



# Greener Glenview Bulletin

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Information, ideas, and events about environmental sustainability

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## GREENER GLENVIEW IS GROWING!

Thank you to the 25 residents who attended the February 28 Greener Glenview organizational meeting at the library!

Sheri and Mary presented a menu of options for volunteers looking to plug in their talents and time (a little or a lot) to help Greener Glenview. Here are some ways to help:

### Volunteer to help the GG organization

- Communications--maybe you're good at writing or social media.
- Community outreach--Are you a connector? Want to spread the news about GG in your neighborhood or faith community? Your children's school? Staff a table at an event?
- Fund-raising--Grant-writers are welcome. Or, maybe you'd enjoy organizing a native plant sale?

### Volunteer to support our mission

- Program planning--arranging events to educate the community
- Topic-specific working groups--plastics reduction, solar energy, recycling & composting, walkability in our Village

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- Advocacy and government relations-- working with Village leaders

Greener Glenview has ambitious goals and objectives. Achieving them is dependent on having a core volunteer group. Please consider contributing your time, passion, talents (and maybe even some money), to helping the organization become all that it can be.

Mary and Sheri would be happy to answer questions about the chart and opportunities for participation. Just drop us a note at [greenerglenview@gmail.com](mailto:greenerglenview@gmail.com)!



**Volunteer! You  
are needed.**

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE OCTOBER 2021 LAUNCH

We've been busy!

- Established our legal identity as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and registered with the IL Attorney General as a charitable organization
- Organized a "Walk in Blue Star Woods" led by the Friends of the Forest Preserves (November)
- Hosted a "Green Drinks" gathering at Grandpa's Place. Glenview Public Works staff described how the environment factors into the Village's winter preparedness procedures, particularly its salting practices. (December)
- Applied for two Judy Beck Family Grants (December)
- Partnered with the library to host the March 9 Conservation@Home program, Speakers from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the University of Illinois Extension will explain how to make your landscape more sustainable.
- Attended the Environment and Natural Resources Commission meetings.
- Produced four monthly bulletins
- Addressed the February 15 Board of Trustees meeting, offering our perspective on village sustainability initiatives (see article below)

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR GREENER GLENVIEW?

- Applying to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status
- Having a table to talk about Greener Glenview at upcoming Glenview Park District events
- April presentations to Sunrise Rotary and Glenview Community Church



## STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING TO THE GLENVIEW VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING



When we launched Greener Glenview last fall, we hoped that Glenview village government would become a sustainability leader. The Greenest Region Compact provides many paths for demonstrating leadership. We are heartened by the expanded scope of the ENRC, and the Board's interest in moving forward on sustainability goals. Greener Glenview appreciates the opportunity to provide our perspective.

We believe that the village's planning for sustainability should be conducted in collaboration with other units of local government. Planning should be village-wide in scope, extending beyond municipal operations and actions by the New Development Commission.

We know that Glenview's Natural Resources Manager regularly communicates with Park District staff. And we are glad that our Public Works Deputy Director is participating in the new municipal Regional Working Group on Leaf Blower Regulations.

We encourage the Village Board and staff to take a step further, and to formalize an Environmental Team among village departmental staff. Additionally, we would like to see a joint Environmental Team with other local government entities--that is, the Park District, the library, and the school districts.

## STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING (CONTINUED)



Much can be learned from the Glenview Park District. There's no need to reinvent the wheel. Their strategic plan includes three sustainability objectives:

- 1) Reduce its carbon footprint
- 2) Preserve and protecting natural resources
- 3) Employ sustainable building practices.

To implement its Strategic Plan, the Park District relies on input from its Environmental Team. The team is composed of representatives from facilities throughout the district. The team meets monthly, and recommends environmental policies, assists in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of environmental initiatives, conducts training on environmental issues, and has created and implemented an Environmental Management System.

We encourage the Village board and staff to 1) examine and adopt the park district's environmental policy and guiding principles, and 2) establish a structure for system-wide collaboration on implementation of goals in the Greenest Region Compact. In addition, we trust that community engagement will be a component as the village moves forward.

Nature-based solutions are essential, but they are not sufficient in themselves, to address our climate challenges. The other critical part of the equation is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) became law last fall. It establishes specific goals and deadlines for reducing GHG emissions. The law is over 950 pages long, and it has many provisions for changing our built environment, including new building performance standards, building electrification, and EV-readiness.

We want to draw attention to one particular provision: Stretch Codes. We have a summary of the new stretch code provisions for you. In brief, a stretch code is an optional code that municipalities may choose to adopt if they want to take stronger action, resulting in new buildings that achieve higher energy savings. The stretch code defines a higher level of energy efficiency for new construction than the currently applicable energy code.

## STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING (CONTINUED)

Stretch codes have not yet been developed. The Illinois Capital Development Board will have written these residential and commercial energy codes by July 31 next year. These codes will go beyond the upcoming 2021 amendments of the state energy code that the village will be adopting.

Building codes are an important tool in reducing carbon emissions. Building operations account for nearly 30% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the U.S. Add in the emissions from materials and construction, and the number rises to 40%. Building efficiency saves residents money and reduces carbon emissions.

Now is the time for Glenview to be thinking about CEJA's impact on the permitting and approval process for properties in the village that are scheduled to be redeveloped.

This evening, we have one further recommendation. In advance of having a sustainability plan, but looking ahead in the near term, we would like to see the Village work to gather momentum around one issue. We have a suggestion for what that issue should be.

CEJA sets a goal of 40% renewable power in the grid by 2030. Glenview does have a river, but we're not suggesting hydroelectric. The Trustees can help Glenview achieve cleaner power by focusing on solar energy this year and next.

Here's how. Collect and report data on how Village operations and residents are moving to renewable energy. For instance, publicize how many rooftop solar permits for residents and businesses have been granted. Publish the number of residential and commercial sign-ups for community solar, which is available for those who don't qualify or want rooftop solar. Additionally, inform residents of rooftop solar grants and incentives. Host another community solar information program, which Greener Glenview can help you publicize. Choose a municipal building to install solar next time the roof needs replacement. Partner with Illinois Solar Energy Association in its annual Solar Tour.

The result of a campaign like this will be a win-win for Glenview, with savings in cost AND carbon emissions to celebrate by the end of 2023.



## STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING (CONTINUED)

In closing, we want to give voice to what Greener Glenview members indicated as their highest priority: taking steps toward a clean energy and zero-carbon future.

Daniel Burnham said, “Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men’s blood and probably will not themselves be realized. Make big plans, aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.”

Greener Glenview looks forward to collaborating with the Village as it moves forward with plans to ensure a sustainable future for all of us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Conservation @ Home

**Date:** Wednesday, March 9 @ 7:00–8:00 p.m.

**Sponsor:** Greener Glenview and the Glenview Public Library

**Online:** [Register here](#)

Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and Illinois Extension share techniques to transform your landscape into a healthy and sustainable space with a focus on native plant selection and good water management.

### One Earth Film Festival

**Date:** Through March 13

[For more information](#)

### 2022 EEA Wild & Scenic Film Festival

**Date:** March 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

**Sponsor:** NorthShore University Health System

**Location:** Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave and Livestreamed

[For more information](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### An Evening with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky on Federal Policies for Environmental Justice

**Date:** Tuesday, March 22 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

**In person:** Winnetka Congregational Church (WCC), 725 Pine Street, Winnetka

**Zoom:** [View event](#)

**Sponsors:** Winnetka Congregational Church and co-sponsored by Go Green Winnetka, League of Women Voters of Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth, and Go Green Wilmette

As part of WCC's series of discussions on environmental justice, this event will focus on federal policies and initiatives in environmental justice impacting communities nationwide and globally. Recent initiatives to curb plastic pollution and waste will be a key component of this discussion.

There will be opportunities for attendees to ask questions of Congresswoman Schakowsky whether attending in-person or via the live stream.

[Zoom Link for live streaming](#)

### Friends of the Forest Preserves Photo Exhibit and Panel Discussion

**Date:** Thursday, March 10 @ 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Celebrate the wondrous world of nature photography with the Friends community. Join in honoring the winners of the 12th Annual Photo Contest. You'll enjoy a slideshow of all the winning photos followed by a panel discussion with the photographers themselves.

[Register here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### Friends of the Forest Preserves: Getting to Know the North Branch Hiking Series

**Date:** Sunday, March 20 @ 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

[Register here](#)

### Friends of the Forest Preserves: Volunteer Work Days

**Workday hours:** 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Advance registration required.

**Location:** Watersmeet Prairie Grove (Glenview/Northfield)

**Date:** Saturday, March 12 and Saturday, March 26

**Contact:** Eileen Sutter, (773) 706-4533

[Register](#)

**Location:** Blue Star Woods (Glenview, entrance on Lake Ave. between Wagner and Harms Rds.)

**Date:** Sunday, March 27

**Contact:** Rett Donnelly, (847) 345-4647. Derek Ziomber, North Branch Field Organizer, at [derek@fotfp.org](mailto:derek@fotfp.org) with questions.

[Register](#)