



# VILLAGE OF GLENCOE

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- The Subject Line of the e-mail should include the following text: **"July 26, 2022 Glencoe Sustainability Task Force Meeting Public Comment"**
- Name of person submitting comment (address can be provided, but is not required)
- Organization or agency person is submitting comments on behalf of, if applicable
- Topic or agenda item number of interest, or indicate if the public comment is on a matter not listed on the Commission meeting agenda

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# AGENDA

## VILLAGE OF GLENCOE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE



Glencoe Village Hall  
675 Village Court/Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, July 26, 2022– 7:00p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Barney Gallagher, Chair  
Peter Mulvaney, Vice Chair  
Bob Breisblatt  
Lisa Brooks  
Tina Hostert  
Helyn Latham

Linda Lin  
Joshua Markus  
Catherine Procopi  
Larry Reilly  
Laurie Tuchman

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 28, 2022 STF MEETING MINUTES 7:05 PM

3. CART TAG PLANS 7:10 PM

4. PLANS FOR “SUSTAINABILITY SOIREE” EVENING 7:20 PM

5. GREEN BAY TRAIL DAY PLANS 7:30 PM

6. UPDATE ON DISTRICT 35 ACTION ITEMS 7:40 PM

7. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED) 7:50 PM

A. Carbon Reduction  
B. Green Lawns  
C. Public Awareness  
D. Ravines and Trees

E. Recycling and Waste Reduction  
F. Sustainable Business  
G. Water, Ravines and Trees

8. GLENCOE COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED) 8:40 PM

A. Village  
B. Park District  
C. Library

D. School District  
E. Other

9. OTHER BUSINESS – PFAS WATER STANDARDS 8:50 PM

[www.villageofglencoe.com/pfas](http://www.villageofglencoe.com/pfas)

10. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME 8:55 PM

11. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN 9:00 PM

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**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022– 7:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Glencoe Sustainability Task was called to order by Chairperson Barney Gallagher at 7:07 p.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

*The following Task Force members were virtually present:*

*Barney Gallagher, Chair  
Peter Mulvaney, Vice-Chair  
Bob Briesblatt  
Tina Hostert  
Linda Lin  
Catherine Procopi*

*The following task force members were absent:*

*Larry Reilly  
Lisa Brooks  
Helyn Latham  
Joshua Markus  
Laurie Tuckman*

*Also present were:*

*Dr. Catherine Wang, District 35 Superintendent  
Sandy Culver, Volunteer  
Henry Giles, Student Volunteer  
Hall Healy, Volunteer  
Jessica Kinzelman, Volunteer  
Natalie Kroft, Volunteer  
Rosie LaLonde, Volunteer  
Bradley Levinson, Volunteer  
Mason Schwartz, Student Volunteer  
Suzanne Strusiner, Volunteer  
Jennifer Varela, Volunteer  
Jeff Mawdsley, Staff Liaison/Public Works Management Analyst*

Chairperson Gallagher stated that a quorum of members of the Task Force was present.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 24, 2022 STF MEETING MINUTES**

- Upon a motion made by Mr. Mulvaney and seconded by Ms. Procopi and unanimously adopted by all those present, the meeting minutes for May 24, 2022, were approved.

**3. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT 35 INITIATIVES**

- Chairperson Gallagher introduced Dr. Catherine Wang, Superintendent for District 35. Dr. Wang reviewed the District's Sustainability practices, including:
  - Geothermal systems have been retrofitted in each school.
  - Gardening program at each school.

- Robust reuse and recycling programs.
  - Composting programs (paused during COVID).
  - Safe Routes to School initiatives that encourage walking and biking.
- Dr. Wang expressed that Covid has forced the district to take a step back from some sustainable practices, and some initiatives had to be suspended or delayed. The district is actively working to reset and revisit the practices and initiatives.
- Dr. Wang said she would be excited to partner with the STF on a Danielle Cares for Chairs initiative for recycling bread tags. The STF will help with marketing and promotion using Village channels and supply stickers for use on collection jars.
- Dr. Wang also asked the GSTF to help generate Green Tips for their bi-weekly newsletter. Ms. Varela said the Public Awareness team would work on generating these.
- Ms. Strusiner is working with the PTO to support a reusable bento box program for the schools. This will also be supported by tips on how to provide a waste-free lunch.
- There was a discussion about STF's participation in the new parent night.
- Dr. Wang said she would be supportive of student involvement initiatives, like a student survey, but would favor ones that include all three schools and not just the older students at Central.

#### **4. FOLLOW UP ON GPD DISCUSSION FROM LAST MEETING**

- Chairperson Gallagher recapped some discussions that had occurred since the last STF meeting. There was an agreement that the STF should follow up with the GPD and arrange a joint meeting to discuss common initiatives and how the STF can support the GPD's sustainability efforts.

