AGENDA

Environmental Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2026
7:00 PM
Temporary Village Hall
1000 E. Woodfield Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2-5-26 Minutes

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Community Meeting- Informational

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2026 Environmental Fair – Planning

V. CONTINUING ITEMS

VI. DEFERRALS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEXT MEETING

A. 4-2-2026

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

2-5-26 Minutes
03/05/26
Environmental Committee

Presenter:
Lead Department: Community Development

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 2-5-26 EC Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Donna Panico-Atkins.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Chairperson Donna Panico-Atkins, Ritika Muthukumar, Ryszard Puskarz, Elizabeth Wimmer, Mahesh Prajapati, and Robert Wachsmuth (arrived at 7:17pm)
Member(s) Absent:	Sandeep Alavandi, Donna Johnson, and Pratik Patel

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:	Monica Richart – Sustainability Planner Taylor Storm – Recording Secretary Nick Navarroli – Engineering and Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2025
Mr. Puskarz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Wimmer. Mr. Wachsmuth was absent for the vote.

All Ayes. Four members were absent.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recommendation to Approve the Rules of Procedure**
   Ms. Wimmer made a motion to approve the Rules of Procedure as presented, seconded by Ms. Muthukumar.

   Donna Panico Atkins – Yes
   Ryszard Puskarz - Yes
   Robert Wachsmuth - Absent
   Ritika Muthukumar – Yes
   Elizabeth Wimmer – Yes
   Mahesh Prajapati – Yes

   MOTION CARRIED: Vote 5-0 with four members absent

2. **CGAP Community Engagement Survey**
   Ms. Richart stated the goal of reviewing the survey results was to get feedback from the committee on the results. She stated that many people were interested in native plantings, greenspace, ecology, preservation, and creation. Other popular subjects were preservation, walkability, recycling, energy efficiency/renewable energy. Topics that showed minimal interest included green jobs and public EV infrastructure. Many people showed interest in local farms and sustainable food initiatives, yet did not list them as their top priorities. Native

plants and restoration had the highest overall interest from survey responses. Urban forestry also showed a high interest. Ms. Richart stated that there were many write-in responses. Mr. Puskarz expressed his appreciation for the data graphs included in the packet, stating that it made it easier to absorb the information.

Ms. Richart shared that the data was sectioned into categories based on similarity of response. There were several write-in answers that did not fit into a category, such as pollution, but are still important to the overall CGAP structure for identifying actions to take in the future. Ms. Wimmer asked if there will be an opportunity to combine topics that fit in a broader category, for example, discussing pollution and energy use together. This helps showcase how interdisciplinary environmental issues are.

Chairwoman Panico-Atkins asked if the committee would be able to help the Village on environmental efforts. Ms. Richart stated that the CGAP will have general environmental goals, with specific actions outlined within each general goal to target related topics. She stated that she will be presenting finalized goals to the committee with the information that she shared tonight. Chairwoman Panico-Atkins asked if the committee could plan events to help educated and reach the outlined goals. Ms. Richart stated yes, sharing that there is a section of the CGAP that outlines leadership, which is how the committee and Village interact with surrounding communities. She also mentioned incorporating educational events presented by the committee would garner engagement with the Village's goals.

Ms. Wimmer shared that native plants and greenspace are directly tied with how people live, which likely increased support for the topic. She expressed that there is more that could be done to support the lesser-ranked topics, in terms of education and events. She said that she is interested to see how the final goals and plans get balanced. Ms. Wimmer asked that if the Village is setting ordinances and policies, how will the committee support the efforts. Ms. Richart stated that education would have a large impact, as not every environmental policy can be codified into law. Mr. Prajapati shared that bringing educational efforts to schools by the committee would be helpful to educate the next generation and community on what the Village is doing. He used the example of reusable bags, stating that educational efforts could help enforce policy. Teaching environmental stewardship in schools could encourage students to teach their friends and family about sustainability efforts, both at a local and eventually a global level. Mr. Prajapati also expressed that having a recorded webcast available from the Village could be a good option for education. Ms. Richart stated that the Park District plays a large role in school education efforts. Mr. Prajapati stated that he would be willing to volunteer for educational events put on by the committee.

