove the installation as he did not have Village approval.

Commissioner Kunkle stated that at the Village Council Study Session on December 8, 2020 the Council was reviewing the Village Code regarding parkway usages. As part of the discussion, the Village Council asked the EFC to develop recommendations by researching and developing guidance on plantings in the Village's rights-of-way. Commissioner Kunkle provided a brief overview of the presentation slides (attached) as presented by Village Director/Village Engineer Saunders at the Village Council Study Session.

Chairperson Dowding stated he spoke with Village Director/Village Engineer Saunders on December 9, 2020 and drafted the attached summary of the discussion. Chairperson Dowding provided an overview of the document.

Trustee Representative Coladarci stated that a good idea would be for the EFC to have public participation as part of this discussion and for recommendations. Commissioner Kunkle mentioned the importance of hearing both sides of the discussion from residents that are for and against parkway plantings to ensure a thought-out review of the issue takes place.

Chairperson Dowding stated to move forward the Commission should research information regarding acceptable plantings in the parkway, understanding of experience of other communities with parkway plantings; such as Kenilworth, Highland Park, and Bannockburn and understanding the Village Code related to parkway uses.

Commissioner Wynnychenko stated he created a rain garden in his parkway in the past through a permit from the Village that referenced a resolution adopted in 1976 and stated this should be updated. Commissioner Wynnychenko mentioned it would be good to provide general guidance and then evaluate each request on a case by case basis by Village Staff. Commissioner Foley agreed with Commissioner Wynnychenko that it would be good to provide guidance for these requests and flexibility for Village Staff to evaluate each request. Student Representative Harper stated that a list could be put together that includes recommended native plants to assist with pollinators and water control.

Chairperson Dowding asked for volunteers to develop a native planting list and discover other communities' experiences regarding this issue. Student Representative Buccellato stated he would help by creating a list of recommended plantings. Commissioner Kunkle mentioned reaching out to Matt Evans to assist with developing the native plantings list. Matt Evans lives in Highland Park, grew up in Winnetka, and has a degree in Plant Biology and Ecology. Commissioner Kunkle mentioned she will reach out to Matt to assist. Commissioner Kunkle also mentioned that another resource may be to ask the Village Foresters regarding native plants. Commissioner Wynnnychenko mentioned there already may be native planting listing that could be useful and that the Village Foresters maintain a listing for trees.

5) Communications:

a) Approval of January Communication Items

The Commission reviewed the January Communication Items. Student Representative Harper stated she created a new article regarding mouse bait for January. Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the January Communications Items which was moved by Commissioner Varca and seconded by Commissioner Wynnnychenko.

AYES: FOLEY, VARCA, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCENKO, KUNKLE
ABSENT: SYLVESTER
NAYS: NONE

b) Discussion of February Communications Items

The Commission reviewed the upcoming February Communication items.

Commissioner Kunkle stated she be recently became aware that the Village may have a textile drop-off recycling container/program and should be included in communications if so. Staff Representative Mendoza stated that USagain recently provided a new collection bin for the Village's shoe recycling program and the box had an advertisement on it stating to recycling textiles but the collection has not been officially expanded to collect textiles, but will follow-up with USagain to confirm if they do collect textiles.

6) Commission/Staff Reports: None.

7) Open Forum:

Commissioner Wynnnychenko stated that driving through the Elm Street Business District in the early morning that it is very bright due to the holiday lights and wondered why the lights are on all night instead of during set hours.

Commissioner Kunkle asked the process for installation of holiday lights and if they are installed and taken down each year. Staff Representative Mendoza stated that the holiday lights are up for a couple of seasons and then reinstalled and is on a rotating schedule. Commissioner Kunkle stated that for future consideration to think of environmentally friendly options for the Village's holiday lights.

8) Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Wynnychenko and seconded by Commissioner Varca. The motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

AYES:	FOLEY, VARCA, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCENKO, KUNKLE
ABSENT:	SYLVESTER
NAYS:	NONE

- 1  **Mosquito Spraying - Options**
 - Education – done/in progress
 - Remove standing water
 - Mosquito repellent
 - Loose clothing
 - Screens
 - Changes to Village Code
 - Alter how temporary screens are treated in building code
 - Require all/insecticide applicators to have license
 - Require all/insecticide applicators to provide notice
 - Local Governmental Changes
 - Park District process/procedures
 - School District process/procedures
 - NSMAD Operations
 - Changes to Illinois Pesticide Act
 - Village Council Resolution
 - Contact/work together with other municipalities to advocate for changes
- 2  **Mosquito Spraying – First Steps**
 - Education – done/in progress
 - Remove standing water
 - Mosquito repellent
 - Loose clothing
 - Screens
 - » Expand topics covered by EFC communications in print/online
 - Changes to Village Code
 - Alter how temporary screens are treated in building code
 - Require all/insecticide applicators to have license
 - Require all/insecticide applicators to provide notice
 - » Bring recommendations to Council
 - » Request Village Attorney to investigate options
- 3  **Mosquito Spraying - Options**
 - Local Governmental Changes
 - Park District process/procedures
 - School District process/procedures
 - NSMAD Operations
 - » Contact other governmental bodies to discuss concerns and look for possible changes if necessary
 - Changes to Illinois Pesticide Act
 - Village Council Resolution
 - Contact/work together with other municipalities to advocate for changes
 - » Contact other municipalities' environmental commissions (if existent) to gauge interest/knowledge of limitations/changes



VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

PARKWAY PLANTING POLICY

**Winnetka Village Council
December 8, 2020**





PARKWAY RAISED PLANTER

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Village Code prohibits encroachment of structures into public rights of way.

Village Code requires permission for planting in parkway.





OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE

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Section 12.04.040

Current Language

It is unlawful to construct any building, fence, cellar, vault door, coal chute, vent, fill pipe or structure or portion of any of the foregoing which encroaches on any public street or sidewalk in the Village. All such encroachments, except cellar or vault doors lawfully in existence in 1932, are declared to be nuisances and the Director of Public Works is authorized to abate such nuisances.

Section 12.04.040

Proposed Language

It is unlawful to construct any structure or portion thereof which encroaches on any public street or right-of-way in the Village. Structures include, but are not limited to, buildings, fences, vents, fill pipes, retaining walls, raised planter areas, light posts, and gates. All such encroachments, except cellar or vault doors lawfully in existence in 1932, are declared to be nuisances and the Director of Public Works is authorized to abate such nuisances.





PARKWAY CONDITIONS AND PLANTINGS

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CLARIFICATIONS TO POLICY

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- A list of preferred tree and plant species will be included with the planting application, as well as a list of prohibited invasive species
- Because green technologies are a part of the Village's ongoing stormwater quality management efforts, guidance on constructing and maintaining rain gardens and bioswales – to be researched and
- developed by the Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commission – will be included as part of the permit application
- The permit application will be clarified to indicate that no structures, planters, boulders, fences, etc. are permitted in public rights-of-way
- Guidance for height and location of plantings with respect to intersection and driveway sight distance, trees, utilities, and setbacks from curbs and sidewalks will be provided in the permit application
- A disclaimer statement will be included indicating that maintenance responsibility (except for trimming of trees) lies with the adjacent property owner, that the Village may revoke permission if the plantings are not properly maintained, and that the installation may be removed to allow construction of utility projects and Village infrastructure projects





RECOMMENDATION

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1. Staff is seeking concurrence from the Village Council to prepare an ordinance that would modify Section 12.04.040 (Encroachments) as described above;
2. Staff is seeking concurrence to clarify the application and approval documents for plantings in the public right-of-way as outlined above; and
3. Staff recommends that the Village Council direct the Winnetka Environmental & Forestry Commission to research and develop guidance on planting rain gardens and bioswales in the Village's rights-of-way.