#### **5. FOURTH OF JULY PLANS**

- The STF finalized plans for marching the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.
- The STF made plans for the Green Bay Trail Day, including promotional giveaways, activities, and volunteer assignments.
- Ms. Varela reviewed her ideas for the Sustainable evening community event and made plans to further organize it.

#### **6. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)**

- **Carbon Reduction:**
  - Ms. Lin reported they are looking at options to add more bike racks in the downtown area.
  - They also discussed looking up carbon plans for other school districts as a model for District 35.
  - The team is tabling having a carless event in downtown this year. They are also investigating carbon footprint calculating tools.
- **Green Lawns:**
  - Mr. Healy updated the STF on the multi-community leaf blower study group.
- **Recycling & Waste:**
  - Ms. Hostert updated the cart tagging program.
  - Analyst Mawdsley will add signs to the compost receptacles on Temple Court to discourage placing plastic bags in them.
- **Public Awareness:**
  - Ms. Hostert reported that they will be making a calendar for sustainable messaging.

- Ms. Hostert also presented the idea of including a pull-out garbage and recycling guide that can be inserted into the Inside Glencoe publication.
- **Sustainable Business:**
  - Mr. Healy reported they have had discussions about composting, food rescue, and reducing food waste. They plan to reach out to the Grand about these issues.

**7. GLENCOE COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)**

- A. Village:** Analyst Mawdsley reported on the following:
- The Village finalized the Urban Forestry Management Plan.
  - The pollinator garden at Village Hall has been planted.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

- There was a general discussion about PFAS.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

- There were no public comments.

**10. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN**

Then there being no further business to come before the GSTF, a motion to close the meeting was made by Ms. Lin and seconded by Mr. Mulvaney. Being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Cart Tagging Program  
Proposed Tagging Area  
Approximate 220 Residences  
Friday Garbage Pickup



# oops!

## We Found Unacceptable Items...

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Bags or Wrap         | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes, Shoes, Bedding                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-Use Plastic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics (Computers, Appliances, Batteries, Light Bulbs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-Use Paper             | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Yard Organic Waste                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foam Packaging or Containers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |



### NO Plastic Bags or Film Wrap

Materials must be loose in recycling cart!  
Return plastic shopping bags, film wrap,  
plastic packaging, etc. to a store.

[Plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://Plasticfilmrecycling.org)

### NO Single-Use Items

**Paper:** Plates/cups/napkins/towels/tissues

**Plastic:** Plates/cups/lids/straws/cutlery

**Packaging:** Chip bags/take-out/bubble  
mailers



### NO Food, Liquid, or Yard Organics

Empty and rinse containers.  
Compost food and lawn organics.

[Illinoiscomposts.org](http://Illinoiscomposts.org)

### NO Electronics or Special Materials

See [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) for drop-off locations -  
electronics, batteries, sharps,  
medications, and fluorescent light bulbs.



### Note:



[swancc.org/recycling/mp-cart-tag](http://swancc.org/recycling/mp-cart-tag)





# BE IN THE KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW!

## Wishcycling:

Putting items in the recycling cart you “think” or “wish” can be recycled – but aren’t accepted. Contamination reduces the value of quality materials.

## Wishcycling is Dangerous

Lithium batteries, electronics, and non-emptied aerosols can explode during sorting, causing fires and harm to sanitation workers.



Medical and biological wastes, like masks, PPE, and needles are a health hazard to sanitation workers.



## Wishcycling is a Pain in the Machine

Plastic bags, film wrap, string, lights, cords, and hoses are “tanglers” which can get caught in sorting equipment putting sanitation workers at risk.



## Wishcycling Costs YOU Money

When unacceptable items are put in the recycling cart, recycling companies must pay to bury them at the landfill - a cost the consumer will end up paying.



## Wishcycling Stinks

Food, liquids, diapers, and general garbage contaminates loads of good recycling. Materials must be empty, loose, clean, and dry.







# Thank You!

Lookin' Good

## PAPER



## METAL



## PLASTIC



## GLASS



[swancc.org/recycling/mp-cart-tag](http://swancc.org/recycling/mp-cart-tag)



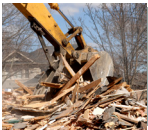


# **As a Reminder, Recycling Right Matters... But Preventing Waste is BEST!**



**Find a drop-off for items that require  
a special collection:**

**Batteries**



**Home Construction Debris**

**Electronics**



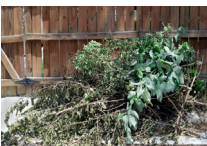
**Household Chemicals**

**Fluorescent Light Bulbs**



**Medications/Sharps**

**Personal Documents  
- Shredded**



**Yard Trimmings**



**More information at [SWANCC.org](http://SWANCC.org)**



Glencoe Sustainability Task Force  
Upcoming Library Programs  
Updated: 6/24/2022

| Date               | Program  | Speaker          |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| July 26, 2022      | Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies (organized by FGBT) | Sara Lewis       |
| August 2022        |  |                  |
| September 15, 2022 | Monarchs in a Changing World (organized by FGBT)                   | Karen Oberhauser |
| October 2022       |  |                  |
| November 2022      |  |                  |
| December 2022      |  |                  |

