



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning presentation of 2023 Regional Excellence Award for Climate Ready Oak Park

Overview

CMAP presents this award to the Village of Oak Park in recognition of the Climate Ready Oak Park plan, winner of the Regional Excellence Award for Resilience. CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman will present the award, along with brief remarks about the state of region.

Recommendation

Receive the award.

Background

The 2023 awards program celebrates projects and leaders who exemplify the ingenuity and dedication that makes northeastern Illinois a better place to live, enjoy, work, and do business. In describing its reasons for bestowing the Regional Resilience award, CMAP indicated that, “the Village of Oak Park provided the region with a blueprint to address a changing climate when it approved Climate Ready Oak Park, a comprehensive sustainability and resilience plan for its own community. Climate Ready Oak Park lays out ambitious goals with concrete commitments and actions to improve air quality locally and reduce greenhouse gas emissions 60% relative to 2019 levels by 2030. In addition, the plan strives to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Village’s Office of Sustainability led the development of the local plan, which was informed by input from the public. The village also prioritized equitable engagement - setting up avenues for two-way conversations with underrepresented groups and community members most impacted by a changing climate.”

Fiscal Impact

N/A

DEI Impact

This award recognizes the role of equitable engagement when planning for climate change.

Alternatives

N/A

Previous Board Action

On August 1, 2022, the Village Board adopted Climate Ready Oak Park as the community's long-range comprehensive climate action, resilience, and sustainability plan (RES 22-183).

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Environment & Energy Commissions (EEC) provided input to Climate Ready Oak Park throughout the 2021 - 2022 planning period.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

Governmental partners are invited to collaborate with Village staff on the recommended actions contained in Climate Ready Oak Park.