QUESTIONS?

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Guidelines for investigation

- 1) The parkway (public right of way) belongs to the Village. Residents must obtain a permit from the Village to modify in anyway the parkway.
- 2) Public rights of way were established to allow present and future access of utilities (example undergrounding of overhead lines and development of 5G with horizontal boring)
- 3) No non-living structures permanent or otherwise may be constructed or placed on the parkway
 - a. Example: sign ordinance
 - b. Soil is alive with microbes
 - c. Boulders?
- 4) That stipulated, the VC wishes the EFC to investigate the potential for use of the parkway by the Village or contiguous property owners to improve the quality of runoff or infiltrating water and/or biodiversity
- 5) This investigation must take the following needs of the Village for use of the parkways, which it owns for communal benefit
 - a. Interference with utilities, including but not limited to wires, cables, poles, pipes.
 - b. Snow removal (street and sidewalk) and snow banking
 - c. Fall leaf removal (equipment access to push leaves to the street)
 - d. Visibility along and safe and full use (over hang preventions) of the sidewalks for children biking to school and pedestrians
 - e. Vehicle visibility and safe use of the streets
 - f. Neighborhood aesthetics
 - g. Trip and fall hazards caused by
 - i. Berm vs swale
 1. Example sidewalk irregularity
 - ii. Plastic/wood restrainers
 - h. Door swings of guests parking on streets
 - i. Access of guests parking on streets
 - j. Construction of future sidewalks where none currently exist
 - k. Maintenance of annual plant growth and garden accoutrement (tomato baskets)
 - l. Conveyance of storm water to storm sewers in the advent of intense storms
- 6) Saunders power point
 - a. Wide variation in neighborhood aesthetics requires variability in allowable plantings
 - b. Best to allow staff to have latitude in acceptance.
- 7) How best to invite public comment – Village eblast?
- 8) Other towns with experience
 - a. Kenilworth
 - b. Highland Park
 - c. Bannockburn

The Environmental and Forestry Commission (EFC) has been tasked with preparing recommendations to the Village Council regarding Village Parkway Plantings that will yield positive benefits for the Village while maintaining consistency with neighborhood aesthetics and not interfering with Village utilities, snow removal, or pedestrian, biker, or motor vehicle safety. [define "Parkway"] The EFC/VC recognizes Parkway plantings are part of the solution to flooding, declining biodiversity, tree stress, and climate change. Parkway plantings are consistent with area Climate Action Plans, which encourage urban canopy and natural areas to shade and cool streets, soak up rainwater, absorb noise, reduce energy use, sequester carbon, filter pollutants from the air and water, ease our stresses, and help us breathe easier.

Each of the EFC's next four meetings will focus on a specific topic related to Parkway Plantings. This first meeting focuses on Preferred Plantings.

Native Plants

- are beautiful;
- are easy to grow;
- improve soil drainage and are effective for managing stormwater;
- do not require chemical fertilizer or pesticides;
- can tolerate some salt;
- are sun/soil adaptable;
- provide food and shelter for birds and beneficial insects;
- contribute to biodiversity;
- help sequester carbon; and
- can grow low (30" - 36")

Prairie Plants for Full Sun (sunny spots in yard or no parkway trees)

- *Aster oblongifolius* – Aromatic Aster
- *Amorpha canescens* – Lead Plant
- *Asclepias tuberosa* – Butterfly Weed (milkweed)
- *Baptisia bracteata*–Cream Wild Indigo*
- *Coreopsis palmata*–Prairie Coreopsis
- *Dalea purpurea* – Purple Prairie Clover
- *Geum triflorum** – Prairie Smoke
- *Liatris cylindracea* – Dwarf Blazingstar
- *Oenothera pilosella** – Prairie Sundrops
- *Penstemon digitalis* – Foxglove beardtongue
- *Phlox pilosa** (full sun)–Prairie Phlox
- *Rudbeckia* species (select straight native species)
- *Ruellia humilis* – Wild Petunia
- *Silene regia** – Royal Catchfly
- *Blephilia ciliata*–Downy Wood Mint
- *Callirhoe bushii*–Wine Cups–spreading, could be treated as a ground cover.
- *Chamaecrista fasciculata*–Partidge Pea, one of our few native annuals; an absolute delight; it has beautiful yellow blooms, delicate foliage (closes at night), and is a great pollinator plant; may also host sulphur butterflies
- Native grasses like Prairie Dropseed or Purple Love Grass

