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**NOTICE OF MEETING
of the
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY COMMISSION
Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
Village Board Conference Room – First Floor of Wilmette Village Hall**

1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the Environmental and Energy Commission of March 19, 2018
- III. Chairman's Report**
- IV. Discussion of Climate Mayors, Chicago Climate Charters, and the Greenest Region Compact 2**
- V. New Business**
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Adjournment**

Chris Dunn, Chair

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**MEETING MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY COMMISSION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018
6:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present:

Chris Dunn
John Andersen
Amanda Ault
Arthur Haut
Nathan Kebede
Michael Kim
Linda Kurtz
Tim Perry

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

John Adler, Director of Community Development; Kate Amoruso, Assistant to the Director of Engineering & Public Works; Kate McManus, Planner II

Guest:

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Dunn directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Environmental and Energy Commission meetings of July 18, 2016 and August 1, 2017.

Chairman Dunn called for a motion that the Commission approve the minutes as drafted. Commissioner Andersen moved to approve and Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved as drafted.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dunn explained that the Commission will be briefed tonight on the Greenest Region's Compact (GRC2) and the Chicago Climate Charter. The Commission will then schedule a subsequent meeting to discuss both agreements and make recommendations to the Village Board about Wilmette's participation in both.

IV. REVIEW OF THE CHICAGO CLIMATE CHARTER AND CLIMATE MAYORS

John Adler reviewed the Administration Committee's decision to refer both the Chicago Climate Charter and Climate Mayors to the EEC. The Commission has been tasked with identifying the requirements and impacts to the Village of joining these organizations, and then to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding participation in both. Depending on what the Village Board decides, the EEC may then be tasked with executing the requirements of the agreement(s).

Mr. Adler reviewed the budgetary guidelines provided by the Administration Committee. The Village is not intending to hire a full-time sustainability coordinator, so Commission members will be asked to assist and divide up some of the responsibilities, as has been done in the past. Some action items may have a budgetary impact, which should not exclude them. These items could be added to the CIP; however, it may be more prudent to initially focus on action items that have no budgetary impact.

Karen Glennemeier mentioned that one or both of these agreements would require the Village to perform a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, which was completed for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, so this should not be a barrier to participation.

V. REVIEW OF THE GREENEST REGIONS COMPACT (GRC2)

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, introduced herself explained the history and evolution of the Greenest Regions Compact 2 (GRC2), which is a collaboration of municipalities working towards sustainability.

To build the GRC2, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus reviewed 30 local and 9 regional/national sustainability plans, analyzed their 1149 individual sustainability goals, and synthesized them into 49 consensus goals across 10 categories:

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Climate | 6. Mobility |
| 2. Economic Development | 7. Municipal Operations |
| 3. Energy | 8. Sustainable Communities |
| 4. Land | 9. Water |
| 5. Leadership | 10. Waste |

In order to adopt the GRC2, communities are required to pass a resolution supporting the Compact and endorsing these consensus goals; however, the GRC2 does not require any reporting or specific commitments at this time. 70 municipalities have signed on to the GRC2 in the two years since its inception.

The consensus goals make up the outline of the GRC2 Framework, which expands on the 49 consensus goals and includes consolidated versions of the 1149 individual sustainability goals. The Framework is very comprehensive, but communities are not currently required to complete any of the goals or adopt the Framework itself. It is simply a tool that municipalities can use to create their own sustainability plans.

Ms. Makra walked the Commission through how to use the Framework to identify which sustainability objectives the Village has already achieved, which objectives are not relevant, and how to prioritize the remaining objectives.

Ms. Makra explained that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus plans to eventually use the Framework to track the achievements of the members and award their achievements with some sort of tiered recognition program.

