



# 2018 Environmental Accomplishments

## **Focused Goal from Policy 1: Purchase & Use Environmentally Safe and Sensitive Products**

- Eliminated polystyrene products at concession stands at Sunset Pool and Holes and Knolls Mini Golf Course
- Less toxic, plant-based herbicide tried on various weeds in several parks with fairly good results

## **Focused Goal from Policy 2: Wise Use and Protection of Natural Resources**

- Glen Oak Park was a Pesticide Free Park for a second year
- Native, drought tolerant plants were utilized in several park plantings
- Permeable pavers incorporated into updated parking lot at Ackerman Park

## **Focused Goal from Policy 3: Wise Use of Energy Resources**

- Insulation added to large storage building at Ackerman
- LED lights installed at Maryknoll platform tennis courts, Ackerman Park's entrance drive and parking lot, and the underwater lights at Sunset Pool
- Rooftop HVAC units tuned-up and thermostats upgraded at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center
- New rooftop HVAC units & programmable thermostats at Main Street & Spring Avenue Recreation Centers
- Electric car charging stations were added at Maryknoll Park and Sunset Pool

## **Focused Goal from Policy 4: Reduction and Handling of Waste**

- More recycling totes added to the Platform Tennis facility
- Partnered with Elgin Recycling to offer the Holiday Lights Recycling Program: 1024 pounds recycled
- Boxed water distributed at Freedom Four and 2K Kids Fun Run races, rather than plastic water bottles
- Old playground from President's Park was donated to Kids Around the World, which repurposes equipment for use in needy countries around the world

## **Focused Goal from Policy 5: Open Space Planning and Preservation**

- Over 800 native plants were added to Maryknoll Park
- Participated in the DuPage River Sweep project, trash removed from two miles of shoreline
- Over 400 volunteers helped with ecological restoration efforts
- Ecological restoration work took place year-round in natural areas of eight different parks

## **Focused Goal from Policy 6: Environmental Education and Interpretation**

- Greener Glen Ellyn campaign included monthly environmental topics aimed to inform and inspire residents
- Partnered with the Village of Glen Ellyn's Environmental Commission and The Conservation Foundation to offer: Nature Rx Workshop; Sustainable Yard Tour; and a Native Tree and Shrub Sale
- Utilized Earth Day and Arbor Day for community awareness on local environmental efforts
- Worked with School District 41 as part of their Problem Based Learning program
- 45 nature/environmental programs and 14 sessions of nature camp were offered
- Monarch Waystation signage added at Churchill and Maryknoll Parks
- Interpretive signage added at Lake Ellyn Park, three signs highlight environmental initiatives