Past Programs - 2022

| Date              | Program   | Speaker                    |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| January 12, 2022  | U.N. Intergovernmental Climate Change Panel             | Dr. Don Wuebbles           |
| February 15, 2022 | Solar Panels and Electric Vehicles                      | Sam Sperling & Josh Lutton |
| March 10, 2022    | Gardening the New Perennialist Way: A Piet Oudolf Story | Deborah Chud               |
| April 13, 2022    | Add a Little Prairie to Your Garden                     | Cindy Crosby               |
| June 21, 2022     | Social Life of Forests (organized by FGBT)              | Suzanne Simard             |



## VILLAGE OF GLENCOE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE



### 2022 Meeting Schedule

January 25, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 22, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 24, 2022

June 28, 2022

July 26, 2022

August 23, 2022

September 20, 2022

October 25, 2022

December 6, 2022

## Carbon Reduction Priority

Planning Document for 2022



### The Issue

According to the U.S. E.P.A. transportation, travel, electricity generation, residential and commercial heating accounts for 67% of greenhouse gas emission in the United States. Methane emissions from the production of oil, coal and natural gas, as well as livestock production and decomposition in landfills constitutes and additional 10% of greenhouse gas emissions.

### The Objectives

Guide the Village in making energy efficient choices and educate the community concerning how each of us can make a positive difference in the move away from hydrocarbon fuels and adopt lifestyle changes to reduce greenhouse gases and our overall carbon footprint.

### Strategies

- Develop a baseline data set of our individual and community carbon footprint to measure progress against
- Develop educational programs to inform residents and businesses on steps that they can take to reduce energy consumption and adopt renewable energy use
- Develop specific actions that the village, schools, park district and library can undertake to impact energy use and renewable energy adoption
- Evaluate potential ordinance changes that will help drive energy conservation and renewable energy adoption

| Action Plan 2022 |  |                    |                 |          |
|------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Strategy         | Action Items   | Person Responsible | Planning Period | Item Due |
| Data             | Have Comed and LRS provide aggregated energy usage and waste disposal <u>and composting</u> data for the Village on an annual basis, and similar data for Kenilworth and Winnetka as comps if possible. Staff  |                    |                 |          |
|                  | Continue to monitor EV registration data in the Village and implement water metering/measurement tools to provide individual household with baseline and ongoing performance data similar to that provided by Comed on electric power consumption. Staff |                    |                 |          |
|                  | Establish energy use reduction targets for public, residential and commercial use and monitor progress towards those goals on an annual basis. STF/Staff   |                    |                 |          |
| Strategy         | Action Items   | Person Responsible | Planning Period | Item Due |
| Public Actions   | Continue replacement of incandescent lighting with LED in buildings and street lighting. Staff   |                    |                 |          |

Establish a time table for the replacement of ICE public vehicles with EV substitutes based upon current Village and Park District vehicle replacement programs. BG

Complete installation of EV charging stations in the Village main parking lot and seek funding to provide additional stations in the employee parking lot. Expand bike lanes throughout the village, as well as additional bike parking areas in downtown. Continue to sponsor biking and walking activities through the schools etc. LR

As a part of the re-evaluation of outdoor dining and public parking, advocate for a pilot program of car-free downtown weekends in order to evaluate the feasibility of an ultimate ban on downtown parking. Meet with staff and develop a plan for integration of events such as the Farmer's Market, Park District functions etc with a car free initiative.

Evaluate current electricity supply commitments of the Village/Library/Schools and Park District and determine the feasibility of conversion of all public buildings to either active solar or community solar electricity supply. Inventory and track LED conversion efforts by all public bodies. BG

Consider a Carbon Offset tax for village residents - proceeds would be invested in carbon offsets in order to mitigate the Village's overall carbon footprint. (Ref: [CarbonFund.org](https://CarbonFund.org)). LR

Evaluate methods for individual measurement of carbon foot prints and make one available to the community. LL

Monitor developments in longer-term carbon reducing technologies (e.g., EV school buses, in-street solar panels) and help educate Village agencies and businesses when technologies become feasible

Reach out to the Glencoe Junior High School Project, the local scouting groups, the schools, Glencoe Youth Services and religious institutions to develop programs to foster environmental education and actions. To be driven by student STF members.

