

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (EAC)**

## **ANNUAL REPORT – 2021**

The EAC acts as a resource to the City Council and the community. The commission helps develop educational and informational programs based on environmental concerns. As of December 2021, the EAC commissioners (all volunteers) are Sarah Anderson (Chair), Kathy Franke, Bob Kanara, Jean-Marie Kauth, and Amy Murphy. David Romero is the City Liaison, and Ald. Kathy Davolos is the City Council Liaison. The EAC had been meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

### **2021 INITIATIVES**

- The annual Arbor Day celebration was held outdoors at Hubble Middle School. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions the event was limited to a drive thru tree giveaway.
- The Battery Recycling Program is an ongoing program. Residents may drop off used batteries at City Hall in the lower level.
- The Resource Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter 2021 newsletters were published.
- In April, the City was notified that it received the 2021 Tree City USA award by the Arbor Foundation.
- The 2022 Tree City USA recertification application was submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- The Ferry Creek clean-up, hosted by The Conservation Foundation was held May 15, 2021.

### **RESTORATION WORK DAYS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS**

EAC commissioners attended and reported to the EAC on the following:

- Ferry Creek Clean-up

### **2022 GOALS**

The Commissioners have identified the following goals and initiatives for 2022, which are consistent with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact:

- Provide recommendation on Renewable Energy Certificates and Civic Contributions
- Prepare two Resource newsletters, if needed a third for Coal Tar Ban announcement
- Plan and staff the annual Arbor Day celebration
- Implement strategies in the Climate Action Plan
- Continue the Battery Recycling Program, pending citizen compliance with the disposal company's rules for safely recycling.
- Continue to provide educational material regarding the environmental benefits of native and drought tolerant landscaping; organic gardening and organic lawn care.
- Continue to provide educational information to local schools and citizens
- Research adding composting to residents curbside garbage and recycling pick up in the next contract
- Implementing Coal Tar Ordinance
- Research and provide recommendations for initiatives listed on the FY 2023 EAC Work Plan

We look forward to continuing to make recommendations, develop plans, and implement programs and initiatives to enhance the quality of the environment in Warrenville. The EAC is grateful for the City Council's support during this past year, and looks ahead to continued cooperation on behalf of the community's best interests.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah Anderson*

Environmental Advisory Commission Chair