

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 19 – 5:15 P.M.

REMOTE ACCESS MEETING

AGENDA

Please be advised that all of the Environmental Sustainability Committee members will be remotely attending this meeting by electronic means, in compliance with the recent amendments to the Open Meetings Act. The Chairman of the Committee has determined that it is not prudent or practical to conduct an in-person meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that it is not feasible to have the Committee members or members of the public physically present at the meeting due to the pandemic disaster.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (:05 – :15 per item)**
 - a. UPDATE ON GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR LAKE FRONT AT FOREST PARK BEACH – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager**
 - b. UPDATE ON NEW SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES PROJECT – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager**
- III. ACTION ITEMS (:10 - :15 per item)**
 - a. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**
- IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS (:15 - :20 per item)**
 - a. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES – Alderman Rummel, Chairman**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. NEXT MEETING DATE(S) – Wednesday, February 16, 2022**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**
3 **REMOTE ACCESS MEETING**
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5 **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**
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7 Chairman Melanie Rummel called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Aldermen
8 Jim Preschlack and Eileen Weber were present.
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10 Staff in attendance included Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager; Cathy
11 Czerniak, Director of Community Development; Michael Thomas, Director of
12 Public Works; Chuck Myers, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry; Jim Lockefer,
13 Assistant to the Director of Public Works; and Layla Werner, Management Analyst
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15 Also in attendance was Mark Pruitt, Consultant.
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17 There were no members of the public that attended the meeting remotely.
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19 Chairman Rummel made the following statement as required by the Open
20 Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Chairman Rummel has made a
21 determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person
22 Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this
23 December 9, 2021, Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is being held
24 remotely.
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26 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
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28 **I. REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL**
29 **INITIATIVES** – Layla Werner, Management Analyst
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31 Management Analyst, Layla Werner, provided an update to the
32 communications campaign, which was launched in September of 2021.
33 Ms. Werner discussed the different platforms utilized for this campaign
34 including the dialogue, the website, and social media. She further
35 provided examples of each platform, including the Environmental
36 Sustainability page on the city website, the dedicated sustainability page
37 in the Dialogue, and the Sustainability Sunday social media campaign.
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39 The Committee provided extensive feedback regarding the layout of the
40 webpage, future initiatives, and the overall goal of the campaign.
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42 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments from the
43 Committee.
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45 The Committee provided additional feedback regarding promoting
46 current recycling initiatives that are available to residents.
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48 Additionally, there was discussion regarding the analytics of those
49 reached via the communications campaign.

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51 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or
52 comments from the Committee or members of the public.

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54 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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56 II. **UPDATE ON GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR LAKE FRONT AT FOREST PARK BEACH**
57 – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

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59 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, provided a brief update to the
60 Committee, regarding a water quality structure that would be placed at
61 Forest Park Beach, called a Marina Trash Skimmer (MTS). He further
62 explained where the MTS would be placed, and the environmental
63 benefits such as skimming oil sheen from the water, and other plastic and
64 debris in the water. MR. Strong stated that staff currently manually cleans
65 the water, however, the MTS would allow this to be a more seamless and
66 efficient process.

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68 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any comments or questions from
69 the Committee.

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71 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions or comments from
72 members of the public.

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74 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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76 At this time, Chairman Rummel asked Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong
77 to provide an update on the EV charging station.

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79 Mr. Strong provided a brief overview of the January – September 2021
80 data for the EV charging stations. He stated that since this report only
81 compiled data through September, it would not include information from
82 the new station at Old Elm. The report included, where the most usage is,
83 and how frequently a station is being utilized.

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85 The Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding usage, and
86 where the user is from. Additionally, there were questions regarding the
87 rates of electricity, and incentives for residents with electric vehicles.

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89 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any comments or questions from
90 the Committee.

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92 Seeing none, she asked if there were any questions or comments from
93 members of the public.