Ms. Makra then segued into a discussion of climate action for municipalities and the various pledges and compacts available for municipalities. Ms. Makra identified which agreements require only a pledge, and which also require reporting:

Pledge Only:

- Climate Mayors
- GRC2
- America's Pledge
- We Are Still In

Pledge & Reporting:

- C40 Cities
- Chicago Climate Charter
- Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
- Compact of Mayors

According to Ms. Makra, Climate Mayors, America's Pledge, and We Are Still In are more political in nature, and were created in reaction to the United States' decision to exit the Paris Climate Accord. Climate Mayors was created because a group of mayors wanted to assert their interest in the principals behind the Paris Climate Accord, while America's Pledge and We Are Still In are applicable to both businesses and municipalities.

The Compact of Mayors has merged with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, which now has 7500 participating cities. The reporting platform for this covenant is very robust, and while there are resources available to assist with reporting, it would not be easy for most small communities.

C40 Cities started with the 40 largest cities in the world, and now has 90 member communities, including Chicago. It is reserved for cities much larger than Wilmette.

The Chicago Climate Charter was launched by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Ms. Makra

has some concerns about the Chicago Climate Charter. It was presented at a very high-profile event, but not very well integrated into some of the existing programs. 51 communities signed on in North America, including 12 in Illinois. The Chicago Climate Charter has not yet released their reporting platform, and it is unclear how they will follow up on the reporting. Ms. Makra is not aware of any staff dedicated to this in Chicago.

Commissioner Haut commented that some aspects of the GRC2 are still vague because there are no standards for reporting. Ms. Makra responded that she didn't want to wait to launch the GRC2 until the reporting platform was ready. The GRC2 allows flexibility so that a community can be as strict or as robust as they want, and allows the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to target the whole region.

At Chairman Dunn's prompting, Ms. Makra provided examples of communities that have used or are currently using the GRC2 Framework to develop sustainability plans, including Flossmoor, Hanover Park, Northbrook, and Grayslake. Commissioner Andersen inquired about the process that these communities have used, so that Wilmette can adapt it to our interests. Ms. Makra explained that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus held a workshop last year on how to use the Framework, facilitated discussion between the communities regarding what worked and what didn't work. Commissioner Andersen thinks the Framework is terrific because it would enable us to go through and identify things that resonate with us and start to pick out some actionable goals by which to measure progress.

Commissioner Haut emphasized the importance of education in getting the public's support for these initiatives.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Andersen presented information on Opti's Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control of Stormwater Infrastructure, as it relates to the proposed Stormwater Improvement Project west of Ridge Road. Mr. Andersen explained that intelligent management of stormwater would take part of the system offline during periods of flash-floods, similar to how solar panels can take a home off of the grid during peak hours. Commissioner Andersen has also contacted Village Engineer Dan Manis about this.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Martha Hellander inquired if the EEC had been asked to weigh in on the proposed Stormwater Improvement Project west of Ridge Road. Chairman Dunn explained that the role of the EEC is primarily advisory, and we have to strike a balance between offering our expertise and remembering that the Village Board looks to us as a group of experts that helps them make good decisions. Generally speaking, the EEC waits until the Village Board refers an issue down to the EEC.

Ms. Hellander responded that the ordinance incorporating the EEC states that the Commission is permitted to bring issues to the Village Board. Mr. Adler responded that the Village has brought on a number of experts to assist the Professional Engineers on staff with this stormwater discussion.

Chairman Dunn added that the EEC should not be involved as advocates for one stormwater project over another. This would result in the Commission losing its credibility by becoming too political in the context of Village government.

Commissioner Andersen reiterated that the GRC2 Framework is a great way for the EEC to get organized around this Commission's priorities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Date: July 20, 2018

To: Chairman Dunn and Members of the Environmental and Energy Commission

From: [Kate Amoruso, Assistant to the Director of Engineering & Public Works](#)

Subject: **Climate Mayors, Chicago Climate Charter, and Greenest Regions Compact 2 (GRC2)**

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Environmental and Energy Commission (EEC) with information regarding Climate Mayors, the Chicago Climate Charter, and the Greenest Regions Compact 2 (GRC2).

