



Greener Glenview Bulletin

April 2025

Greener Glenview Receives Two Judy Beck Family Grants

For the third consecutive year, Greener Glenview received two grants from the Beck & Hurvis Family Foundation. We are grateful that the Foundation values our vision for the future.



**Grant #1: FREE Food Scrap
Composting Drop-off for Glenview
Residents**



Greener Glenview is thankful to the Judy Beck family foundation for funding our Free Food Scrap for Compost Drop-off Pilot Program coming to Glenview this summer. Drop-off locations and schedule are being worked out.

You can start now to plan how you'll participate. First, save the date for the launch of the program Monday June 16, 7-8:30 at the Glenview Public Library.

- Learn the whys and hows of composting; the schedule and locations of the drop-off program and how to participate
- Learn how composting changed one family's kitchen lifestyle for the better; and how you can help close the loop on the commercial composting business by buying certified compost for your lawn and garden.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for updates about this program, send us a note at greenerglenview@gmail.com

WHY THIS GRANT IS IMPORTANT

Glenview's municipal waste hauling contract with Groot is up for renewal in 2026. Groot's current food scrap composting program is tied to having a subscription (vs. pay-by-the-bag) for landscape waste composting. For the first time in 2024-2025, Groot offered a winter food scrap composting program, available for an extra monthly charge. It's worth noting that many village residents are not serviced by Groot and thus are ineligible for their food scrap composting service.

Groot's food scrap compost program is limited: it does not accept meat, bones, or pizza boxes. There are other large haulers who do accept these items, as do two local businesses dedicated exclusively to food scrap composting.

Community food scrap drop-off locations are a solution and a number of communities (Skokie, Evanston) already have established, popular programs. This pilot project will provide a free food scrap composting outlet for everyone in the village. It will also generate information regarding demand for this service, data that will be useful during hauling contract negotiations.



Grant #2: Advancing Sustainability in Schools

This grant helped fund board member Sara Spitz's attendance at the U.S. Green Building Council's annual national Green Schools Conference in Orlando in early March.

The National Green Schools Conference conference provided examples of wide-ranging and inventive environmental and sustainability initiatives including reducing buildings' carbon footprint, curricular ideas, student participation and advocacy, in addition to being a great networking opportunity.

With Sara's input Greener Glenview plans to survey Glenview's elementary school districts to gain an understanding of the types of environmental sustainability practices the administrations have adopted. In addition, we will compile information about how environmental sustainability is incorporated into the curriculum.

A new state law (effective with the 2026-2027 school year) mandates that high schools include the study of climate change in their curriculum. Education on the environmental and ecological impacts of climate change and solutions for addressing them must be included in either a required science or social studies class.



The Village of
Glenview

Call to Action: Take the Glenview Sustainability Survey!

The Glenview Sustainability Plan survey is now live!

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#) to provide feedback regarding sustainability challenges facing the Glenview community.

- What key challenges does the community face?
- What actions should local government undertake?
- What programs are most effective?

Five minutes of your time will help shape the recommendations and priorities of the Glenview Sustainability Plan!

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



Eco-Endings and Green Burials

WHEN: Wednesday, April 9 @ 2:00 to 3:00 PM

WHERE: Virtual

SPONSORS: Go Green Wilmette and North Shore Village Network

Would you or a loved one like to make a final gift to the planet? Planning ahead for an “eco-ending” is a way to minimize the environmental impact of death. Greener choices can aid in the conservation of natural resources, reduce carbon emissions, protect worker health, and restore and/or preserve native habitat. Learn about options and why it is so important to plan ahead! This program will be presented by Gloria St. John and offered free to the public by the sponsoring organization, North Shore Village Network.

[REGISTER](#)

Before the program, you can visit the websites of the Green Burial Council and Caspar Creek Natural Cemetery located near Galena, Illinois, and watch the GGW webinar on this topic HERE

Glenview Park District Earth Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, April 12 @ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

WHERE: Fuller Air Station Prairie

Celebrate the Earth and learn more about ways to improve our impact on the world. Experts in conservation and sustainability will be onsite with information for visitors, as well as free family activities and trail walks. Call 847-299-6096 for more information.

Nurturing Nature Speaker Series: Herbicide Drift. Are Trees

Impacted Here?

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16 @ 6:30 PM

WHERE: Virtual

SPONSORS: Natural Habitat Evanston/Climate Action Evanston

Herbicide drift (trespass) has been an economic and ecological concern for decades. However in recent years, there have been dramatic increases in the use of many popular herbicides in an effort to combat herbicide-resistant weeds. Widespread injuries to wild and cultivated plants have been reported since these increases in herbicide use began. Prairie Rivers Network's Tree and Plant Health Monitoring Program has studied the impacts of drift for seven years.

This presentation will discuss the summary of six years of findings, such as the long term impacts of herbicide drift to trees, plants, and ecosystem health in their new report "Hidden in Plain Sight".

[REGISTER](#)

Designing Hedges for Privacy and Pollinators

WHEN: Monday, April 21 @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: Northbrook Public Library, Pollak Room AB, First Floor

An Illinois Extension Master Gardener discusses how to select and position shrubs, grasses, and small trees to create privacy hedges that offer critical habitat for wildlife.

[REGISTER](#)

Illinois Climate Education Hub Fundraiser

WHEN: Thursday, April 24 @ 7:00 to 9:00 PM

WHERE: Sketchbook Brewery, 4901 Main St., Skokie

In August 2024, IL Governor JB Pritzker signed legislation requiring Illinois public schools to educate students on climate change starting in 2026. The law requires that students learn about the environmental and ecological impacts of climate change on individuals and communities while also studying solutions to mitigate the impact of climate change. Climate Education for IL and Seven Generations Ahead are hosting a fundraiser to support the creation of an Illinois Climate Education Hub. This Hub will serve as a crucial resource for educators, providing scientifically rigorous, locally relevant, and equity-centered curriculum that is aligned with state standards, helping to empower youth to take action on climate solutions. The evening will feature a chance to win experience-based prizes, a student climate story slam, games, and plenty of networking opportunities.

Tickets \$40 (Teachers \$20, Students free), includes a drink and dessert.

[To learn more and to RSVP](#)

North Branch Restoration Workdays

All workdays are 9:00 AM to Noon

[To register for any of these workdays](#)

Harms Road

WHEN: Sunday, April 13 and April 27 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

WHERE: Meet at the forest preserve Glenview Woods parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Road.

Watersmeet Prairie Grove

WHEN: Saturday, May 3 @ 9:00 AM to Noon

WHERE: This site is located in the village of Northfield near the Glenview border. On Winnetka Road, east of Wagner Rd. Park on Avon Ave, a side street to the north of Winnetka Road. Meet near the Forest Preserve sign, across the road from Avon.

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