Savanna Plants for Part Sun (for parts of the yard that get at least half a day of sun and/or a parkway tree does not shade the entire area)

- *Anemone canadensis* – Meadow Anemone (full-part sun) (can be an aggressive spreader so is best as a groundcover, perhaps mix with some grasses or ferns for a lovely woodland setting feel)
- *Aster laevis* – Smooth Blue Aster (can be trimmed by July 4th to keep compact and small)
- *Aster ericoides* – Heath Aster (bushy low habit, many small white flowers in the fall)
- *Allium canadense*
- *Allium cernuum* – Nodding Wild Onion
- *Aquilegia canadensis* – Wild Columbine
- *Geranium maculatum** – Wild Geranium
- Native grasses/carexes:
 - *Carex grayi**
 - *Carex brevior**

Woodland Plants for Mostly Shady Areas (for areas with parkway trees with low/large/dense canopies; these need at least a few hours of sun but like shade, especially in the afternoon)

- *Hydrophyllum virginianum* * – Virginia Waterleaf
- *Mertensia virginica**- Virginia Bluebells –(part shade needed, best under a mature tree and shade in afternoon)
- *Phlox divaricata**; needs a moist soil
- *Polemonium reptans** – Jacob's Ladder
- *Polystichum acrostichoides** – Christmas fern
- *Rudbeckia hirta* – Black-eyed Susans
- *Silene stellata** – Starry Campion
- *Solidago caesia* – Blue-stemmed Goldenrod
- *Thalictrum dioicum** – Early Meadow Rue
- *Tiarella cordifolia* – Foam flower
- *Zizia aurea* – Golden Alexanders (can be an aggressive spreader; host for Eastern Black Swallowtail)
- *Viola* species
- Native grasses such as:
 - *Carex blanda* (evergreen sedge) – Common Wood Sedge
 - *Carex rosea* – Curly-styled Sedge
 - *Carex pennsylvanica* – Penn Sedge
 - *Carex sprengei* – Long-beaked Sedge
 - *Carex eburnea* – Ivory Sedge

Bioswale considerations

- Designed to clean and process water as well as redirect it
- Bottom typically planted with sedges, rushes, and water-loving plants
- Sloping sides, which tend to be drier longer, have native shrubs or trees and low-growing grasses

Miscellaneous considerations

- Require compost be used in Parkway Plantings
- Recognize all parkways introduce an additional layer of unpredictability to plantings; some may love it and thrive while others will not.

- When choosing plants:
 - Use the spreadsheet to identify plants with the features you want and need (i.e., sun v. shade, shorter v. taller (all “grow low” to a maximum height of 30 – 36”), narrower v. wider, annual v. perennial, more v. less aggressive etc.)
 - After identifying whether a (parkway) space is sun or shade, choose plants from the Sun and Shade lists on the spreadsheet, but also choose some from the “Both” list.
- Most plants will grow larger for a few years as they grow into the space they have. Planting species tightly together may be desirable in some circumstances and not in others.
- If plants are desired under a tree, plant away from the trunk and plan for the spread so that foliage doesn’t abut the trunk and create a possible environment that would contribute to disease to the tree (bark that remains constantly damp can become weak over time).
- Consider using small seedlings or small plugs to avoid too much digging, which can damage tree roots, particularly in large, established trees.
- Designs may be more formal or more natural, allowing plants to disperse themselves over time.
- There will be some maintenance, particularly in the beginning, but over time there will be less than with a traditional lawn.

