

## 2023 Work Plan for Environment and Energy Commission Supporting Sustainability

### 2023 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES/METRICS	OWNER/WORKING PAIR	TIMEFRAME	BUDGET	2023 UPDATES
Advise on energy-related matters of concern; Promote energy efficiency	Building Energy Benchmarking Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise on ordinance and launch program.</li> <li>- Education, outreach and engagement to 80% covered building owners/property managers.</li> <li>- All covered buildings benchmarked by 2024 Q4.</li> </ul>	Mona Blaber / Darryl Baker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q1. Develop &amp; distribute educational materials to building owners.</li> <li>Q2. Building owner “Data jam” for Energy Star Portfolio Manager.</li> <li>Q3. Outreach to non-reporting buildings.</li> <li>Q4. Program evaluation and improvement recommendations.</li> </ul>	\$1,000: Printing, Postage, Refreshments, Data Jam raffle, Utility data request fees, Energy Star trainer fee	
Advise on energy-related matters of concern; Promote energy efficiency	New Construction Building Stretch Energy Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise on ordinance and launch program. Board adoption of new code.</li> <li>- Perform education, outreach and engagement to developers. Engage 50</li> </ul>	Mona Blaber / Darryl Baker	Q1/Q2. Develop & implement developer engagement strategy. Coordinate with BCAC to finalize code and present recommended code to Board.	\$200: In-person engagement events – refreshments; Printing, postage	

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		local developers/contractors  - Reduce or stabilize community building energy use, as compared to 2019 GHGI baseline.		Q2/Q3. Develop & distribute educational materials to developers.  Q4. Program evaluation and improvement recommendations.		
Promote energy efficiency and energy conservation	Regional Energy Outreach Program	- Outreach to community partners in Berwyn, Galewood, Austin, Forest Park.  - Develop 4 new partnerships in region.  - Participate in 4 community events, with attendance from regional community members.	Mona Blaber / Darryl Baker	Q1. Identify schedule of relevant community events and potential regional partners. Develop outreach strategy & materials.  Q2. Engage regional partners in OP Earth Month activities.  Q3/Q4. Tabling/ speaking at DioV / other regional	\$200 Tabling materials	

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				community events.  Q4. Program evaluation and improvement recommendations.		
Promote energy efficiency and energy conservation	Energy Ambassadors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify or recruit 2-3 (minimum) people, ideally in each quadrant of OP, mix of renters and homeowners, who have done energy efficiency or clean energy projects</li> <li>- Create 2-3 stories featuring Energy Ambassadors to talk about their experiences.</li> <li>- Host 1-2 webinars with Energy Ambassadors, in partnership with village and/or One Earth Film Festival (will need</li> </ul>	Cassandra West / Liz Lukehart  Madisyn/Liz (youth)	<p>Q1. Identify ambassadors by end of February, 2023.</p> <p>Q2. Write 2 stories by end of April/Early May for Earth Month and/or Earth Day to May Day celebrations; Could also do a short video story, if feasible.</p> <p>Q2. Hold webinars sometime in April, May, or June dependent on schedules, again to correspond</p>	\$1,000 Youth Ambassador recognition program: stipends/scholarship/award	

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		<p>access to a Zoom account for this).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain a contact list of Energy Ambassadors who are willing to be resources if someone reaches out to Marcella for more info on energy efficiency/clean energy projects in OP.</li> <li>- Youth-focused flyer for climate action</li> <li>- ID 1 to 2 youth Ambassadors and host a youth event</li> </ul>		<p>with Earth Day related activities.</p> <p>Q2/Q3. Hold an in-person talk with Ambassadors at the library during A Day in our Village and/or Earth Day events.</p>		
Solid waste management-related matters generally	Community Waste Reduction Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall increase in solid waste diversion and recycling/composting options village-wide.</li> <li>- Cooperative information gathering with Public Works and/or governing partners.</li> </ul>	Lisa Boone/ Carly Provost-Rizor	<p>Q1. Develop &amp; implement waste rate research plan, smart waste research plan, and local data collection strategy.</p> <p>Q2. Develop community event</p>	\$600 waste diversion starter kits	Met w/ PDOP to discuss smart waste pilot program at park.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partner with local institutions or business districts to reduce waste at public events</li>   <li>- Reduce community solid waste generation by 10% by 2025.</li> </ul>		<p>waste reduction strategy/kit.</p> <p>Q2. Provide recommendations for Refuse Rate Ordinance structural changes</p> <p>Q2. Review LRS contract and provide recommendations for 2024 services</p> <p>Q2. Earth Month engagement event. Implement event waste reduction strategy.</p> <p>Q3. Publish Smart Waste report.</p> <p>Q4. Program evaluation and improvement recommendations.</p>		

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The best methods of maintaining an environment beneficial to the Village	Biodiversity Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise on ordinance(s) and launch program(s). Board adoption of biodiversity-supporting ordinance(s), e.g., Quiet &amp; zero-emission landscaping; Landscaping code update; Sustainable parkway gardening; Light pollution mitigation</li> <li>- Establish baseline measurement of community-installed green infrastructure</li> <li>- Establish baseline measurement of landscape-related enforcement</li> </ul>	Laura Derks / Emily Neumann	<p>Q1 - Q4. Develop &amp; implement stakeholder engagement strategy for proposed ordinances and programs. Develop &amp; implement community green infrastructure data collection strategy.</p> <p>Q1 Develop ordinance and implement before spring bird migration</p> <p>Q1 Zero – emissions ordinance feasibility and passage. Programmatic needs identified.</p>	\$400 Tabling materials – Arbor Day, Earth month	

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				<p>Q2 - Help develop educational materials for light ordinance, zero emissions lawncare and pollinator friendly lawncare for residential and commercial landscapes and for new greenways planting options. Work with VOP Communications staff to disseminate</p> <p>Q2. Engage in OP Arbor Day &amp; Earth Month activities.</p> <p>Q3/Q4. Tabling/ speaking at DioV / other regional community events.</p>		

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				Q4. Program evaluation and improvement recommendations.		
Promotes energy efficiency... a pollution-free environment in Oak Park... recycling...	Sustainability Awards	Recognize and increase community awareness of local efforts that embody the advancement of the Village's mission toward a sustainable and secure future.	Emily Neumann / Madisyn Burke	Q4. Solicit, evaluate, and recommend Sustainability Award recipients; participate in awards ceremony. Develop and implement youth component. Program evaluation and improvement recommendations.	\$500	