The EEC has been tasked with reviewing the requirements of participating in each of these agreements and the potential impacts to the Village. Staff has summarized the requirements and impacts in the table below.

	Requirements	Impacts to the Village
Climate Mayors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pledge- Members may be asked to join in occasional letters and statements- No binding commitments, but members are asked to achieve an emissions reduction target by developing a Greenhouse Gas Inventory, setting targets to reduce emissions, and developing a Climate Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No budgetary impact- May be viewed as political in nature due to opinions expressed about the United States' decision to exit the Paris Climate Accord
Chicago Climate Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mayoral signature on Charter- Achieve a percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions equal to or greater than the US's Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement in your respective city- Quantify, track, and publically report on greenhouse gas emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unknown impact to budget and staff time (reporting structure and requirements not yet defined)- May be viewed as political in nature (created in direct reaction to the United States' decision to exit the Paris Climate Accord)
GRC2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pass a resolution supporting the consensus goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Budgetary impact controlled entirely by the Village- Framework may be used to design a Sustainability Plan specific to the Village

Discussion

At the March 19, 2018 meeting of the Environmental and Energy Commission, Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, presented an overview of each of these three compacts, and provided the EEC with her opinions on each.

Ms. Makra and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus developed the Greenest Regions Compact 2 (GRC2) as a collaboration of municipalities working towards sustainability. The only commitment required for GRC2 membership is the adoption of a resolution supporting the GRC2 Consensus Goals (attached). The Village would not be required to perform any reporting or to identify specific benchmarks in relation to these Consensus Goals.

The GRC2 Framework is a companion document, which is an amalgamation of sustainability plans from 30 different communities in Illinois. Municipalities can use the GRC2 Framework as a template for creating their own sustainability plans, and it is set up in a manner that would allow individual municipalities to benchmark their progress easily, if they so choose. Ms. Makra explained that eventually the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus would like to incorporate a system to track the achievements of the GRC2 members and award their achievements with some sort of tiered recognition program.

In regards to Climate Mayors and the Chicago Climate Charter, Ms. Makra expressed the opinion that participation in both could be seen as political in nature. The Chicago Climate Charter was created by Mayor Rahm Emanuel in direct response to the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord, and the Charter itself makes overt references to "President Trump's decision." Climate Mayors was founded in 2014, but [membership tripled](#) after the United States' withdrew from the Paris Climate Accord, and the climatemayors.org homepage currently invites visitors to "commit to uphold the Paris Agreement goals."

Staff shares Ms. Makra's concerns that the Chicago Climate Charter is not very well-conceived. The Charter includes a reporting aspect; however, its reporting platform has not yet been released. Therefore, the Village would not be able to estimate how much staff time or budget would need to be dedicated to participation in the Charter. It is also unclear how the Charter will follow up on reporting, as Ms. Makra is not aware of any staff dedicated to this in Chicago.

Next Steps

On July 23, 2018, the EEC will meet to discuss Climate Mayors, the Chicago Climate Charter, and the Greenest Regions Compact 2 (GRC2). As directed by the Administration Committee, the EEC will make a recommendation to the Village Board which – if any – the Village should participate in. If the EEC recommends joining any of these organizations, Staff will draft a memo to the Village Board summarizing the recommendation and outlining specifically what the Village would be required to do going forward.



MAYOR GARCETTI LEADS 'CLIMATE MAYORS' TO OPPOSE U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM PARIS AGREEMENT

JUNE 1, 2017

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Eric Garcetti today led a coalition of mayors across the United States in denouncing President Trump's decision to walk away from the Paris Climate Agreement.

"Climate change is a fact of life that people in Los Angeles and cities around the world live with every day. It is a grave threat to our health, our environment, and our economy — and it is not debatable or negotiable," said Mayor Garcetti. "This is an urgent challenge, and it's much bigger than one person. With the President pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, L.A. will lead by committing to the goals of the accord — and will work closely with cities across America and the world to do the same."

