

Work Plan for Environment and Energy Commission Supporting Sustainability

2018 Completed Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Promote energy conservation and environmental sustainability Promote recycling and waste reduction	Public Education	Provided educational outreach (including composting, energy efficiency and conservation, native planting and special collection events and other environmental information) to the community by participating in Day In Our Village, Farmers' Market and Earth Fest community events. Also sought opportunities to reach out to local groups and School Green Teams.	Ongoing	\$100.00 for printing and display items
Promote environmental sustainability	Public Education	Green Awards – recognized specific efforts by individuals, businesses or community organizations that embody the advance of the Village's mission toward a sustainable and secure future.	Ongoing - Partner with HPC, CDC and DAC to share ceremony	
Promote environmental sustainability	Public Education	Co-hosted Green Tuesday's Lecture Series at the Oak Park Public Library. During the month of April as part of Earth month Programing. Working with resident Mike Iversen to plan, promote, and run the program.	April	
Maintaining a beneficial environment as pollution-free as possible	Sustainability Pollution reduction Public Education	Worked with Deep Roots and other groups to promote methods of pesticide avoidance practices and initiatives and native plant landscaping. Distributed educational materials and Pesticide Free yard signs to residents and schools.	April - November	
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability	Reviewed aggregation funds generated and recommended opinion on local renewable energy projects.	June, 2018 Provided recommendation to be included in report to the Village Board	
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability	Explored the potential for community solar projects including partnership with other local and regional organizations.	Ongoing & Included in the June 2018	

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			recommendation to the Board	
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability Pollution reduction	Explored viability of green infrastructure / sustainability requirements for new developments in the Village.	TBD	
Promote environmental sustainability	Public Education Waste Reduction	Researching the viability of requiring zero waste standards for festivals and other public event permits	TBD	
Promote recycling and waste reduction	Sustainability Waste Reduction	Explore the potential to develop a polystyrene #6 (Styrofoam) reduction and recycling program	TBD	
Promote recycling and waste reduction	Sustainability Waste Reduction	April 2018 Trustee referral of plastic straw reduction plan. EEC prepared final recommendation to present to the Board 1Q 2019.	Provide recommendation before year-end 2018	

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2019 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	Name/s	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Promote energy conservation and environmental sustainability Promote recycling and waste reduction	Public Education	Provide educational outreach (including composting, energy efficiency and conservation, native planting and special collection events and other environmental information) to the community by participating in Day In Our Village, Farmers' Market and three other community events. Also seek opportunities to reach out to local groups and School Green Teams.	ALL	Ongoing	\$100.00 for printing and display items
Promote environmental sustainability	Public Education	Green Awards – recognizing specific efforts by individuals, businesses or community organizations that embody the advancement of the Village's mission toward a sustainable and secure future.	TBD	Partner with HPC, CDC and DAC to share ceremony	
Promote environmental sustainability	Public Education	Participate in Earth Month activities that include conservation and source reduction education and outreach activities.	LD	April	
Maintaining a beneficial environment as pollution-free as possible	Sustainability Pollution reduction Public Education	Work with Wild Ones, Deep Roots Project and other groups to promote methods of pesticide avoidance practices and initiatives and native plant landscaping. Distribute educational materials and Pesticide Free yard signs to residents and schools. EEC working on budget proposal to present to the Village Board for approval.	ALL	April - November	\$1,000.00 for new yard signs collaboration with the Deep Roots project
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability	Explore recommended options for Community Solar. Continue as additional advisory resource to the Village Board on the sustainability	EJ/NB	June	

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		Community Choice Aggregation fund resources and prospective local renewable energy projects.			
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability Pollution reduction	Explore viability of green infrastructure / sustainability requirements for new residential or commercial developments in the Village.	ALL	TBD	
Promote recycling and waste reduction	Sustainability Waste Reduction	Explore the potential to develop a single-use plastic reduction and recycling program.	SF	June	
Promote environmental sustainability	Biking/walking	Explore possible collaboration with the Transportation Commission on safety standards for biking and walking in Oak Park.	LD/SM	Ongoing	
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability –light pollution reduction	Research light pollution reduction recommendation to the Village Board	NB	March	