Stage an Electric Vehicle and alternative transportation (scooters, ebikes etc.) Fair in conjunction with the Glencoe Art Show or the proposed car-free weekends

Develop a library program or possibly in-school program encouraging younger students to consider STEM career paths

## **Education**

Continue to advocate for the adoption of Meatless Monday and the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan

Continue to collaborate with District 35 and other Village stakeholders via the Walk, Bike, Roll to School and No Idling programs

Support other STF working groups in carbon reducing initiatives (e.g., Leave the Leaves, gas-powered leaf blowers)

Promote carpooling and public transit options (including public school buses)

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## Planning Document for 2021

| Issue                    |   |
|--------------------------|---|
|                          | <p>Overuse of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, gas-powered landscaping equipment and manicured lawns has detrimental impacts upon our environment, creating pollution and reducing the natural environment and its resiliency. Indiscriminate use of insecticides negatively impacts beneficial insect populations. Fertilizer and herbicide runoff moves chemicals into Lake Michigan, the Skokie Lagoons and local rivers, creating risks to drinking water, and contributing to the annual algae bloom in the Lagoons, which is harmful to aquatic plants and fish species. Furthermore, traditional suburban lawns use more water than native grasses, and in addition tend to be overwatered, which leads to higher costs to clean and pump that water.</p>   |
| <b><u>Vision</u></b>     | <p><i>The vast majority of Glencoe's residents and the Village are using natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers and pesticides in public and private spaces, less gas-powered landscaping equipment and more native species and "rewilding" (including native grasses), resulting in a significant improvement in the health and resilience of the environment in general, its plants, animals and people.</i></p>  |
| <b><u>Objectives</u></b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Significantly decrease the use of treated water, chemical pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides and gas-powered equipment in the community;</li> <li>2. Significantly increase the use of native plant species, including grasses, and the "rewilding" of private and public spaces;</li> <li>3. Significantly reduce the presence of non-native/invasive plant species;</li> <li>4. Introduce and enforce policies and practices to significantly reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and gas-powered landscaping equipment in the Village.</li> </ol>  |
| <b><u>Strategies</u></b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop and conduct educational programs to decrease the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and gas-powered equipment by <u>commercial landscaping companies and Village entities</u> in Glencoe;</li> <li>2. Through the Glencoe Library, School and Park Districts, Chicago Botanic Garden and other appropriate partners, such as the Village of Wilmette (which has done significant work in this area), and methods develop and conduct educational programs for <u>residents</u> to demonstrate the benefits of using alternative fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, and non-gas-powered equipment;             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Create a database of useful information on green lawn practices, equipment and native species on the STF Blog/Village website, and potentially at the Glencoe Public Library;</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Develop and conduct an educational program to increase the presence of native plant species and to reduce the presence of non-native, invasive plant species in Glencoe;</li> <li>4. Develop and implement Village policies to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and gas-powered equipment by commercial landscaping companies, Village entities and residents in Glencoe;</li> <li>5. Develop, implement and maintain a "competition"/incentive among residents to promote green lawn practices. Examples could include: Village registration of pollinator gardens, plantings such as milkweed to provide habitat for monarch butterflies, the "certified wildlife habitat program", installation of rain gardens, planting of grasses that require less mowing and less use of water, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides;</li> </ol> |



| <b>Action Plan 2021-2022</b>       |  |                            |                        |                 |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Strategies</i>                  | <i>Action Items</i>  | <i>Persons Responsible</i> | <i>Planning Period</i> | <i>Item Due</i> |
| <b><u>Educational Programs</u></b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop and conduct an educational program with written materials, providing information in English and Spanish on alternative fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides to commercial landscaping companies and Village entities-Village government, Glencoe Library, School and Park Districts;</li> <li>2. Develop and conduct an educational program with written materials, events and media articles on the benefits of alternative fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides for Glencoe residents in collaboration with Glencoe Library, Park and School Districts, Chicago Botanic Garden and other appropriate partners;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Create a database of useful information on green lawn practices on the STF Blog/Village website;                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Collect relevant articles from CBG, archives</li> <li>ii. Identify other sources of information</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Develop and conduct an educational program to increase the use of native plant species, including grasses, in order to reduce the presence of non-native, invasive plant species in Glencoe, and to reduce the overuse of water.<br/>(Potentially, #2, 3 above will be combined.)</li> </ol> | SC<br>HH<br>HL             |                        |                 |
| <b><u>Policies</u></b>             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop, implement, enforce Village policies to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides by commercial landscaping companies, residents and Village entities               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Develop a plan with the Village Plan Commission, Park District (which has done work in this area), School District, other appropriate entities;</li> <li>b. Develop individual policies to address these issues;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  | SC<br>HH<br>HL             |                        |                 |
| <b><u>Competition</u></b>          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop, implement, maintain a “competition” among residents to promote green lawn practices.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Examples include: Village registration of pollinator gardens, plantings such as milkweed to provide habitat for monarch butterflies, installation of rain gardens, planting of grasses that require less mowing, water and use of herbicides</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  | SC<br>HH<br>HL             |                        |                 |