On Wednesday, Mayor Garcetti worked with Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin to have a City Council motion introduced instructing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and other City Departments, to adopt the principles of the Paris Climate Agreement as the policy of the City of Los Angeles. Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian joined in the motion.

The Mayor is a co-founder of the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda ("Climate Mayors"), which today issued the following statement signed by Mayor Garcetti and 60 other mayors of cities from coast to coast:

"The President's denial of global warming is getting a cold reception from America's cities.

As 61 Mayors representing 36 million Americans, we will adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement. We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities' current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create the 21st century clean energy economy.

We will continue to lead. We are increasing investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. We will buy and create more demand for electric cars and trucks. We will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, create a clean energy economy, and stand for environmental justice. And if the President wants to break the promises made

to our allies enshrined in the historic Paris Agreement, we'll build and strengthen relationships around the world to protect the planet from devastating climate risks.

The world cannot wait — and neither will we.”

Mayor Garcetti is the co-founder of the Climate Mayors (also known as the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda (<http://www.climate-mayors.org/>), or MNCAA), a network of 88 U.S. cities representing more than 43 million Americans — working together (<http://www.climate-mayors.org/our-letter-to-the-presidentelect-november-2016/>) to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting efforts for binding federal and global-level policymaking. Earlier this year, Mayor Garcetti led the release of an EV RFI with 30 MNCAA cities to demonstrate potential demand for over 114,000 electric vehicles, trucks, and equipment for cities. Mayor Garcetti is also Vice Chair of the C40 Cities ClimateLeadership Group (<http://www.c40.org/>), an international network of the world's megacities taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and he has signed the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

In March, the Mayor released the second annual progress report on his Sustainable City pLAN, which sets Los Angeles' greenhouse gas emission reduction targets at 45% below 1990 levels by 2025, 65% by 2035, and 80% by 2050. Of the pLAN's 2017 goals, over 90 percent are on track to be completed this year.

- Creating more than 20,000 green jobs while reducing the gap between the City and County's unemployment rates, demonstrating that sustainability and prosperity go hand-in-hand
- Achieving a record 20 percent reduction in water use per capita, making L.A. the most water efficient big city in America — since 2014, L.A. has reduced enough water to fill over 90,000 Olympic swimming pools
- Installing enough solar in the last year to power over 12,000 homes, and leading American cities with more than 230MW of total installed solar power
- Adopting the most ambitious and comprehensive energy and water efficiency law for existing buildings of any U.S. city
- More than 80 percent of all City fleet procurements in the current budget year are electric vehicles — far exceeding the 2017 target of 50 percent, and giving L.A. the nation's largest pure battery electric vehicle municipal fleet, as well as the largest electric vehicle police fleet

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WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the "Paris Agreement") brings together 197 countries under a common framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, limiting global temperature rise to well below two (2) degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement embodies a global response to the decades-long scientific consensus that human activity is causing global temperatures to rise at unprecedented rates; and

WHEREAS, in specifically citing the importance of cities and local governments in engaging in climate action, the Paris Agreement calls upon individual countries to establish Nationally Determined Contributions towards greenhouse gas emissions reductions and climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement spurred over 380 cities in the U.S., numerous cities in other parts of North America, and countless organizations worldwide to commit themselves to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, these commitments championed and organized by Climate Mayors, the We Are Still In campaign, and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy ("Global Covenant"), amongst others – demonstrate strong local leadership to citizens at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, cities in North America, together with their counterparts around the globe, are engaged and ready to act; and

WHEREAS, The Global Covenant has called for member cities to set targets that are at least as ambitious as their respective countries' Nationally Determined Contributions, and through their commitments cities within North America are already on target to reduce emissions by 2.72 Gigatons CO₂e by 2030 or the equivalent of taking over 585 million cars off the road; and

WHEREAS, the America's Pledge project will aggregate, quantify and report on progress made toward the U.S. target under the Paris Agreement and showcase collective momentum on climate action; and

