

Glen Ellyn Park District

2019 Environmental Accomplishments

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

- Reduced use of plastic straws and lids in concession areas, offered paper straws when requested
- Electrolyzing saline disinfectant fogger system was purchased for use in facilities for safer, greener cleaning

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

- Permeable pavers and bioswales incorporated into parking lot and walkways at Ackerman Park
- 100+ trees were planted in community parks
- Plant-based herbicide products are being tested and evaluated for effectiveness
- Park staff participated in organic turf maintenance webinar
- Full time staff attended *Water and Natural Resource Protection* presentation by SCARCE
- Less harmful snow melt product is used on walkways
- Native plants incorporated into more park sign-beds
- Mowers have regenerative diesel engines, reducing particulate matter

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

- Inside lights turned off at Frank Johnson Center when unoccupied
- Solar panels at Lake Ellyn Boathouse generated ~5000 Kw electricity, offsetting 7,600 pounds of carbon and saving the equivalent of 100 trees
- Athletic field lighting on timers

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

- Additional garbage and recycling receptacles were labeled in parks and facilities
- Partnered with Elgin Recycling to offer community collection of holiday lights at our facilities
- Compost bin provided at This Runs for Jack race
- Coffee grounds from local business incorporated into garden plots
- Better oils used in fleet operations, resulting in less service visits and less filters are used

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

- Native plants installed in parking lot islands of Ackerman Park
- On-going maintenance of ~ 50 acres of natural areas
- Acquired four lots adjacent to Glen Ellyn Manor Park for open space
- Seeds from 40 species of native plants were collected and redistributed in natural areas

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

- Created the Greener Glen Ellyn Facebook site to post community green information and events
- Collaborated with The Conservation Foundation and Glen Ellyn's Environmental Commission to offer the annual Sustainable Yard Tour and Native Tree Sale
- Worked with Village's Environmental Commission on projects
- Implemented suggestions from the Environmental Advisory Committee
- Offered over 50 nature-based programs
- 185 children participated in summer nature camps