Ms. Wimmer stated that educational efforts could be built into pre-existing programs, such as Earth Day efforts or something similar. Chairwoman Panico-Atkins stated that this method would depend on the curriculums already taught. Ms. Richart stated she visited a school with prominent environmental programs, including the installation of solar panels, a greenhouse, and a garden. Ms. Muthukumar stated that many schools now have courses dedicated to environmentalism, including AP Environmental Science or other scientific electives. Ms.

Richart stated that the school that she visited was planning on incorporating the solar panel installation to their school curriculum as an educational effort.

Ms. Richart reminded the committee that Al Larson Landscape Award nominations are open, and encouraged the group to submit nominations for properties around town.

Mr. Puskarz mentioned that District 211 offers many courses for adult education, and wondered if there could be an offering for environmental education. Ms. Richart suggested Mr. Puskarz reach out to the district to see if this is a type of course they could offer. Mr. Puskarz also mentioned that when he attended the high school graduation last year, he noticed many students are continuing their studies in environmental science. He said that he was surprised by the amount of students interested in the topic.

Ms. Wimmer asked if there is a timeline for the final CGAP report. Ms. Richart stated that her goal is to present it to the committee over the summer for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **Recommendation to Approve the 2026 Work Plan**

Chairwoman Panico-Atkins reminded the committee of several changes to the 2026 workplan from previous years. She stated that the committee will coordinate a webinar with the Environmental Fair. She stated that the committee voted not to participate in Septemberfest, but instead incorporate the prerecorded webinar during that time. Chairwoman Panico-Atkins suggested the library make a video recording of the Environmental Fair speakers that could be published for viewing at a later time.

Ms. Wimmer made a motion to approve the 2026 work plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Prajapati. Mr. Wachsmuth was absent for the vote.

All Ayes. Four members were absent.

4. **2026 Environmental Fair- Planning**

Ms. Richart stated that the theme of the Environmental Fair is “Plant a Seed and Read!”. The structure of this year’s fair will take place outside with a “block party” theme, with a majority of events taking place outdoors, with some booths inside. She asked the committee if they had any ideas for a theme. She stated that choosing a topic with a tie-in to popular topics from the CGAP survey could draw more people in to the tables.

Chairwoman Panico-Atkins stated that in previous years, member Donna Johnson found speakers for the fair. Ms. Richart mentioned that the committee discussed inviting former landscape award winners to speak and present on their properties. Ms. Wimmer stated that MWRD has a free tree giveaway. Ms. Richart stated that the committee has utilized this program before. Ms. Muthukumar shared that the saplings would be good raffle prizes. Ms. Richart suggested hosting a table indoors for information, and one outside for craft or family based activities.

Chairwoman Panico-Atkins asked the committee for additional ideas for the fair. Mr. Puskarz suggested the committee prepare more information and pamphlets for the table stated that last year, he received many questions regarding where native plants can be located on a property, and would like some information on hand for people who ask. Ms. Richart stated that native plants can be planted on a property if they are planted in garden beds, but cannot have a prairie in place of a yard. Ms. Wimmer stated that the native plants topic would tie in well with hosting former Al Larson Landscape Award winners as Environmental Fair speakers. Ms. Muthukumar shared that the ideas shared thus far for this year's fair were very popular at the 2025 fair, and should return for the 2026 fair. Ms. Richart stated that raffle giveaways could include baskets with gardening materials.

Ms. Muthukumar suggested "rooting for native plants" as the committee's theme for this year's fair. The committee agreed. The Environmental Fair will take place on Sunday, May 31st, 2026 from 1-3pm.

Mr. Navarroli stated that the Spring Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, April 25th, 2026 from 9am-12pm. Chairwoman Panico-Atkins suggested the committee arrive to help at 8am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DEFERRALS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Wimmer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Muthukumar, to adjourn the meeting.

All Ayes. Three members were absent.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Monica Richart Sustainability Planner

I have reviewed the minutes, and they accurately represent the actions taken by the Environmental Committee.

Taylor Storm, Recording Secretary

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Annual Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Community Meeting-Informational
03/05/26
Environmental Committee

Presenter: Ryan Rivard, Superintendent of Utility Services
Lead Department: Engineering and Public Works

Executive Summary:

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a federal regulatory program established under the Clean Water Act to protect the nation's waterways by reducing pollution entering rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands. Under this program, municipalities are required to manage stormwater runoff to prevent pollutants from being carried into local waterways.