WHEREAS, all cities, regardless of size, geography, or previous efforts, have opportunities to focus on actions that will result in a measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, a number of cities are working to align their emission reduction plans with the 1.5°C global temperature goals articulated in Paris, and many cities have announced additional, more ambitious actions to reduce their emissions; and



WHEREAS, actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions are consistent with expanding economic opportunity, using government resources more efficiently, driving economic competitiveness and innovation, strengthening community resilience, and enhancing quality of life, equity, and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, collective action to address climate change through mobility choices, energy use, waste, and sequestration supports quantified and scaled impact while creating long-term avenues for peer sharing; and

WHEREAS, residents of cities across North America are already experiencing the harmful impacts of climate change locally with increased frequency of heavy rainfall events, higher temperatures, more heat waves, and more frequent and intense storms, and these impacts are expected to worsen in the future, disproportionately affecting our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, as stewards of the long-term success of our communities, it is our responsibility to lead on this issue, engaging communities and enabling climate action; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, working together we can lead our respective cities to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and create a roadmap for climate leadership throughout North America and across the world; now, therefore,

WE, parties to this charter, affirm our collective commitment, on behalf of our local jurisdictions, to:

1. Commitments of All Mayors Under the Chicago Charter (General Provisions)


- a. Achieve a percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions equal to or greater than our nations' Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement in my city;
- b. Quantify, track and publicly reporting my city's emissions, consistent with standards and best practices of measurement and transparency;
- c. Advocate alongside other mayors for greater local authority and flexibility to develop policies and local laws that empower cities to take aggressive action on climate;
- d. Recognize and include in policy formation voices that have not been traditionally a part of discussions regarding climate change, including women, racial and ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and socially and economically marginalized communities;
- e. Incorporate the realities of climate change and its impacts into local infrastructure and emergency planning through strategies of adaptation and resilience;
- f. Support strong regional, state and federal policies and partnerships, in addition to private sector initiatives, that recognize the fiscal and social costs of carbon,




incentivize all actors to take climate action, and ensure a just transition for those impacted by the transition to a new economy;

- g. Partner with scientific and academic experts, community organizations, businesses and investors, environmental justice groups, environmental advocates, and other allies to develop holistic climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience solutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Charter.

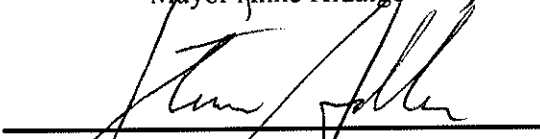


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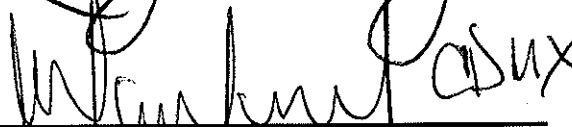





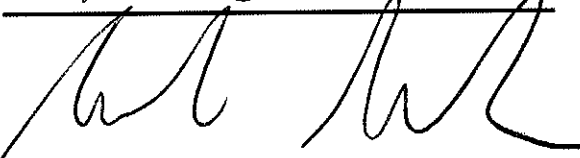


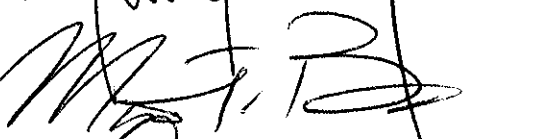





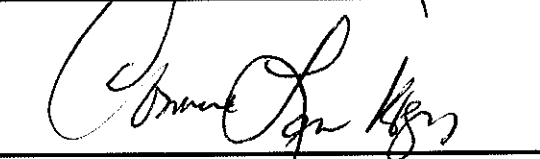


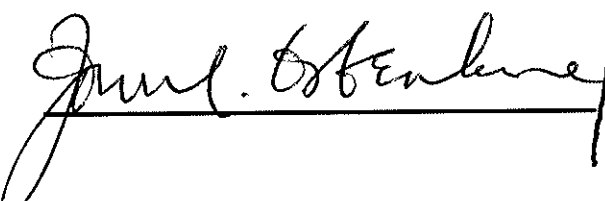














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Greenest Region Compact 2

The member municipalities of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus seek a vibrant, sustainable future for their communities and the greater Chicago region. The consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact 2 aim for enhanced quality of life for residents; protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality.

