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The Village of Northfield


The comfortable corner of the North Shore

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Green Initiatives



Greenest Region Compact

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Northfield is proud to be a signatory of the Greenest Region Compact, which promotes sustainability in Chicago area communities and the region. To date, nearly 75 communities have signed the Compact, which addresses ten areas, including clean energy, water, land, waste and recycling, economic development and climate.

The Greenest Region Compact (GRC) guides municipalities towards sustainable goals and action, and encourages communities to work together to create a sustainable region.

Along with the other signatory communities in the Chicago region, we are working to build vibrant and strong communities, and sustain healthy environments for people and nature.

To learn more about the Greenest Region Compact, [CLICK HERE](#).

What is sustainability?

Finding a succinct and clear definition of sustainability can be a challenge. Sustainability means different things to different people, groups and organizations.


The term "sustainability" is typically used in one of three ways:




Sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. (Brundtland Report, Our Common Future, 1987)

Sustainability requires that any public policy or investment meet certain environmental, economic, and social equity goals. Sustainability regards the total wealth of society as natural, human, and man-made capital that should be preserved or increased, in addition to financial wealth. (CMAA Sustainability Regional Snapshot, 2007)

Another way to understand sustainability is through the "3 E's"— environment, economy, and equity. Sustainability can be thought of as the healthy interrelationship between these three areas. Balancing these three "pillars" of sustainability -- using resources more efficiently -- results in a sustainable community.

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Sustainability

The Village of Park Forest has a legacy of living and growing sustainably. Since its founding in 1949, the Village has equally valued the three pillars of sustainability: environment, economy, and equity. In May 2012, Park Forest adopted the Growing Green: Park Forest Sustainability Plan (PFSP). The PFSP was developed with major assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and their Local Technical Assistance program. The PFSP consolidates significant sustainable achievements to date, and identifies critical changes needed to make Park Forest more sustainable in the future. Since the adopting of Park Forest's Sustainability Plan, the Village has received several awards and is a recognized leader in sustainable practices.

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News Flash

Gardening series continues Aug. 12

May 6 recycle events available to Park Forest residents

Deadline for residents to order free rain barrels, Dec. 19

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