Let’s reclaim the forgotten territory and create some native habitat with intentional Parkway Plantings that will absorb and filter rainwater, cool ground temperatures, support pollinators, and bring a smile to passersby.

Sources:

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Parkway Plant Spreadsheet

Light Level	Height	Width	Common Name	Scientific Name	C	W	Physiognomy	Duration
Both	Tallest	Wider	common bur sedge	Carex grayi	7	-1	sedge	perennial
Both	Medium	Narrower	wild hyacinth	Camassia scilloides	7	0	forb	perennial
Both	Tallest	Narrower	foxglove beard tongue	Penstemon digitalis	4	0	forb	perennial
Both	Short	Narrower	stout blue-eyed grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	5	0	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Wider	starry false solomons seal	Smilacina stellata	5	0	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Narrower	shooting star	Dodecatheon meadia	6	1	forb	perennial
Both	Short	Narrower	robins plantain	Erigeron pulchellus	8	1	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Wider	smooth solomons seal	Polygonatum biflorum	4	1	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Wider	black-eyed susan	Rudbeckia hirta	1	1	forb	perennial
Both	Short	Narrower	prairie trillium	Trillium recurvatum	5	1	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Wider	broad-leaved panic grass	Dichanthelium latifolium	8	2	grass	perennial
Both	Short	Narrower	violet bush clover	Lespedeza frutescens	10	2	forb	perennial
Both	Short	Narrower	wood betony	Pedicularis canadensis	9	2	forb	perennial
Both	Tallest	Narrower	starry campion	Silene stellata	6	2	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Narrower	fire pink	Silene virginica	10	2	forb	perennial
Both	Medium	Wider	early meadow rue	Thalictrum dioicum	7	2	forb	perennial
Both	Short	Wider	bellwort	Uvularia grandiflora	7	2	forb	perennial
Both	Short	Narrower	downy yellow violet	Viola pubescens	5	2	forb	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	bulbous cress	Cardamine bulbosa	7	-2	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Wider	green dragon	Arisaema dracontium	6	-1	forb	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	purple cress	Cardamine douglassii	7	-1	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Wider	jack-in-the-pulpit	Arisaema triphyllum	5	0	forb	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	common wood sedge	Carex blanda	1	0	sedge	perennial
Shade	Medium	Wider	pale sedge	Carex granularis	3	0	sedge	perennial
Shade	Medium	Wider	virginia waterleaf	Hydrophyllum virginianum	5	0	forb	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	jacobs ladder	Polemonium reptans	8	0	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Narrower	thin grass	Agrostis perennans	5	1	grass	perennial
Shade	Short	Wider	running strawberry bush	Euonymus obovatus	8	1	shrub	perennial
Shade	Medium	Narrower	blue-stemmed goldenrod	Solidago caesia	8	1	forb	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	common blue violet	Viola sororia	3	1	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Wider	fuzzy wuzzy sedge	Carex hirsutella	5	2	sedge	perennial
Shade	Short	Wider	common oak sedge	Carex pensylvanica	5	2	sedge	perennial
Shade	Medium	Wider	curly-styled wood sedge	Carex rosea	5	2	sedge	perennial
Shade	Short	Wider	woods stiff sedge	Carex woodii	10	2	sedge	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	spring beauty	Claytonia virginica	4	2	forb	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	american pennyroyal	Hedeoma pulegioides	4	2	forb	annual
Shade	Short	Narrower	sharp-lobed hepatica	Hepatica acutiloba	8	2	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Narrower	woodland phlox	Phlox divaricata	5	2	forb	perennial