10/20/2020

**Our sub-committee will help create awareness of the GSTF as well as support all the GSTF initiatives to the inspire action within our community.**

- Platforms to reach the community:
  - Social media
    - Regular postings to include news about upcoming events, sustainable actions/successes, or various tips and relevant sustainable topic news
    - Use of the Village's accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
      - All posts to be routed through the GSTF staff liaison
      - All images to be properly used without copyright infringement
  - Distribution list
    - GSTF to maintain a list of contacts for local organizations and publications to push news in order to communicate through their existing networks
    - D35 newsletter
  - Blog
    - Maintained by staff liaison to house digital content
    - Build over time to gain more following
  - Village Sign (at GB & Park Ave) – coveted signage, requires approval from the Village
  - Welcome Kits
    - Inclusion in *Welcome to Glencoe* folder for new residents (Chamber of Commerce?)
  - Events
    - Donate / Recycle/ Recovery Days
    - Library Programming
    - Sustainability Stars Invite a Friend Event
  - Representation/Presence within the Village
    - Inclusion in: July Parade, Farmers Market, Art Show, Beach Cleanup Etc
- Logos & Templates
  - Maintain consistent image:
    - Powerpoint Template AND a slide on who we are/how to learn more
    - Need alignment on hashtag
- Ideas – Require more follow up:
  - Door hangers (Boy Scouts can hang as part of service program)
  - Can we encourage branded programs here in Glencoe and utilize their marketing powers – such as free product samples, pilot programs, etc?
  - Opportunity for sustainability kits distribution or sustainable vendor events?
  - PR activations > Ask community members to take pics of their sustainable activities and/or ask media to capture for publication
  - Sculptures/art/signage to create more awareness and presence
- Other discussion:
  - Team plans to meet once per month, roughly 2 weeks ahead of the GSTF meetings – Jen to send invite. We all have other work/family commitments, so we will be respectful of time involved.
  - GSTF mention in materials for Textile Recycling program

- Consider Northshore Recorder for another publication
- Unslash for graphics
- Jen to get word out about 2/4 and other upcoming library events

Village of Glencoe Sustainability Task Force  
**Ravines and Tree Canopy Priority**  
Planning Document for 2021



**The Issue**

The ravines and tree canopy represent critical natural resources to Glencoe. Both are resources which are largely privately held creating a set of unique management issues given their importance to the Village as a whole. The ravines are under increasing erosion pressure as we experience more frequent and heavier rain events resulting in excessive stormwater run-off.

**The Vision**

**The Objectives**

**Strategies**

Create a comprehensive plan for securing the ravines addressing the issue of reducing the volume of wastewater run-off into the ravines and including the development of a private-public collaborative effort to restore and maintain the ravine system.

Collaborate with the Lake County Storm Water Management Commission (LCSWMC) and Highland Park in ravine system management planning. Determine what are best eco-sensitive practices to control storm water run-off into the ravines and incorporate them into all relevant Village ordinances.

Work with staff to incorporate best practices in all Village new construction, sub-division development and tree removal ordinances around preservation of heritage trees.

| Action Plan 2021 |  |                    |                 |          |
|------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Strategies       | Action Items   | Person Responsible | Planning Period | Item Due |
| Ravine Plan      | Determine the specific legal interests of the Village vis a vis the private ravine homeowners. Can the Village require owners to take specific actions to remedy issues or only prohibit given activities? |                    |                 |          |
|                  | Utilizing existing documents develop a ravine management educational piece for ravine property owners  |                    |                 |          |
|                  | Seek to have input into the Lake Michigan Watershed Ravine Management Plan being developed by the LCSWMC   |                    |                 |          |

Working with LCSWMC set up meetings with the owners on each Glencoe ravine to review the current conditions of that ravine (per the existing LCSWMC ravine map) and remedial steps that can be taken to improve the conditions of the ravine

Work with the Village, the Park District and private developers to prioritize the use of green infrastructure to control stormwater whenever possible. Green infrastructure includes rain gardens, bioswales, stormwater bumpouts & basins, tree trenches, wetlands, French drains, dry wells, and check dams as well as cisterns and other "soft" stormwater control structures including land management.

| <i>Strategy</i>       | <i>Action Items</i>  | <i>Person Responsible</i> | <i>Planning Period</i> | <i>Item Due</i> |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Heritage Trees</b> | Evaluate the National Green Building Standard to determine if specific provisions should be adopted by the Village |                           |                        |                 |
|                       | Evaluate Tree Ordinances of various communities to seek and appropriate model for Glencoe                          |                           |                        |                 |



## Recycling and Waste

### Planning Document for 2021

#### The Issue

Too much waste goes into the landfill.

