

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

5- YEAR STRATEGIC PRIORITY TASKS – As Adopted by City Council, 2024

FY 25 (May 2024 – April 2025) – Completed

EAC to research Comparable Community environmental priorities to identify and evaluate, from a time, cost, and Warrenville community interest standpoint, any gaps or enhancements to existing city sustainable policies and services for recommendation to city staff for further consideration.

FY 26 (May 2025 – April 2026) – To Resume once Arbor Day 2026 planning is complete

EAC to collaborate with the Staff Liaison to develop a communication strategy (e.g., combination of web information, In-Person event attendance, literature) targeted to new residents about local environmental programs and initiatives (coal tar ban, how to prevent/treat weeds without chemicals, proper tree maintenance, recycling options, adding solar panels to my property, reducing use of plastic, maximizing use of rain barrels, easy composting on a budget, etc).

FY 27 (May 2026 – April 2027)

Develop and launch an education campaign to promote a greener, more resilient local business environment. Conduct research and share opportunities and benefits of environmentally friendly, cost-efficient solutions to local business challenges (e.g., resource consumption, waste management, energy efficiency, etc.). Identifying county, state and federal grant, rebate and other environmental incentive programs for local businesses to pursue will be a key part of this initiative.

FY 28 (May 2027 – April 2028)

EAC to review Comparable Community environmental reports to compare and contrast to the Warrenville Climate Action Initiatives Annual Report. EAC will prepare a summary of consistent metrics, unique features, and differences in reporting format and style. Additionally, EAC will offer recommendations for clear and concise reporting, opportunities for report automation, and standardized goal-setting metrics to staff for review.

FY 29 (May 2028 – April 2029)

EAC to research best practices among Comparable Communities (and other leading municipalities) and consult with local experts (e.g., Scarce) to conduct a green audit of product use/waste generated at City-owned buildings. EAC will develop policy and action recommendations to reduce waste and replace existing products with recyclable, compostable, or renewable materials for City Staff review. Recommendations must include a cost analysis of changes (copier paper, paper plates, napkins, plastic, etc.)

EAC to review staff and attorney recommendations for zoning ordinance updates pertaining to sustainable practices, including any landscaping changes, prior to Plan Commission review