



## Village of Glencoe

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Sustainable Working Group

**FROM:** Nathan J. Parch, Community Development Analyst

**DATE:** August 22, 2012

**SUBJECT:** July 18, 2012 Meeting Summary

The twelfth meeting of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG) was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Hagenah Room at Village Hall. The following members were present: Acting Chairman Hall Healy, Jean Hahn, Andre Lerman (7:40 p.m.), Dudley Onderdonk, and Community Development Analyst Nathan Parch. Members Walt Eckenhoff, Beth Dunn, Laurie Morse, Mark Piltingsrud, and Larry Smith were absent.

### REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

#### A. PILOT PROJECT

- Meet with Betsy Leibson from Friends of the Green Bay Trail – Members viewed a YouTube video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cPZDajyDq8>) summarizing the efforts of Friends of the Green Bay Trail. Organizer Betsy Leibson was in attendance and described the group's focus to cut Buckthorn along the Green Bay Trail from Harbor Street to the Scott Street overpass in response to the area becoming completely dominated by the invasive species. In addition to cutting the Buckthorn and treating the roots with herbicide, new native grasses and wildflowers grown from seeds in local commercial greenhouses continue to be planted along the edges of the Trail. Over 55 volunteers, nine businesses, and six educational organizations assisted with the removal and replanting effort to date. In order to allow for the native plants to reestablish themselves in the target area, at least the fruiting Buckthorn (female species) should be removed so they don't reseed and take over the newly planted material.

In terms of what is most needed to assist Friends of the Green Bay Trail in its effort, Betsy explained:

- Donation of small native trees and shrubs to respect the privacy of neighbors adjacent to the Trail accustomed to the screening lost by the Buckthorn removed;

- Donation of funds to pay for the above noted trees and shrubs, delivery, and planting, (Betsy has two quotes ranging from \$5,000 - \$10,000); and
- Endorsement of a Buckthorn removal policy by the Village and School and Park Districts.

**B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT**

- Review summaries from March 10<sup>th</sup> event and prioritize attendee ideas/suggestions –

Acting Chair Hall Healy led members of the SWG through an exercise prioritizing the suggestions and comments received from the 30+ attendees at the March 10<sup>th</sup> “Green” forum held at the Glencoe Park District’s Takiff Center. The suggestions for each of the five small group topics - Renewable Energy; Green Building Design and Construction; Transportation and Land Use; Solid Waste Management; and Open Space – were listed on large posters that Hall placed around the room. Each member was then given ten (10) green dots to stick next to those suggestions they felt were a priority. The result of the exercise is summarized in the table below.

<b>SWG RANKING OF ATTENDEE SUGGESTIONS BY TOPIC</b>		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SUGGESTION/COMMENT</b>	<b>RANK (green dots)</b>
<b>LAND USE</b>		
	Hybrid Parking Spaces	
	Restart/Revisit Downtown Planning	<b>4</b>
	Pocket Parks – e.g. Green Bay	<b>1</b>
	Allow 3-4 Story Mixed-Use	
<b>RENEWABLE ENERGY</b>		
	Windmills/Turbines	
	Wave Action	
	Solar Panels	<b>2</b>
	Passive Solar/Skylights	
	Fuel Cells	
	Geothermal	<b>1</b>
<b>GREEN DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION</b>		
	Tours/Publicity-Model Homes/Buildings	
	Education/Promotion/Awareness Building/Owners/Builders, Etc	<b>1</b>
	Incentives – Village, Other - New, Exist Const LEED Certify – Bldrs, Architects	
	Code Changes	<b>3</b>
	Recycle, Reuse Materials/ Components	<b>2</b>
	Spring Cleanup Sale	
	Design Review	
	Adjust FAR	

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	Waive LEED Permit Fees	<b>1</b>
	Material Selection	
	Pervious/Permeable Paving	
	Pilot Project: Home Deconstruction/Rehab	<b>1</b>
<b>ENERGY</b>		
	Education - Classes @ Schools, Other - Energy Saving Tips	<b>2</b>
	Code Changes/Model Code	
	Electric Carts – Garbage	<b>2</b>
	Green Roofs	
	Car Charging Stations	
	Biodiesel Fuel – Vge Vehicles	
	Collect Food, Dog Waste – Fuel, Fertilizer Generation	
	Explore Cogeneration	
	Village Offer Energy	
	Wave Action Energy	
	Energy Audits	<b>2</b>
	Energy Efficient HVAC	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
	School Buses – Vge Transit	
	Local Shuttle	
	Encourage Mass Transit	
	Signage/Lanes – Bikes, Pedestrians	<b>2</b>
	Weekend Beach Shuttle	
	Alternate Vehicles – Encourage, Accommodate, Incentivize	
	Encourage Walking – School, Etc	<b>3</b>
	Charging Stations	
	Create Bike/Pedestrian Plan	
	More Safe Crossings – GB, RR	<b>1</b>
	Reduce Idling – Schools, Etc	<b>2</b>
	Expand CBG Shuttle	
	Allow Golf Carts	
	Improve Facilities, Connectivity – Biking, Walking	<b>1</b>
<b>OPEN SPACE</b>		
	Improve Bluffs – Street End Beaches	
	Each Park – Own Identity, Purpose	
	Park Tours – Individual or Annual	
	Playground Redesign – More Transparent, More Local Input	
	Village, Park District – Joint, Integrated Greenways Plan – Green Bay, Etc	

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	Integrated Open Space Plan – Vge, Park Dist, Schools, Etc	<b>7</b>
	Plan – Increased Winter Use – Parks, Open Spaces	
	Village Plan to Eradicate Buckthorn, Invasives	<b>5</b>
	Use of Turnbull Woods as a Dog Park – Joint Approach to FPD	<b>1</b>
	Village Revisit Open Space Plan	
	Plan to Address Ravine Runoff	<b>1</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>		
	Reduce Plastic Bottle Use	<b>4</b>
	Ordinance – Construction, Demolition Debris	
	Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Containers Downtown; For Events</li> <li>- Bigger Containers than Garbage</li> </ul>	
	Different Handling of Spring Cleanup for More Effective Reuse, Recycling	<b>1</b>
	More, More Effectively Organized Composting	<b>1</b>

Andre Lerman spoke about the importance of a joint open space master plan for the entire Village and suggested that the SWG forward a recommendation to the Plan Commission in support. Those in attendance were supportive of Andre’s suggestion of an open space master plan, but felt he should review the process for such a recommendation with Chairman Walt Eckenhoff before proceeding.

Hall Healy distributed a draft handout with an inventory of Glencoe sustainability activities.

**C. WEBSITE**

No report

**D. CODE AUDIT**

No report

**REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

None

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

cc: Paul Harlow, Village Manager  
Scott Feldman, Village President  
Caren Thomas, Plan Commission Chairman