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95 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS

I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

Alderman Weber moved to approve the October 20, 2021, Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes subject to changes discussed by the Committee. Alderman Preschlack seconded the motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman Rummel, Aldermen Preschlack and Weber. The following voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2022

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, explained the process for approving the calendar, stating that, if necessary, meetings can be moved or rescheduled when given proper notice.

The Committee discussed meeting dates, and what the frequency of the dates should be.

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to approve the regular meeting calendar for 2022, Alderman Weber seconded the motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman Rummel, Aldermen Preschlack and Weber. The following voted "Nay": None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

I. DISCUSSION ON NEW SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES ON CITY FACILITIES – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong updated the Committee regarding solar generation facilities. Mr. Strong explained the process including analyzing feasibility, site selection, the solicitation process, franchise accounts, and final contract approval. Mr. Strong provided an in depth analysis of all of the identified locations, and the feasibility when choosing which site to move forward with.

The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding the facilities identified, and how this coincided with the capital budget.

Additionally, there was discussion regarding the strategic management of upgrading equipment as necessary.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Committee or members of the public.

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

II. DISCUSSION ON SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES – Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager

Chairman Rummel provided a brief background on this item, explaining the Committee would have more in-depth discussions on this item at future committee dates.

The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding specific initiatives that were prioritized by the group. This list included greenhouse gas emissions and air quality, recycling initiatives, water quality, and natural land management.

The Committee had additional discussion about capacity to manage and complete project priorities.

Further director was provided to staff to investigate the priorities and present findings later, regarding a timeline to project completion.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Committee or members of the public.

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any public comments on any non-agenda items.

Seeing none, Chairman Rummel moved to the next agenda item.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong stated that the next meeting would be scheduled for January 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Preschlack moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 6:52 P.M. seconded by Weber. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Layla Werner
Management Analyst

Reviewed by,

Mike Strong
Assistant City Manager



MEMORANDUM

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

TO: Members of the Environmental Sustainability Committee
FROM: Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager
DATE: January 14, 2022
SUBJECT: Discussion on Future Sustainability Initiatives & Priorities

Included in the agenda is a discussion item related to potential sustainability initiatives & priorities. This is a follow up item to the discussion that occurred during the Committee's meeting in December 2021.

The purpose of this discussion item is to review, identify and prioritize a subset of policy initiatives the Environmental Sustainability Committee may wish to consider in the upcoming year. To help facilitate the discussion, staff has included two documents for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting. This includes a copy of summary survey data that was collected in spring 2021, that compares initiative support between City Council and City staff. Second, a document that organizes these initiatives into themes, along with commentary and the status of each initiative. The intent of these documents and materials is to provide additional context that might help facilitate discussion and dialogue during the meeting on January 19.

Staff has also reviewed the list of initiatives and has identified those that may be a good starting point for discussion that seem to have broad support. which include:

1. *Seek ways to further educate riparian (ravine) owners regarding ravine and bluff maintenance;*
2. *Provide greater access to composting programs or services for residents and businesses by permitting private companies to provide curb-side composting material pick-up;*
3. *Investigate ways to promote the use of permeable pavers, rain gardens or other "green infrastructure" implements such as bioswales and wetlands to reduce stormwater entering sewers; and*
4. *Develop strategies to further reduce the City's use and collection of single-use plastics.*

Next Steps and Action Requested

Chairman Rummel will lead a discussion with Committee members regarding these documents and potential initiatives. Given limited staff resources, the Committee is asked to identify the most important priorities for City staff so that further research and a potential work plan for the year can be developed.

City staff will be present to help answer questions or provide clarifications during the meeting.