Shade	Medium	Wider	christmas fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	8	2	fern	perennial
Shade	Short	Narrower	bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	5	2	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Narrower	heart-leaved skullcap	<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>	9	2	forb	perennial
Shade	Medium	Narrower	elm-leaved goldenrod	<i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	5	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	fen loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>	10	-2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	closed gentian	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	9	-1	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	fringed gentian	<i>Gentianopsis crinita</i>	9	-1	forb	annual
Sun	Short	Narrower	nodding ladys tresses	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>	4	-1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie brome	<i>Bromus kalmii</i>	10	0	grass	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	common panic grass	<i>Dichanthelium implicatum</i>	4	0	grass	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	yellow star grass	<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	8	0	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Wider	prairie sundrops	<i>Oenothera pilosella</i>	10	0	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	balsam ragwort	<i>Packera paupercula</i>	4	0	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	nodding wild onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	7	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Wider	cream wild indigo	<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>	10	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	common partridge pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	4	1	forb	annual
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie cinquefoil	<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>	10	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	yellowish gentian	<i>Gentiana alba</i>	9	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	10	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie alum root	<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	10	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	false dandelion	<i>Krigia biflora</i>	9	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	sand prairie phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	8	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	seneca snakeroot	<i>Polygala senega</i>	10	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Wider	little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	5	1	grass	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	common blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	6	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Wider	prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	10	1	grass	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	heath aster	<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i>	6	1	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Wider	lead plant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	10	2	shrub	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	thimbleweed	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	8	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	pussytoes	<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	4	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Wider	butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	8	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	whorled milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	1	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	10	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	white prairie clover	<i>Dalea candida</i>	10	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	purple prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	9	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	prairie panic grass	<i>Dichanthelium leibergii</i>	10	2	grass	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	purple love grass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	3	2	grass	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	prairie gentian	<i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>	10	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	stiff gentian	<i>Gentianella quinquefolia</i> subsp.	8	2	forb	biennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	june grass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	8	2	grass	perennial

Sun	Medium	Narrower	rough blazing star	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	8	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	cylindrical blazing star	<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>	10	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	hoary puccoon	<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>	8	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	pale-spiked lobelia	<i>Lobelia spicata</i>	4	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Wider	horse mint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	4	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Wider	showy black-eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia speciosa</i>	6	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	prairie petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	8	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Short	Narrower	prairie skullcap	<i>Scutellaria leonardii</i>	7	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	royal catchfly	<i>Silene regia</i>	10	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	early goldenrod	<i>Solidago juncea</i>	3	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	old-field goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	3	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	smooth blue aster	<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	9	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Tallest	Narrower	aromatic aster	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	9	2	forb	perennial
Sun	Medium	Narrower	sky-blue aster	<i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i>	8	2	forb	perennial



Mayors' Monarch Pledge

The monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans.

We, the undersigned mayors and local or tribal government chief executives, are deeply concerned about the decline of the monarch butterfly population. Twenty years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico. In the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip. The North American monarch population has declined by more than 90 percent in the past two decades. Monarch scientists attribute the decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the U.S., and loss of winter habitat in Mexico. Western populations of monarch butterflies that overwinter in California are also in decline.

Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly. Municipalities in particular can provide habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens and municipal buildings that serve as community hubs such as recreation centers and libraries. Schools, homes and businesses can all provide essential habitat for monarchs too. Simple changes in landscaping ordinances or school policies can make a big difference for the monarch. Educating citizens about how and where to grow milkweed is also a key piece of the puzzle. Creating habitat and educating citizens will benefit other pollinators that need healthy habitat as well.

When mayors speak up and take a stand, citizens notice. Therefore, we hereby commit to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage our citizens to do the same, so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across the continent.

Sign the pledge at www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge



Mayors' Monarch Pledge Survey

Open Pledge Period: December 1 – March 31

Thanks for your interest in taking the National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Pledge this year. Only mayors and heads of local and tribal government (or their staff designees) may fill out this pledge form. Please note: the survey will not save and will need to be completed in one sitting.