To become the most sustainable and successful region in the United States, they, therefore, support the following consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact 2 and agree to work to achieve them, both in their own communities and in collaboration throughout the region:



Climate

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Maintain clean and healthful air
- Develop resiliency to climate change impacts
- Engage the community in climate change mitigation and adaptation



Economic Development

- Promote innovation and a competitive workforce
- Cultivate local and sustainable development, jobs, and businesses



Energy

- Use energy for buildings and facilities efficiently
- Advance renewable energy
- Reduce energy consumption
- Enact policies that support clean energy
- Engage the community in clean energy practices



Land

- Encourage strategic development that upholds sustainability principles
- Conserve, restore and enhance natural features and ecosystems
- Support networks of accessible well-used and enjoyable parks
- Sustain a robust urban forest canopy
- Sustain beautiful landscapes that provide ecosystem services
- Achieve greater livability through sustainable land use and housing policies
- Cultivate a conservation ethic in the community



Leadership

- Enlist support for GRC2 goals through regional, state and national leadership
- Advocate for policies that align with and advance the GRC2
- Work collaboratively towards a sustainable region



Mobility

- Support safe and effective active transportation
- Maintain a diverse, safe, and efficient transportation network
- Support efficient transportation that uses resources wisely
- Integrate sustainability into transportation policies, programs, and regulations
- Promote public and sustainable transportation choices



Municipal Operations

- Lead by demonstrating sustainable values and practices
- Integrate sustainability into all municipal operations
- Operate a safe, clean and efficient fleet
- Collect and manage data to advance sustainability



Sustainable Communities

- Promote cultural vibrancy in the community
- Foster a culture of health, safety, and wellness
- Increase access to sustainably grown local food
- Sustain community principles that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable
- Promote a sustainable identity for the community
- Ensure local policies and codes support sustainability
- Cultivate community values based on principles of sustainability



Waste & Recycling

- Support sustainable material management
- Recycle materials across all sectors
- Divert waste from landfills
- Enact policies that cause sustainable material management
- Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling



Water

- Use and distribute water efficiently
- Protect and improve water quality
- Manage water system assets sustainably
- Optimize the use of natural and built systems to manage stormwater
- Practice stewardship of water resources
- Enact policies to protect water resources
- Engage the community in water stewardship



Sample Resolution
Endorsing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Greenest Region Compact 2

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus provides a forum for the chief elected officials of the Chicago region to develop consensus and act on common public policy issues and multi-jurisdictional challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' participating Mayors and their communities have a history of environmental stewardship, from energy efficiency, water conservation, urban forestry, and participation in Clean Air Counts; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Mayors and local governments throughout the United States to take leadership roles to advance sustainability both in their own communities and in concert with regional, national and global initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus created the Greenest Region Compact 2 to address environmental sustainability issues of global importance at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Greenest Region Compact 2, also called the GRC2, is built on important environmental initiatives already underway in communities, in partnership with many non-profit, state, regional and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, the GRC2 synthesizes sustainability goals already adopted by leading communities in the region; and these consensus goals align with common regional, state, national and global objectives; and

WHEREAS, the GRC2 offers a companion Framework to guide communities of all sizes and strengths to assess their current efforts; develop a sustainability plan suited to local priorities; and will offer resources to help them succeed; and

WHEREAS, the consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact 2 will guide coordinated efforts toward enhanced quality of life for residents; protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City/Village of _____ endorses the Greenest Region Compact 2 proposed by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and agrees to work to achieve them, both in their own communities and in collaboration throughout the region.