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