Information from this form will be used to create a public community profile page to showcase your mayor's progress and efforts in the program.

Please be sure to read the pledge language and FAQ before taking the pledge. If you have any questions, you can email us at mayorsmonarchpledge@nwf.org.

Mayor's Basic Information

If you are not a "mayor," or the head of local or tribal government, please enter your name and appropriate title here.

Title

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Community Name

*If your community doesn't have an official name, consider using the following formats:
Town of Herndon, City of Fairfax, etc.*

City

State

Mayor's Mailing Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Staff Point of Contact Information

Please provide your professional title in the space below.

Please note that the Staff Point of Contact you entered below will be the default user for your community profile. Please make sure you enter a valid email address.

Title

First Name

Last Name

Email

Note: This email address is your log in account.

Phone Number

Pledge Summary

Please type a description of your community, your community's efforts and/or interest in committing to monarch and pollinator conservation. This information will populate on your community's profile page, but can be updated and edited after this survey is submitted. See below for a sample description.

Example Description: Exampleville is a city in central Virginia with a population of roughly 50,000. The city is nestled in the Green Ridge Mountains and is home to the beautiful Exampleville Regional Park and many community gardens. Mayor Smith of Exampleville, VA has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with their signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the city.

Action Item Selections

Each year, you must commit to at least 3 Action Items from this list which you will report on at the end of the year. At least 1 action must be taken from the “Program & Demonstration Gardens” section.

Communications and Convening

- ☐ Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species’ need for habitat.

Example Activities:

1. *Issue a Monarch Day Pledge*
2. *Incorporate monarchs into your Earth Day, Pollinator Week or other proclamation*

- ☐ Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- ☐ Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- ☐ Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
- ☐ Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

Example Activities:

1. *Develop community gardens with local gardening leaders*
 2. *Host programming and other activities with Nature Centers*
 3. *Coordinate and collaborate with local gardening groups at schools, colleges, and universities*
- ☐ Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.
 - ☐ Engage with developers, planners, and landscape architects to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

- ☐ Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.

Example Activities:

1. *Conduct outreach and support habitat / green space improvements in underserved communities.*
2. *Develop brochures in different languages*

- ☐ Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

Example Activities:

1. *Host photo contests*
2. *Commission murals*
3. *Create and show films and documentaries*
4. *Support public art installations*
5. *Collaborate with local artists, including school, college, and university art departments to create community-wide art*

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- ☐ Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- ☐ Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- ☐ Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent community location.
- ☐ Convert abandoned lots to monarch habitat.
- ☐ Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.
- ☐ Launch or maintain an outdoor education program in school gardens that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, teachers, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).

Example Activities:

1. [Eco-Schools USA Schoolyard Habitats](#)
2. [PK-12 Monarch Mission Curriculum](#) (English and Spanish)
3. [National Wildlife Federation Campus Pollinator Pledge](#)

- ☐ Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).

Example Activities:

1. Join the [Community Wildlife Habitat](#)

- ☐ Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

Example Activities:

1. Host photo challenges
2. Create property certification challenges
3. Collaborate with schools, universities, and colleges to host joint awareness and habitat creation challenges

- ☐ Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.

Example Activities:

1. [Citizen Science Opportunities](#) (Monarch Joint Venture)
2. NWF's Monarch Stewards Program Certification
3. Engage with local colleges and universities science departments to host community-wide opportunities

- ☐ Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in public community gardens.
- ☐ Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
- ☐ Host or support a city monarch butterfly festival to promote monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition
- ☐ Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat beyond monarch demonstration gardens.

Example Activities:

1. [Neighborhood Garden Signs \(Victory Garden of Tomorrow\)](#)
2. Create plant labels or interpretive language for community gardens, parks, prairie habitat, rights-of-way, etc.

Systems Change

Please select the actions that you will begin to work on this year, are in progress, or have already been completed.

- ☐ Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- ☐ Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- ☐ Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- ☐ Direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties, where appropriate.
- ☐ Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- ☐ Change ordinances so pesticide, herbicide, insecticide or other chemicals used in the community are not harmful to pollinators.