City of Lake Forest Sustainability Survey Summary Results
Ascending List of Projects Based on Weighted Average (City Council)

		Weighted Average Score		City Council Sentiment		Council v. Staff
Project/Initiative		City Council	City Staff	Positive	Neut./Neg.	Score Diff.
Top Tier	Continue to educate Lake Forest residents on recycling practices to reduce the City's recycling contamination rate (i.e. Rethink Recycling Campaign)	1.22	1.22	9	0	0
	Communications and education campaign to make best practices in water conservation, outdoor irrigation and water reuse easily understandable to residents	1.33	1.67	9	0	-0.34
	Seek ways to further educate riparian (ravine) owners regarding ravine and bluff maintenance	1.44	1.22	8	1	0.22
	Increase access to open spaces through walking/bike trail connections throughout the City	1.56	1.67	8	1	-0.11
	Develop strategies to further reduce the City's use and collection of single-use plastics	1.67	1.78	8	1	-0.11
	Develop programs to further reduce the City's use and collection of Styrofoam and polystyrene products	1.67	1.89	8	1	-0.22
	Identify special events, such as a bike festival and community bike ride, to showcase the City's natural assets	1.78	2.11	8	1	-0.33
	Investigate ways to promote the use of permeable pavers, rain gardens or other "green infrastructure" implements such as bioswales and wetlands to reduce stormwater entering sewers	1.89	1.89	6	3	0
The "Middle"	Enroll municipal utility accounts in solar or renewable energy certificates (RECs)	1.89	2.11	7	2	-0.22
	Explore incentives to encourage the use of electric-powered landscape equipment, especially among the City's licensed landscaping firms	2.00	2.22	5	4	-0.22
	Discourage vehicle idling on City properties through communications, marketing, and signage campaign	2.00	2.44	6	3	-0.44
	Encourage and expand rain barrel usage among residents	2.11	2.33	5	4	-0.22
	Provide residents greater access to renewable energy credits (RECs) or renewable energy alternatives through bulk energy purchases by the City	2.11	1.78	6	3	0.33
	Install solar facilities on municipal facilities	2.11	2.44	6	3	-0.33
	Accelerate the conversion of City Fleet to gasoline-alternative fuel vehicles	2.11	2.67	6	3	-0.56
	Discourage (and possibly license or ban) the use of Coal tar based sealants, which contribute to elevated levels of carcinogens found in local waterways	2.22	2.44	6	3	-0.22
	Promote the installation and use of full-cutoff light fixtures that cast little or no light upward in public areas that are adjacent to environmentally sensitive open spaces (e.g. bluffs, parks, habitat areas, etc.)	2.33	2.22	4	5	0.11
	Provide greater access to Composting programs or services for residents and businesses by permitting private companies to provide curb-side composting material pick-up	2.33	2.22	6	3	0.11
	Measure and monitor Lake Forest's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to global warming	2.33	2.67	5	4	-0.34
	Create a Climate & Resilience plan to quantify associated risks and opportunities	2.33	2.44	6	3	-0.11
	Expand access to local health foods by seeking partnerships to implement a community gardening program or initiative	2.44	2.56	5	4	-0.12
	Discourage (potentially ban or assess fees) the use of single-use plastics (e.g. grocery bags, takeout containers), Styrofoam, and/or polystyrene containers in the City	2.44	2.78	5	4	-0.34
	Encourage (and possibly require) periodic inspection of riparian (ravine) property to detect ecological or infrastructure threats to bluff and slope integrity	2.44	2	6	3	0.44
	Offer rebates and incentives for residential and business solar opportunities	2.44	2.56	5	4	-0.12
Bottom Tier	Develop air quality standards and a plan to support the achievement of a greenhouse gas emission reduction target	2.44	2.89	5	4	-0.45
	Encourage, incentivize or require EV Charging Stations for new construction of residential and/or commercial properties	2.56	2.67	5	4	-0.11
	Seek opportunities to convert existing greenspaces (mowed lawn areas owned by the City) or incentivize residential and commercial owners to expand natural land areas and habitats on their property	2.67	2.33	4	5	0.34
	Utilize sustainable landscaping practices such as natural fertilizers and weed control products while monitoring and controlling for invasive species in the City's natural areas	2.67	2.33	4	5	0.34
	Investigate alternatives to fund stormwater infrastructure improvements (i.e. potential stormwater utility fee)	2.78	2.67	5	4	0.11
	Explore incentive program for promoting the use of gasoline-alternative fuel electric (e.g. vehicle sticker cost reduction)	2.89	2.89	3	6	0
	Discourage (potentially ban) the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during the summer season from May to mid-October	2.89	3.33	5	4	-0.44
	Require solar for new construction or major renovations of residential and/or commercial properties	3.78	4.00	0	9	-0.22