Note: The proliferation of disposable masks, single-use plastics and solid waste during COVID-19 has further highlighted the necessity of embracing sustainable materials and waste reduction.

#### The Vision

Glencoe is actively engaged in the 5 R's (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose) as a municipality and community, ultimately aspiring to be zero-waste.

#### The Objectives

1. Reduce waste produced by each household and within village.
2. Recycle materials across all sectors.
3. Divert waste from landfills.

#### Strategies

##### Reduce Waste:

- (RW1) Set specific waste reduction goals for municipality and community.
- (RW2) Enact policies that enforce sustainable materials management.
- (RW3) Promote and practice waste reduction in village operations.
- (RW4) Engage the community in waste reduction.

##### Recycle

- (R1) Set specific residential and commercial recycling goals.
- (R2) Make recycling easy and accessible for Glencoe residents.
- (R3) Enact policies to enforce recycling.
- (R4) Engage community in proper recycling practices.

##### Divert Waste

- (DW1) Collaborate with specific waste providers to support proper disposal of items that would otherwise go to the landfill.
- (DW2) Continue to seek partnerships with recycling/upcycling services for hard-to-recycle items and those not suitable for curbside pickup.
- (DW3) Engage community in waste diversion practices.

### Action Plan 2021

#### *Strategies*

#### *Action Items*

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| RW1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set goal for businesses to eliminate plastic bags by 2022.</li> <li>• Set goal for community to eliminate use of plastic water bottles by 2022.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| RW2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ban or discourage the use of products resulting in unmanageable waste, e.g., plastic bags, straws, plastic water bottles.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| RW3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce use of paper in municipal offices.</li> <li>• Conduct waste audits to identify waste reduction opportunities.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
| RW4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and promote exchange of goods and services among residents, e.g., donating and shopping at local consignment/thrift stores, rummage sales, posting on Glencoe Next Door, etc.</li> <li>• Make all Glencoe events zero waste.</li> <li>• Educate community to reduce waste by consuming less and reusing.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
| R1  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set and promote goal of achieving a xx% recycling rate of basic materials collected by LRS by 2022.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| R2  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement village-wide, clearly marked receptacle system for recycling, waste and compost (similar to what CBG has in place).</li> <li>• Implement and promote Terracycle and Simple Recycling.</li> <li>• Collaborate to support proper disposal of waste not included in village services or special events, e.g., pharmaceutical and personal care waste.</li> <li>• Continue to hold and promote recycling and waste diversion events for specific materials.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| R3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require commercial and residential recycling.</li> <li>• Establish a construction and demolition recycling policy.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |

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| R4                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate and remind community of proper recycling and composting practices.</li> </ul>   |                           |                        |                 |
| DW1                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with SWANCC to promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.</li> <li>Educate residents and support proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOG). Continue to promote proper disposal of electronic waste through village services.</li> </ul> |                           |                        |                 |
| DW2                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with vendors for proper disposal of pharmaceutical and personal care product waste (Terracycle).</li> </ul>   |                           |                        |                 |
| DW3                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize community wide clean-up days for specific areas, e.g., beach, lagoons, ravines, etc.</li> <li>Support local production of food, home gardening, and community supported agriculture.</li> </ul>  |                           |                        |                 |
| <b>Initiatives</b>                | <i>Action Items</i>  | <i>Person Responsible</i> | <i>Planning Period</i> | <i>Item Due</i> |
| <b>Blog Information Reservoir</b> |  |                           |                        |                 |
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| <b>Ally Organizations</b>         | Go Green Illinois  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | SWANCC   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Earth 911  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Plastic Pollution Coalition  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Zerowastechicago.org   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | National Recycling Coalition   |                           |                        |                 |