The Village of Schaumburg is regulated under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) portion of the NPDES program. An MS4 is a publicly owned stormwater system, such as storm sewers, catch basins, ditches, and detention facilities, that collects and conveys stormwater runoff but does not treat it before discharge. Because stormwater can carry pollutants such as sediment, nutrients, metals, oils, and bacteria, the MS4 program focuses on pollution prevention rather than treatment.

What Schaumburg Is Doing Under the MS4 Program
The Village implements a comprehensive Stormwater Management Program designed to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff and protect local water resources. Key program components include:

- **Public Education & Outreach**
  Educating residents, businesses, and contractors about stormwater impacts and pollution prevention practices.
- **Public Participation & Involvement**
  Encouraging community involvement in environmental initiatives, reporting illicit discharges, and supporting local watershed efforts.
- **Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE)**
  Proactively inspecting the storm sewer system to identify and eliminate improper connections or discharges that could contaminate waterways.
- **Construction Site Runoff Control**
  Reviewing and inspecting construction activities to ensure erosion and sediment controls are properly installed and maintained.
- **Post-Construction Stormwater Management**
  Ensuring new development and redevelopment projects include long-term stormwater controls to manage runoff volume and water quality.
- **Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping**
  Implementing best management practices for municipal operations, including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, facility maintenance, and staff training.

Why This Matters

The MS4 program helps the Village:

- Protect local waterways and downstream ecosystems
- Improve water quality and reduce flooding impacts
- Meet federal and state regulatory requirements
- Promote environmental stewardship and sustainability within the community

Through ongoing compliance, monitoring, and public engagement, Schaumburg continues to strengthen its stormwater management efforts and uphold its commitment to protecting the environment and public health. This will include a brief PowerPoint presentation that explains the requirements, purpose, and need, as well as the Village's current and future programs and procedures.

Recommended Action:

Informational

ATTACHMENTS:

- MS4 Presentation

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Control



Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program

Dan Bounds, PE, D.WRE
March 5, 2026

BAXTER & WOODMAN Consulting Engineers

Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Control

- The Village is required by Illinois EPA to implement best management practices (BMP) to prevent or reduce pollutant discharges from its storm drain system to protect local surface water quality
  - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
- The Village implements the MS4 Permit Program and its requirements
  - Education on stormwater pollution prevention
  - Development and Construction stormwater quality controls
  - Water quality inspections and monitoring
  - Municipal staff training
  - Program documentation and reporting

Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Control

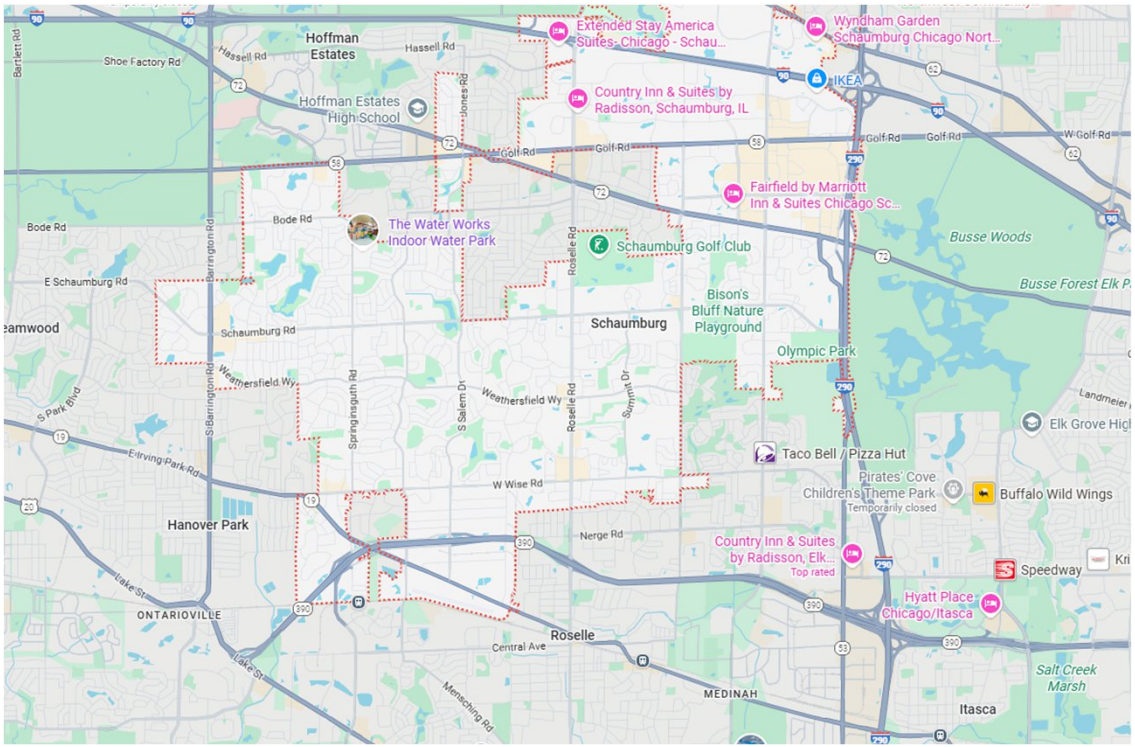
- Municipal stormwater runoff can contribute various pollutants to local surface waters, and contribute to water quality impairments
  - Sediments
  - Nutrients (Phosphorus, Nitrogen)
  - Fertilizers / Pesticides
  - Metals
  - Bacteria
  - Detergents / Oil and Grease
  - Trash and Debris





Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Control

- Local Waterways
  - Salt Creek
  - Poplar Creek
  - DuPage River - West Branch
- Local Water Quality Impairments
  - Phosphorus
  - Bacteria (fecal coliform)
  - Chlorides
  - Mercury and PCBs



Minimum Control Measures (MS4 Program Areas)

- Six Minimum Control Measures have been established
  - Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts
  - Public Involvement / Participation
  - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
  - Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
  - Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment
  - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
- Best Management Practices (BMP) with measurable goals developed for each program area



Water Quality Monitoring

- Required to perform water quality monitoring and assessment to evaluate program effectiveness
  - DuPage Rive Salt Creek Workgroup
  - MWRDGC Watershed Management
- Information is available for public review



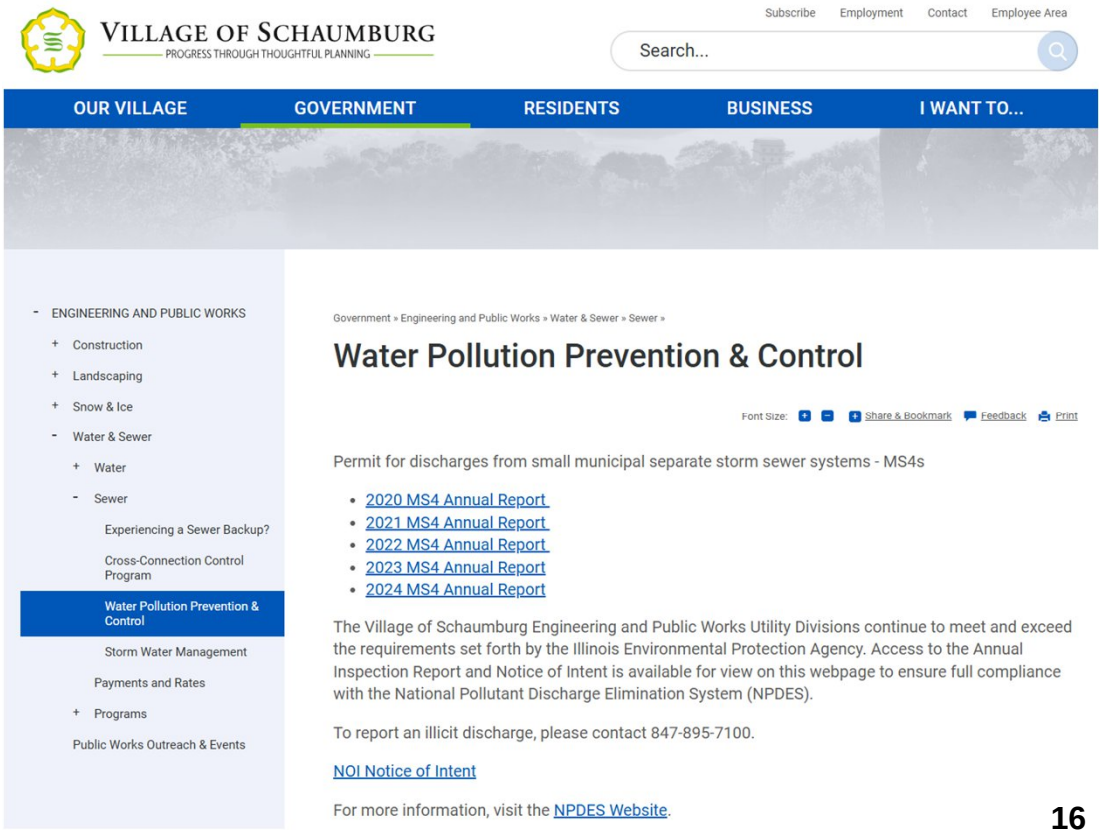
Staff Pollution Prevention Training

- Annual employee training is performed
  - Material handling, spill response and waste management
  - Fleet and building maintenance, parks maintenance
  - Storm water system maintenance
  - Roadway maintenance and winter deicing
  - Recognizing hazards associated with illicit discharges



Record Keeping and Reporting

- MS4 Notice of Intent (program commitments)
- Storm Water Improvement Manual (local program implementation)
- Annual Reports due June 1 each year (implementation progress)