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Review of Initiatives for 2022

– Recommended Initiatives for Discussion as Provided by City Staff

1. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS:

For example, ***Measure and monitor Lake Forest's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions contributing to global warming*** which is an initiative already underway, would logically be followed by several other initiatives such as, ***Create a Climate & Resilience plan to quantify associated risks and opportunities***, and ***Develop air quality standards and a plan to support the achievement of a greenhouse gas emission reduction target***.

INITIATIVES

- a. *Install solar facilities on municipal facilities.*** Already underway
- b. *Accelerate the conversion of City Fleet to gasoline-alternative fuel vehicles.*** In process; review of annual capital equipment to determine gasoline-alternative viability
- c. *Offer rebates and incentives for residential and business solar opportunities.*** Already done? *We implemented a new permit process that has reduced permit fees for solar, geo thermal and wind powered energy installations and for EV charging stations. These permits are processed through the established "fast track" permit process, three to five days once a completed application and plans are filed.*
- d. *Provide residents greater access to renewable or solar energy credits (SRECs) or renewable energy alternatives through bulk energy purchases by the City,*** Again already underway. Expand communications on this to promote subscriptions for Community Solar.
- e. *Enroll municipal utility accounts in solar or renewable energy certificates (RECs).*** In process; underway for a small amount (~7 accounts); but we could explore all of the City's ComEd accounts.
- f. *Continue to educate Lake Forest residents on recycling practices to reduce the City's recycling contamination rate (i.e. Rethink Recycling Campaign).*** Already underway
- g. *Explore incentives to encourage the use of electric-powered landscape equipment, especially among the City's licensed landscaping firms.*** Underway; Chuck Myers participating in Regional Working Group to explore the issue.
- h. *Discourage (potentially ban) the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during the summer season from May to mid-October.*** Underway; See preceding item
- i. *Explore incentive program for promoting the use of gasoline-alternative fuel electric (e.g. vehicle sticker cost reduction).***

- j. *Create a Climate & Resilience plan to quantify associated risks and opportunities.*
- k. ***Provide greater access to composting programs or services for residents and businesses by permitting private companies to provide curbside composting material pick-up.***
- l. *Require solar for new construction or major renovations of residential and/or commercial properties.*

Thoughts on Green House Gas Emissions initiatives:

In reviewing our goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we see two of the initiatives as developing naturally out of the **greenhouse gas emission study** project currently underway - creating a **climate resiliency plan (based on the Emissions Inventory)** and **developing priority greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies**. While an emissions inventory will provide a **better handle of our current emissions and opportunities to reduce them** based on a **gas emissions target**, a Climate Resiliency/Action Plan facilitates an organization's intentions, actions, policies and measures to reduce emissions, prepare for climate change, increase access to sustainable energy, and provide tracking progress and regular progress reporting. However, staff does not recommend pursuing a climate action plan until the results of the emissions inventory are understood.

Assuming this scope will follow out of the greenhouse gas emissions study, that leaves only six remaining initiatives. Of those remaining six, two of them may be addressed coming out of the Regional Working Group on leaf blowers. So for now, that leaves composting, reduced price vehicle stickers for EVs and solar for new construction currently unaddressed. So of the twelve items falling under this category we are in some stage of addressing nine of them. The question we should address is whether we want to move ahead now with some of the unaddressed items realizing the greenhouse gas emissions inventory is underway and may have further recommendations.

It should be noted the City is also installing EV charging stations as many parking lots are redone.

2. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

In reviewing the City Council survey data along with informal discussions among staff, there seems to be high interest in addressing some of the initiatives related to storm water as we begin this next budget cycle.

INITIATIVES

- a. *Communications and education campaign to make best practices in water conservation, outdoor irrigation and water reuse easily understandable to residents.* Already underway.
- b. ***Seek ways to further educate riparian (ravine) owners regarding ravine and bluff maintenance.*** In process; More to come - connected to 2.c
- c. *Encourage (and possibly require) periodic inspection of riparian (ravine) property to detect ecological or infrastructure threats to bluff and slope integrity.* Underway currently on a voluntary basis through our Public Works Department and Lake Forest Open Lands. Next step

would be to update the ravine brochure/communications materials (Collaborative for Environmental Education) and do a direct mailing to riparian property owners. Hold an informational meeting for riparian residents in conjunction with LFOLA and League of Women Voters (Planned for spring 2022).

- d. *Seek opportunities to convert existing greenspaces (mowed lawn areas owned by the City) or incentivize residential and commercial owners to expand natural land areas and habitats on their property.*** Chuck Myers is engaged in an inventory of potential sites with the hope of coming up with a plan. He has been meeting with Lake Forest Open Lands as well. Part of the beach restoration plan includes converting some areas back to native plantings.
- e. *Investigate ways to promote the use of permeable pavers, rain gardens or other “green infrastructure” implements such as bioswales and wetlands to reduce stormwater entering sewers.*** We could add rain barrels to this list. Should we be considering incentivizing this for residents? What form would it take? Budget implications? Staff has asked about this item in the past. The City has incorporated bioswales into new park projects (South Park and Waveland Park for example); perhaps development of a cost-share/grant opportunity for on-site flooding mitigation or water reduction measures (e.g. native plantings) that residents make to their property?
- f. *Encourage and expand rain barrel usage among residents.*** See comment immediately above.
- g. *Discourage (and possibly license or ban) the use of Coal tar based sealants, which contribute to elevated levels of carcinogens found in local waterways.*** Staff could contact Lake County Stormwater Management to determine the status of their study and make recommendations based thereon.
- h. *Utilize sustainable landscaping practices such as natural fertilizers and weed control products while monitoring and controlling for invasive species in the City’s natural areas.*** A couple of things come to mind here that are currently underway. First, is the Lake County Forest Preserves buckthorn eradication initiative of which we already heard a presentation at a recent meeting and are awaiting next steps. Second, Chuck Myers is working with Midwest Grows Green and the Parks and Recreation Department on a pilot program at Everett Park to maintain the playing fields with the use of organic, natural fertilizers and without the use of pesticides. Meetings are upcoming and ongoing. There may be a possible special event planned to highlight the efficacy of pesticide free parks.
- i. *Investigate alternatives to fund stormwater infrastructure improvements (i.e. potential stormwater utility fee).*** I believe Wilmette and either Vernon Hills, Gurnee and/or Grayslake have instituted these fees based on the impermeable surface of each business and home site. These initiatives in other communities could be investigated by staff for thoughts and recommendations.

Thoughts and Conclusions on Stormwater Initiatives:

Of the nine listed initiatives, really only the first two relating to ravines and possibly the one relating to converting City owned areas back to natural areas are currently underway, leaving this area open for

further prioritization. Staff have expressed an interest in possibly incentivizing rain barrels, bioswales and native plantings, etc.