Village of Glencoe Sustainability Task Force

Sustainable Business Initiative



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| Issue  |  | GLENCOE  |                 |          |
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| Glencoe businesses have been practicing sustainability for years. The current initiative is intended to provide encouragement, support and recognition for their past, current and future sustainability efforts, particularly in this time of Covid-19, when businesses are facing financial and other hardships. |  |  |                 |          |
| Vision   |  | Glencoe's businesses are engaged in and publicly recognized for a wide array of sustainable practices, resulting in more financial sustainability (especially during today's pandemic) and a measurably lower impact on the environment. |                 |          |
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| Objectives   | 1. Position the STF as a resource to assist Glencoe's businesses in becoming more sustainable;   |  |                 |          |
|  | 2. As a partner, not a "watchdog", encourage, support and recognize local businesses in their adopting of more sustainable practices;  |  |                 |          |
|  | 3. Help local businesses help Glencoe residents become more sustainable (through such things as their product offerings, bag use, utensils);   |  |                 |          |
|  | 4. Attract, retain and help grow sustainability businesses and non-profit organizations in Glencoe as an "incubator"/"magnet" for those types of businesses/organizations;   |  |                 |          |
|  | 5. Determine next steps in the business program in terms of policies, incentives, programs.  |  |                 |          |
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| Strategies   | 1. Determine the current business sustainability practices;  |  |                 |          |
|  | 2. Provide information to demonstrate to local businesses what resources are available on sustainable practices and where to find them;  |  |                 |          |
|  | 3. Revise and re-implement the program to recognize local businesses for their sustainable practices;  |  |                 |          |
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| Action Plan 2021-2022  |  |  |                 |          |
| Strategies   | Action Items   | Persons Responsible  | Planning Period | Item Due |
| Current Sustainability Practices   | 1. Develop, conduct a study of current business sustainability practices, as an update of the one done several years ago;<br>a. Develop a survey, collaborating with the Village Business Liaison Team and Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, using the previous survey as a guide;<br>b. Mail, email, deliver in person the survey;<br>c. Conduct, tabulate survey results;<br>d. Publicize survey results to local businesses and in local social and other media; | SC<br>HH<br>LL   |                 |          |
|  | 1. Research existing sustainable business practices in the region and elsewhere as appropriate;<br>2. Using results of the research, compile resources in print and digital formats designed to inform, educate and generally make it easier for businesses to undertake sustainable initiatives;<br>3. Present this information to the business community via:  | SC<br>HH<br>LL   |                 |          |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Online, other social media, written materials as education and publicity;</li> <li>b. Meetings with the Business Liaison Team, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club;</li> <li>c. Library programs;</li> </ul> <p>4. Develop content for the business page of Glencoe's website that recognizes and promotes current sustainability practices to the public;</p>  |                |  |  |
| <b><u>Business Recognition Program</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the current business recognition program for its applicability during Covid;</li> <li>2. Revise the program in collaboration with the Business Liaison Team and the Chamber of Commerce;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Develop criteria, realistic levels (including a minimum or base level to qualify for any recognition, and steeper requirements for successively higher levels of recognition), and clear goals;</li> <li>b. Include in the criteria as a special category the recognition of those who are in the business of sustainability;</li> <li>c. Do a trial run of the revised program with a business that had previously been recognized and one that hadn't been recognized by the prior program;</li> <li>d. Revise the program based on results of the trial run;</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Roll out the revised program with local businesses;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Promote the program and those businesses recognized by it through social and other media, meetings with the Chamber, Business Liaison Team, Rotary;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | SC<br>HH<br>LL |  |  |
| <b><u>Next Steps</u></b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research EcoDistricts, Metropolitan Mayors and Managers, other communities, regions (even Europe) to determine appropriate policies and incentives for Glencoe to adopt that will help businesses be more sustainable;</li> <li>2. Implement appropriate financial and other incentives that will encourage and support businesses to become more sustainable;</li> <li>3. Develop a plan, including policies and incentives, to attract sustainability businesses and non-profit organizations to locate/relocate in Glencoe. (Several are already here.)</li> </ul>  | SC<br>HH<br>LL |  |  |

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# Water Use, Protection & Conservation

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### The Issue

The average American uses over 100 gallons of water a day. Most of this water use is (about 70%) is indoors, while the remaining 30 % is for outdoor activities especially landscaping. Water Conservation is becoming more important as the Village's water supply system faces mounting challenges related to climate change, rising demand, pollution, higher treatment standards, higher costs and aging infrastructure.

### The Vision

Manage the Village water supply in a way that contributes to the net positive use of water. This is achieved through Water Conservation, Water Quality Improvements, Water Infrastructure Management, Stormwater Management, Water Protection Policy Initiatives Stewardship and Community Engagement.

### The Objectives

- A. Use and distribute water efficiently
- B. Protect and Improve water quality
- C. Manage potable water system assets sustainably
- D. Manage stormwater with natural & built systems
- E. Enact policies to protect water resources
- F. Practice stewardship of water resources
- G. Engage the community in water stewardship

## Action Plan 2021

### The Strategies

| <i>Action Items</i>  | <i>Person Responsible</i> | <i>Planning Period</i> | <i>Item Due</i> |
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| A-1 Reduce per-capita Village water consumption by 20%   | Everyone                  |                        |                 |
| A-2 Implement water efficiency measures at all governmental facilities   | V,SD, PD, LD              | Underway               |                 |
| A-3 Encourage residences and businesses to identify and mitigate water loss  | V, Chamber Task Force     |                        |                 |
| A-4 Designate a staff Water Conservation Coordinator to support water conservation programs                              | V                         |                        |                 |
| A-5 Audit water use and quality, share with customers  | V                         | Underway               |                 |
| A-6 Establish conservation pricing water rates based on use  | V                         |                        | Done            |
| A-7 Adopt a "Green Water Sense" plumbing code  | V                         |                        | Done            |
| A-7 Mandate water retrofits upon resale, purchase or reconnection  | V                         |                        |                 |
| B-1 Protect surface & groundwater from construction contamination with fencing ,temporary storage and phased development | V, Builders               | Underway               |                 |
| B-2 Do not use coal tar sealers on Village property  | V                         |                        |                 |
| B-3 Eliminate unnecessary pesticides, fertilizer & salts on Village property   | V                         |                        |                 |
| B-4 Encourage/Require replacement of lead water pipes  | V Task Force              | Underway               |                 |
| B-5 Support post-development runoff reduction & mitigation   | V, Builders               | Underway               |                 |
| B-6 Re label storm drains indicating discharge to lake or river  | V                         |                        |                 |

