



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The Village of Carol Stream has consistently demonstrated Environmental Stewardship, below are a few examples of Green Initiatives from the past several years.

- Signed Mayor's Monarch pledge: 2+ acres of pollinator friendly plants (Kuhn Rd., residential buyout lots, and at the WRC), monarch way station, educational postings, <https://dupagemonarchs.com/monarch-resolution-signatories/>
- Planted 3,000+ trees in response to EAB-diversified species, Arbor Day tree plantings at schools
- Double ground removed trees from EAB to be used as mulch for residents and at public facilities
- National Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge top ranked in IL, top 10 in US in '16, top 15 in '17
- Hosted native plant sales
- Education campaigns for storm water runoff, phosphorous reduction, pollinators, etc
- Salt Creek award for salt conservation, pre wetting and anti-icing used
- WRC treats water well within EPA limits, and better
- Installed 9 Aerators to provide oxygen and promote healthy aquatic life
- Collected over 24 tons of trash during pond and stream sweeps
- Expanding bike paths and pace bus shelters to encourage alternative transportations
- Used E85 fuel until it was determined inefficient
- Early conversion to energy efficient lightbulbs in all public buildings
- LED parking lot/street light conversions
- Gave away rain barrels to promote water conservation and reduce storm water runoff
- Opportunities for residents: Pond clean up, storm drain stenciling, adopt a highway
- Adjusted code to require low flow toilets and shower heads in new builds
- Curb sweeping to offset storm water runoff
- Recycled asphalt base and concrete in roads and bike paths
- Attended Earth Day Functions and provided conservation giveaways and educational materials
- Selected for ComEd Community Energy Challenge due to sustainable practices
- Recognized by the Metropolitan's Mayor's Caucus as being a leader in environmental sustainability
- Signed Greenest Region Compact and Greenest Region Compact II
- Awarded first Earth Flag in DuPage County <http://prev.dailyherald.com/story/?id=269647>
- Recognized for outstanding recycling in 2006
- Recycling materials from the demolition of Village Hall and looking at sustainable materials and lighting
- Hosted and publicized other specialized recycling events (paper shredding, electronics, paint, grease)
- Collected several tons for pumpkin recycling the past two years
- RX drugs recycling all year long to prevent improper use and protect our waterways
- Promote and collect holiday lights for recycling <https://www.evensi.us/holiday-lights-recycling-continues-village-of-carol-stream/196994997>
- Through our Flood Brothers pick-ups we recycled 9.4 MILLION lbs. in 2016