  - Each of document is posted to the Village's website



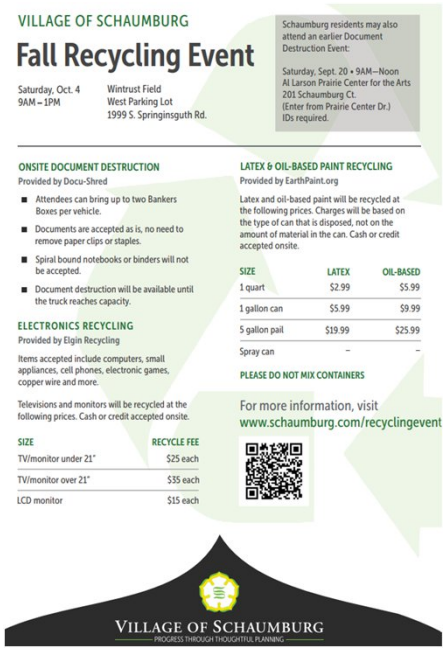
Local Stormwater Program Contact

- For questions or additional information on the stormwater program, or to report a stormwater concern, illegal dumping, or suspicious discharge, please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department
- Phone: 847-895-7100



Local Pollution Prevention and Recycling Resources

- Engineering and Public Works Webpage has Local Events Schedule
  - Community Recycling Events
  - Electronics Recycling
  - Paint Recycling
  - Other Waste Disposal Information



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Fall Recycling Event

Saturday, Oct. 4
9AM – 1PM

Wintrust Field
West Parking Lot
1999 S. Springinsguth Rd.

Schaumburg residents may also attend an earlier Document Destruction Event:

Saturday, Sept. 20 • 9AM–Noon
Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts
201 Schaumburg Ct.
(Enter from Prairie Center Dr.)
IDs required.

ONSITE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION
Provided by Docu-Shred

- Attendees can bring up to two Bankers Boxes per vehicle.
- Documents are accepted as is, no need to remove paper clips or staples.
- Spiral bound notebooks or binders will not be accepted.
- Document destruction will be available until the truck reaches capacity.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
Provided by Elgin Recycling

Items accepted include computers, small appliances, cell phones, electronic games, copper wire and more.

Televisions and monitors will be recycled at the following prices. Cash or credit accepted onsite.