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|  | C-1 Operate an efficient water utility that delivers healthy clean water that exceeds state & federal standards   | V                  |          | Ongoing |
|  | C-2 Significantly reduce the loss of potable water as it passes through the treatment and delivery system   | V                  | Underway |         |
|  | C-3 Support a third party warranty program for the timely repair of service lines   | V                  |          |         |
|  | C-4 Provide a long term solution to upgrade or replace the ageing treatment and delivery system   | V                  | Underway |         |
|  | C-5 Develop an infrastructure asset management plan to sustain the system   | V                  | Underway |         |
|  | C-6 Coordinate street, utility & water infrastructure projects  | V                  |          | Ongoing |
|  | D-1 Participate in the National Flood Insurance program to allow access to flood insurance  | V                  |          | Ongoing |
|  | D-2 Use green infrastructure on Village property including permeable surfaces, bioswales, trees, rain gardens filter strips and functional landscapes       | V                  |          |         |
|  | D-3 Encourage residents & businesses to adopt green infrastructure projects such as rain barrels, plantings & other measures that capture & store rainwater | V Task Force       |          |         |
|  | D-4 Encourage property owners to disconnect downspouts & direct flow to landscaping   | V Task Force       |          |         |
|  | D-5 Collaborate with other organizations & governments to sustainably manage storm water  | V                  |          |         |
|  | D-6 Explore establishing a storm water utility for funding  | V                  |          |         |
|  | E-1 Conduct a water rate study to determine a sustainable rate structure  | V                  |          | Done    |
|  | E-2 Adopt full cost pricing for water service   | V                  |          | Done    |
|  | E-3 Require water efficiency & conservation practices in all new development  | V                  |          |         |
|  | E-4 Enact and enforce the control of wasteful water practices   | V                  |          |         |
|  | E-5 Eliminate barriers to green infrastructure such as cisterns, green roofs and permeable pavement.  | V                  |          |         |
|  | E-6 Protect surface and groundwater from runoff and contamination   | V                  | Underway |         |
|  | E-7 Allow rainwater harvesting for non-potable uses   | V                  |          |         |
|  | F-1 Sustain a supply of high quality public water   | V                  |          | Done    |
|  | F-2 Ensure drinking & wastewater systems are operating safely & efficiently   | V                  |          | Ongoing |
|  | F-3 Participate & support regional, state, federal & international watershed planning and stewardship efforts   | V                  |          | Ongoing |
|  | F-4 Allow public access and encourage stewardship of community waterways, especially Lake Michigan  | V Task Force       |          | Ongoing |
|  | G-1 Educate and support the community to conserve water   | V Task Force       |          | Ongoing |
|  | G-2 Educate the community on the value of safe and clean drinking water   | V Task Force       |          | Ongoing |
|  | G-3 Promote tap water over bottled water  | V Task Force       |          |         |
|  | G-4 Educate and support the community on practices that reduce water contamination such as salting, excessive use of fertilizer and improper waste disposal | V Task Force       |          | Ongoing |
|  | G-5 Educate students & residents about how Village water & wastewater systems work to encourage conservation & stewardship                                  | V Task Force<br>SD | Underway |         |

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| <b>Ally Organizations</b>         | MPC, Metropolitan Planning Council  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | CMAA, Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning (Agency)   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | CNT, Center for Neighborhood Technology Rain Ready  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | ASLA, American Society of Landscape Architects – Sustainable Sites Program                                      |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | USGBC, U.S. Green Building Council – LEED Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Illinois Green Chapter |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Go Green Illinois a consortium of 50+ “green” non-profits   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Chicago Botanic Garden / Cook County Forest Preserve  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | ECO Districts Living Infrastructure Priority  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | LCSMC - Lake County Stormwater Management Commission  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Open Lands – Chicago Metro Area   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | APWA, American Public Works Association   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | USEPA - US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 5   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Alliance for the Great Lakes  |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | ASCE- American Society of Civil Engineers   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | IDNR - Illinois Department of Natural Resources   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Greenest Region Compact   |                           |                        |                 |
|                                   | ICC, International Code Council / NAB , National Association of Homebuilders - National Green Building Standard |                           |                        |                 |