Example Activities:

1. *Work with local school districts to eliminate or minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides on school properties*
 2. *Adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices*
- ☐ Adopt ordinances that support reducing light pollution.
 - ☐ California Specific: Pass a resolution to protect over-wintering monarch butterfly habitat on public and private lands.

Questions or Comments

Do you have any questions or comments?

February 2021 EFC Communications Content

1. EFC Green Awards Application Reminder

Weekly E-Newsletter

The Village of Winnetka's Environmental and Forestry Commission invites nominations for the fifth-annual Green Awards Program. The purpose of the program is to recognize properties and households within Winnetka that demonstrate exceptional commitment to sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices. Residents, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to nominate their house, property, building or project that has been completed within the past five years. The award categories include: Green Building, Recycling/Waste Reduction, Land, Air, Water/Stormwater, Energy, and Innovation/Other.

If you believe your recent project has helped make Winnetka a more environmentally-friendly or sustainable community, the Commission asks that you consider applying. Applications are available through the Public Works Department at 1390 Willow Road, or by clicking here (<http://www.villageofwinnetka.org/government/boards-and-commissions/environmental-and-forestry-commission/>). The application deadline is February 28, 2021. Category winners will be announced on Earth Day (April 22, 2021). If you have any questions about the program, contact Brendon Mendoza at 847-716-3568 or bmendoza@winnetka.org.

2. Environmental and Forestry Commission Green Tip: Think Before You Buy

Weekly E-Newsletter

Our normal shopping habits may be adversely impacting our environment, and we may not even know it. You can make a big change by being environmentally conscious when shopping. For instance, we can implement the following waste reduction principles while shopping:

- Prepare a shopping list before buying so as to avoid purchasing more than needed.
- Family-sized product has less packaging and costs less.
- Buy products with minimal packaging that can reduce wasting resources.
- Reuse the packaging materials, such as plastic bag, paper bag, plastic box, paper, ribbon, etc.
- When buying, remember to bring your own shopping bag.
- Only buy items that are actually needed.

3. Environmental and Forestry Commission Green Tip: Think Before You Pack

Weekly E-Newsletter

Travel, as much fun it is, can also make your eco footprint on this world a few sizes larger than it would be if you just stayed at home. There are a lot of small changes you can make to become a greener traveler. Below are a few tips to keep in mind when travel to help you leave a smaller footprint:

- Pack what you will actually need
- Take reusable items
- Invest in quality
- Use chemical-free toiletries
- Bring a reusable water bottle

2021 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 CFL bulbs in the lobby of the Winnetka Public Works)

February

Spring Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – February 12

EFC Green Awards Application Deadline – February 28

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Reduce – Think before you buy
- Reduce - Think before you pack
- EFC Green Awards Application Reminder

March

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 22, 2021 and Arbor Day – April 30, 2021
- Clean-Up Week

May

Summer Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – May 14

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
- Pesticides Alternatives

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:

- Paper Shredding Event
- Recycling - Plastic silverware
- Recycling – Styrofoam
- Stormwater - Friendly Landscaping

August

Fall Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – August 13

Winnetka Report Articles:

- Curbside Leaf Collection
- Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers from June 1 through Oct. 1.

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Recycling - Paper napkins, towels, and tissues

September

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Zero Waste School Lunches (Part 1) – Start with the Right Gear
- Zero Waste School Lunches (Part 2) – Pack the Right Stuff (and the right amount)

October

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Pumpkin Composting Event
- Recycling – Leaf Collection

November

Winter Winnetka Report Submission Deadline – November 13

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
- Recycling – Textiles
- Use of natural light during winter

December

Weekly E-Newsletter:

- Holiday Tree Pick-Up
- Holiday Lights Recycling
- Commercial District Business Lighting
- Use of natural light during winter
- Recycling – Styrofoam