SIZE	RECYCLE FEE
TV/monitor under 21"	$25 each
TV/monitor over 21"	$35 each
LCD monitor	$15 each

LATEX & OIL-BASED PAINT RECYCLING
Provided by EarthPaint.org

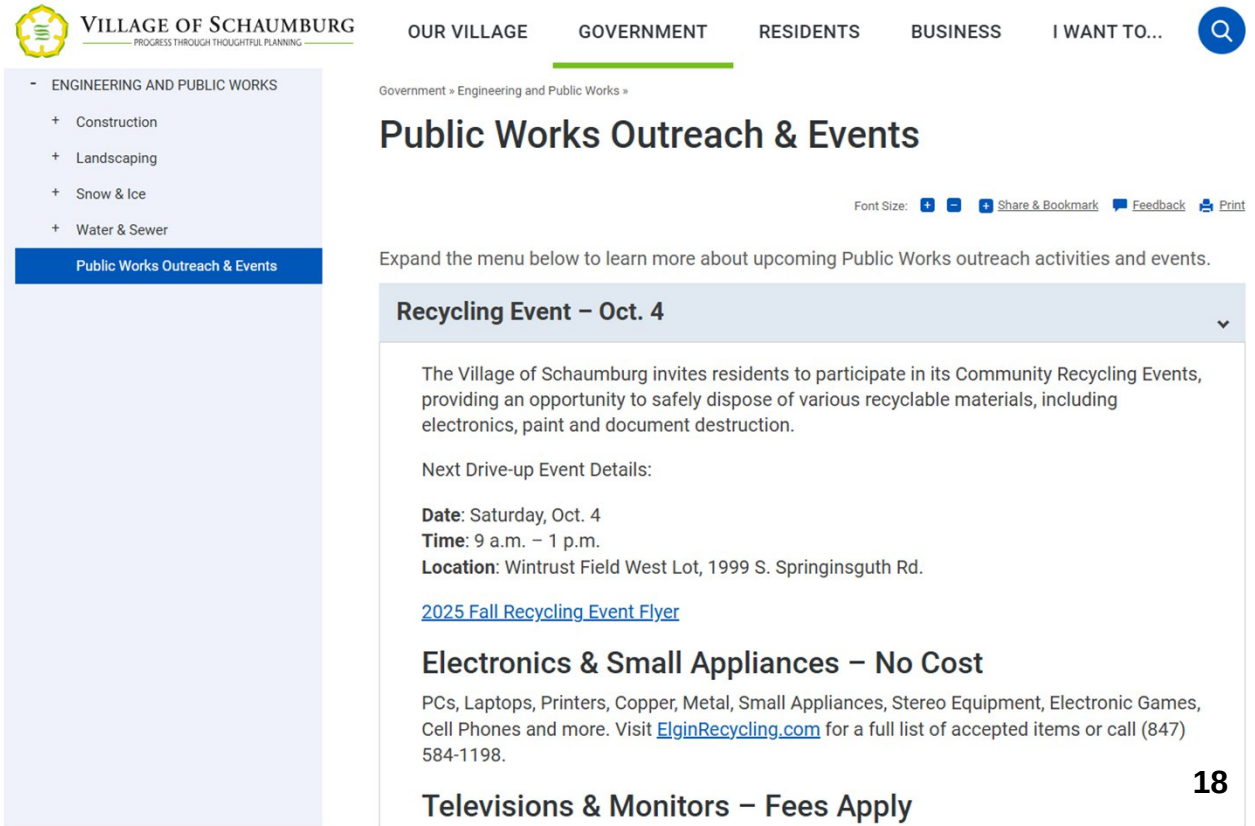
Latex and oil-based paint will be recycled at the following prices. Charges will be based on the type of can that is disposed, not on the amount of material in the can. Cash or credit accepted onsite.

SIZE	LATEX	OIL-BASED
1 quart	$2.99	$5.99
1 gallon can	$5.99	$9.99
5 gallon pail	$19.99	$25.99
Spray can	–	–

PLEASE DO NOT MIX CONTAINERS

For more information, visit
www.schaumburg.com/recyclingevent

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Recycling Event – Oct. 4

The Village of Schaumburg invites residents to participate in its Community Recycling Events, providing an opportunity to safely dispose of various recyclable materials, including electronics, paint and document destruction.

Next Drive-up Event Details:

Date: Saturday, Oct. 4
Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Wintrust Field West Lot, 1999 S. Springinsguth Rd.

2025 Fall Recycling Event Flyer

Electronics & Small Appliances – No Cost

PCs, Laptops, Printers, Copper, Metal, Small Appliances, Stereo Equipment, Electronic Games, Cell Phones and more. Visit ElginRecycling.com for a full list of accepted items or call (847) 584-1198.

