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PRESENTS**



**Greenest
Region
Compact**

**SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING
USING THE GREENEST
REGION COMPACT
FRAMEWORK**

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WHAT'S INSIDE!?

How do you use the Greenest Region Compact and its framework tool to help your municipality create or renew its sustainability plan?! This pamphlet will help you navigate the framework tool with or without Microsoft Excel open, give you examples of a filled out spreadsheet and show you the next steps after you're finished with the tool.

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Above: Ten Consensus Goal Icons

IN PRINTED FORM

Have a thorough understanding of your municipalities' strategy, plans, zoning, ordinances and land use. This might take some teamwork. But that's how you make the dream work.


1. Pick from the 10 consensus goals below:

Climate
Economic Development
Energy
Land
Leadership

Mobility
Municipal Operations
Sustainable Communities
Waste & Recycling
Water

2. Once the goal being assessed is chosen, begin checking boxes in the printed spreadsheet as they apply to your municipalities' current, future and past achievements.


3. That's it. It was that easy. Now for the hard part. Move to page 5 and 6 for a quick exercise or page 7 for what to do after you've filled out your worksheets.

Waste Recycling														
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
				OBJECTIVE		Already achieved								
1	Category	GOAL		> STRATEGY		In Progress								
2				+ ADVANCED STRATEGY		Planned for next 6 months								
3							Planned for next 12-18 months							
4							Interested in pursuing							
5	Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	WR1	Set a specific waste reduction goal:										
6			WR1a	> Set a waste reduction goal for municipal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
7			WR1b	> Set a waste reduction goal for the community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
8			WR2	Promote and practice waste reduction & recycling in municipal operations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
9			WR3	Reduce the use of paper in municipal offices			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
10			WR4	Conduct waste audits to identify waste reduction opportunities						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Y
11			WR5	Support exchange of goods and services among residents (i.e. Rummage Sale, Sporting Goods Swap)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
12			WR+6	+ Adopt a Pay-As-You-Throw program							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Y
13			WR+7	Support by-product synergies among industries								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Y
	WR+8	Make public events "zero waste"			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							Y		

Above: A Waste & Recycling Category checked off in the printed form.

WORKING IN EXCEL

1. As an Excel document, the Tool allows you to use the Filter feature to view only the rows (strategies and objectives) you wish to see. Set these filter up in columns F-L.
2. To start, go through the objectives and strategies to identify issues that are not relevant in column L. For example, if your water supply is Lake Michigan, you can mark “x” in column L for groundwater issues (W55). Filter to hide all those rows marked as not relevant. Next, consider assessing what your community has already achieved and in-progress using column F and G. Incorporate this into your plan and report these achievements.
3. Next, thoughtfully review remaining objectives and strategies with a team to determine which ones you want to pursue and in what time frame in columns H,I, J and K. There is space for collaborators to initial and comment in columns M and O.
4. Your marked-up and shortened Framework will provide a foundation for your own sustainability planning process. Use the filter feature to view your selected objectives from short and long term perspectives. You decide which objectives and strategies ultimately end up in your own plan and how you want to use them.


Waste Recycling													F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
A	B	C	D	E				Already achieved	In Progress	Planned for next 6 months	Planned for next 12-18 month	Interested in pursuing	Not planned	Not relevant	Contact Initials	Notes	Link to Resource					
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7			WR2	Reduce the use of paper in municipal offices								X										
8			WS3	Support exchange of goods and services among residents (i.e. Rummage Sale, Sporting Goods Swap)							X											
10			WR5																			
13			WR*8	Make public events "zero waste"					X										Y			

Above: A Waste & Recycling Category checked off using Microsoft Excel.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O		
1	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT																
2					OBJECTIVE												
3		Category	GOAL		> STRATEGY										Notes		
4		Workforce Development	<i>Promote innovation and a competitive workforce</i>	ED1	Connect local businesses with education training, and jobs related to sustainability										Y		
5				ED2	Advocate for the development of a competitive green workforce												
6				ED3	Advocate for new opportunities in the clean energy industry											Y	
7		Innovation		ED4	Encourage green innovation among residents and local businesses												
8				ED5	Collaborate to support innovation centers										Y		
9				ED6	Attract and retain businesses that practice and promote sustainability												
10		Green Economy		ED7	Recognize and support businesses who practice and promote sustainability										Y		
11				ED8	Promote local goods and services												
12		Green Economy	<i>Cultivate local and sustainable development, jobs, and businesses</i>	ED9	Create and promote a community brand featuring natural resources or cultural characteristics of community										Y		
13				ED10	Promote tourism featuring natural and cultural assets of the community											Y	
14				ED11	Promote the economic prosperity of the community												
15		Policy		ED12	Advocate for expanded job opportunities and sufficient wages												

Above: An Economic Development Worksheet.



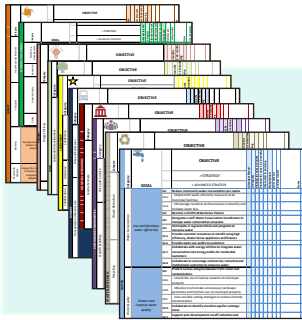
WASTE & RECYCLING



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33			WR21	Educate the community on recycling and composting practices										
34		Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling	WR22	Educate the community to reduce waste by consuming less and reusing										
35			WR23	Discourage fly dumping and littering										
36			WR24	Organize a community wide clean-up day										
37			WR25	Engage community volunteers in recycling education and events										
		Education & Engagement												
		WASTE & RECYCLING												

Above: A Waste and Recycling Worksheet.

A FLOW CHART TO SUSTAINABILITY!



Filled out worksheets!

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Create the content and outline for your future sustainability plan!



Get your public's input and amend as needed!

ORDINANCE NO. 1583

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND AMENDING CHAPTER 78 ("PLANNING"), ARTICLE III ("OFFICIAL PLAN"), SECTION 78-42 ("CREATED AND ADOPTED") OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, in February 2011, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning ("CMAP") selected the Village of Park Forest to participate in their local technical assistance program to develop a sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission and the Environment Commission of the Village of Park Forest, and the Mayor and Board of Trustees recognized the need to prepare an updated plan to ensure that the Village is equipped to become the most sustainable community in the Chicago Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2011, the Mayor and Board of Trustees adopted Resolution XX to accept planning staff assistance from CMAP for the purpose of developing the Growing Green Park Forest Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, in June and July 2011 the CMAP planners held public meetings with the Mayor and Board Trustees, Village Boards and Commissions, and the public at large to provide initial input for the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the CMAP planners also met throughout the planning period with an appointed Citizens Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee to obtain ongoing input for the planning process; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2011, a public workshop to gather public input on the strategies for implementation of the Growing Green Park Forest Sustainability Plan was held; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, a public open house was held to gather public input on the final draft Growing Green Park Forest Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2012, the Plan Commission held a public hearing regarding the adoption of the Growing Green Park Forest Sustainability Plan as an element of the Village's comprehensive plan, and unanimously recommended that the Board approve the Plan; and

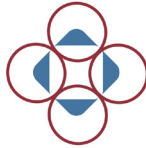
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have reviewed the Growing Green Park Forest Sustainability Plan and determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to adopt the Plan.

Bring it to a vote and adopt the sustainability plan in an ordinance!

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