It should be noted in addition to the initiatives on this list, there have been many environmentally sensitive public works projects undertaken in the past couple of years. These include:

- The use of Beat Heat for winter deicing
- Improvements to the Rosemary Road Ravine and Ringwood Road South Ravine
- The Installation of the stormwater quality structures at the new Old Elm parking lot and the Forest Avenue Parking Lot (planned summer 2022)
- The Burr Oak stormwater project

3. SINGLE-USE PLASTIC REDUCTION:

INITIATIVES

- Develop strategies to further reduce the City's use and collection of single-use plastics.*** This initiative scored fairly high on the Council and staff survey. With the recent announcement that Lake County facilities will go plastic free, there could be support internally to explore this further. Strategies might include eliminating the use of plastics at the beach, the golf course, Parks and Rec sponsored events, like the Musical Festival, Festival and Fireworks event or Lake Forest Day, in addition to the use of plastics in City buildings.
- Develop programs to further reduce the City's use and collection of Styrofoam and polystyrene products.*** Some of this has been incorporated into the City's current communication campaign. Staff had identified a grant opportunity to assist with further collection and recycling of polystyrene at the Compost Center. Is there more we can do?
- Discourage (potentially ban or assess fees) the use of single-use plastics (e.g. grocery bags, takeout containers), Styrofoam, and/or polystyrene containers in the City.*** Should we consider banning some of these items. i.e. plastic grocery bags, straws? Should we see what other communities have done? What is the current state of the law?

Thoughts and Conclusions on Plastic Reduction:

This past year the City along with the League of Women Voters, Green Minds and Lake Forest Open Lands hosted a beach clean-up and education program which drew a lot of interest and was well attended. It also provided some great photos and was an awareness amplifier. Should we do another one of these this spring as part of "Earth Month"? Green Minds made bamboo straws available at a couple of locations throughout the City this past year. They also sold some bamboo utensils at the Pop-Up Station. Should these plastic replacement items be made more available at restaurants throughout the City? How could that be incentivized?

4. HEALTHY LIVING/WELLNESS:

INITIATIVES

- a. ***Increase access to open spaces through walking/bike trail connections throughout the City.*** This initiative is underway with the construction of the Route 60 bike path which connects the Middlefork Preserve to Lake County Forest Preserves to the west and to the Des Plaines River Bike Trail and the rebuilding of the Illinois and Woodland Road Bridges. There are also many more paths throughout the hospital campus. Are there possible additional connections here? Should we be looking at ways to connect the sidewalks that currently exist, but are not properly connected, at certain intersections in Whispering Oaks?
- b. ***Identify special events, such as a bike festival and community bike ride, to showcase the City's natural assets.*** Should we host a bike fest when the Route 60 (and Deerpath/Route 41 Pump Station Improvement Project) connection is completed? Could partner with Recreation Department to host a Go Lake Forest event, once these projects are completed next year.
- c. ***Promote the installation and use of full-cutoff light fixtures that cast little or no light upward in public areas that are adjacent to environmentally sensitive open spaces (e.g. bluffs, parks, habitat areas, etc.)*** This initiative came out of the Community Development Department. Should a policy or ordinance be established addressing this?
- d. ***Expand access to local health foods by seeking partnerships to implement a community gardening program or initiative.*** Should this be an initiative with one or more garden clubs? Or what role could Elawa Farm play in this? Should a community garden be established at the Senior Center campus? City staff has identified a grant opportunity to establish a garden but would need direction on whether a program should be pursued. Should it be part of the new senior housing development? Other areas? Who would administer? What has worked in other communities?
- e. ***Develop air quality standards and a plan to support the achievement of a greenhouse gas emission reduction target.*** Most likely could be a part of a Climate Action Plan (See Green House Gas Emissions)
- f. ***Discourage vehicle idling on City properties through communications, marketing, and signage campaign.***

Thoughts and Conclusions on Healthy Living/Wellness:

There is a lot of work happening in the upcoming year related to pedestrian/bike paths – perhaps looking at improved access to those paths, wayfinding, or signage could be a good next step. What role might a complete street policy have in prioritizing safety, comfort, and access to all people who use the street/sidewalk/path? While discussions have occurred internally about a potential community garden, and programming to support it, there has not been much movement on the topic. Are there opportunities to partner with Elawa Farm to develop programming regarding sustainable gardening, food access, etc. With major projects related to bike/pedestrian infrastructure, is there an opportunity to promote bicycling beyond through a community-wide event.