Televisions & Monitors – Fees Apply

Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Control

- New MS4 Permit Issued in August 2025 with several new requirements
  - Public Education and Outreach - Develop educational materials for targeted residential and three targeted industrial / commercial pollution issues
  - Public Involvement and Participation - Identify watershed workgroups within jurisdiction and participate. Now must join a workgroup if winter deicing activities are performed
  - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination - Written procedures for detecting and responding to illicit discharges, and notification requirements for discharges
  - Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control - Inspect sites at least once prior to land disturbance and once during construction activities
  - Post Construction Storm Water Management - Evaluating BMPs implemented, and determining the percent reduction in storm water runoff and pollutants from BMPs
  - Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations - Inventory municipally owned and operated facilities, quarterly BMP inspections at each facility
- Currently updating the Village's Storm Water Improvement Manual to address the requirements

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

2026 Environmental Fair – Planning
03/05/26
Environmental Committee

Presenter: Monica Richart, Sustainability Planner
Lead Department: Community Development

Executive Summary:

The Committee is once again partnering with the library to hold the Environmental Fair in conjunction with their summer reading challenge kick off event in 2026.

The attached memo includes a status of the event planning.

Recommended Action:

For Discussion

ATTACHMENTS:

- Staff Memo

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PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2026

To: Donna Panico Atkins, Chairperson
Environmental Committee Members

From: Monica Richart

Subject: 2026 Environmental Fair – Discussion of Event Planning Status

Introduction
In 2014, the Environmental Committee began a partnership with the Schaumburg Township District Library to bring the Environmental Fair to the public. For several years, the event was held annually at the library, but the event was cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. From 2021 to 2023, the event was relocated to Spring Valley Nature Center to take advantage of their outdoor pavilion, butterfly rearing exhibit, and natural gardens. In 2024 the event returned to the library to be held conjunction with the library's Summer Reading Challenge kick-off event. This memo outlines the plan for the 2026 event.

Discussion
The Committee will once again be collaborating with the library to host the Environmental Fair alongside the library's summer reading challenge kick-off event. The theme of this year's Environmental Fair will be "Rooting for our Native Plants" and the Committee discussed coordinating activities to connect with the library's theme of "Plant a Seed and Read!". The Committee confirmed they would participate as an exhibitor and in planning a session or interactive activity. The library confirmed that past environmental fair exhibitors will be invited to participate. The Committee should discuss and confirm the following details for proposed activities.

Event Information
Theme: Rooting for Our Native Plants
Date: May 31st
Time: Event Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Session Time: TBD
Place: Schaumburg Township District Library
130 S. Roselle Road

Session
The Committee is coordinating a session on native gardening and will reach out to contacts to gauge interest on presenting a session. The Committee suggested that village staff could present on "dos and don'ts" of native gardening in Schaumburg and suggested inviting past Al Larson award winners to discuss their gardening projects and share tips on going green. The Committee also discussed the possibility of setting up the session as a gallery style exhibit.

For the 2026 event, staff will create a session description after the presenters and activities are confirmed

Exhibitors
Staff has confirmed that the Committee would like an exhibitor table in the library. As in past years, invited exhibitors will be placed at tables in the lobby area. The committee also discussed having an additional outdoor table near the performance area to host a craft such as making seed balls.

The Committee has discussed having the following items at the Committee booth:

- Display of books related to native gardening: If the Committee would like the library to pull these books for the booth, the library will need a minimum of one-month advance notice. The Committee should create a list of books to exhibit and the library can suggest titles as well.
- Entry in a raffle as a prize for participants visiting every exhibitor table and collecting a stamp from each. The Committee discussed having multiple smaller raffle prizes, rather than one large prize, and will begin sourcing items to include.
- Using the Buzzer Board at the exhibitor table and creating 6 questions and answers related to native gardening.
- An engagement board for feedback on CGAP.

Outreach and Event Promotion

The Village and Library will provide outreach via printed newsletters/brochures, websites, social media, and calendars. The Committee must finalize their sessions and create written descriptions of the sessions for an article in the spring issue of the Cracker Barrel.

Recommendation

For discussion.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

4-2-2026
03/05/26
Environmental Committee

Presenter:
Lead Department: Community Development

Executive Summary:

Next Meeting: 4-2-2026

Recommended Action: