



Environment and Sustainability Solutions

Mission: Provide educational resources for the community to 1) better understand the impacts of individual and collective choices on the local and global environment and 2) communicate ways to use resources and generate waste more sustainably. Nurture a culture that continually defines and applies smarter practices to provide a cleaner future for future generations, including reduction of pollution, greenhouse gas and waste. Find ways for the community to sustainably enjoy its resources.

Organizations that can provide general information related to environment and sustainability solutions:

[Go Green Park Ridge](#)

[Illinois Sierra Club](#)

[Northwest Cook County Sierra Club](#)

Sub Areas of Focus:

Energy

Mission: Focus on identifying targets to 1) conserve energy, 2) use renewable resources and 3) reduce production of pollutions and greenhouse gases and then effect solutions towards these targets.



Related information /documents/videos:

[Renewable Energy](#)

[Illinois Solar Energy Association](#)

[Basics of Solar Power](#)

[Renewable Energy Incentives](#)

[Illinois Solar Incentive Update](#)

[Illinois Energy Efficiency Incentives](#)

[Greenest Region Compact Resolution and Framework](#)

[Energy Efficiency](#)

[Safe and Cost Effective Home Energy Upgrades-US EPA](#)

[EPA Energy Resources](#)

[Reducing Greenhouse Gases](#)

[Energy Efficiency Incentives for Illinois - US DOE](#)

[How to insulate an old house](#)

[ComEd Rebate Programs](#)

[NICOR Rebate Programs](#)

[Energy Efficiency Incentives](#)

[Climate Change](#)

[Reducing Green House Gas - US EPA](#)

[Basics of Climate Change - US EPA](#)

[EPA](#)

Water

Mission: Access to clean water is vitally important to the sustainability of Park Ridge. Park Ridge is located between two rivers – the North Branch Chicago River on the east and the Des Plaines River on the west. Park Ridge drinking water comes from Lake Michigan.



The following goals have been identified as being important to Park Ridge:

1. Improve storm water management
2. Maintain the City's public water sources
3. Protect water quality
4. Promote water efficiency and reuse
5. Educate the public about the importance of water and water conservation techniques

Related information/documentation/videos:

[Water Sense Simple Steps to Conserve Water \(US EPA\)](#)

[Storm Water Management – MWRD](#)

[Water Conservation Tips – National Geographic](#)

Waste Management and Recycling

Mission: Educate and provide resources to the community on best practices in managing waste through recycling, reuse and reduction of waste production.



[Street Side Recycling Guidelines: Do's and Don't's](#)

[Street Side Recycling Guidelines: DO NOT Recycle This](#)

[Other Recyclables and what to do with them](#)

[Waste Reduction Tips for Small Businesses](#)

Related information/documents/videos:

[City of Park Ridge Wins Recycling Award](#)

[Residential Solid Waste Agency \(SWANCC\)](#)

[Residential Refuse, Recycling and Landscape Collection](#)

[Reduce Reuse and Recycle USA \(US EPA\)](#)

Transportation and Mobility

Mission: Promote the use of active transportation (walking and biking) and smart use of transportation energy in Park Ridge.



Active Community

[Physical Activity Strategies for Communities - US CDC](#)

[Kids and Bicycle Safety](#)

[Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road](#)

[Walkability](#)

Alternative Fuels for Transportation

[Alternative Fuel Data Center - US DOE](#)

[Chicago Area Clean Cities](#)

[Alternative Fuel Incentive Programs for Illinois](#)

[Electric Vehicle Incentive Programs for Illinois](#)

Land

Mission: Promote use of land resources, including trees and gardens, including promotion of green infrastructure to provide cleaner air and water.

Related information/documents/videos:

[Pollinator Programs, Butterfly Gardens, Milkweed Programs](#)

[Tree City USA](#)

[Green Infrastructure - US EPA](#)

[Forest Preserves of Cook County](#)