

2020 Work Plan for Environment and Energy Commission

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2020 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	Name/s	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Food Awareness Week coordination referral from Trustee Andrews	Research and coordinate attention to the topic of food waste	Create a Food Waste Awareness week for the Village of Oak Park community		Referred to the EEC by Trustee Andrews July 22, 2019	
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	

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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 Community Choice Aggregation fund resources and prospective local renewable energy projects.	EJ/NB	TBD	
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability Pollution reduction	Explore viability of green infrastructure / sustainability requirements for new and existing residential or commercial developments in the Village, including incentives such as grants	ALL	TBD	
Promote recycling and waste reduction	Sustainability Waste Reduction	Develop recommendations on a single-use plastic reduction and elimination plan, inclusive of polystyrene. Continue with Plastic Free July campaign annually.	SF/LB	TBD	
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 – benchmarks	Explore viability of energy use reporting baseline for current and new public and private facilities leveraging Energy Star ratings for building owners	EJ	TBD	
Promote environmental sustainability	Sustainability	Identify and track potential projects, evaluate potential projects, recommend to board, and monitor Community Choice Aggregation fund	Staff LD	Ongoing	

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		Establish a monthly report from staff of the Community Choice Aggregation fund to the commission.			
Promote recycling and waste reduction		Explore new labeling for bins and what current haulers, public works, or staff can do to put on the bins. Ways to better inform villagers about recycling.	LD		
Promote recycling and waste reduction		Explore effectiveness of current single use bag fee and recommend next steps			
Promote sustainability		Recommend how we create additional content reporting on additional sustainable activities Landing page & OP/FYI dedicated page			
Promote sustainability		Visit a recycling facility and composting facility in the CY 2020	ALL		