AGENDA

Environmental Committee

Thursday, May 7, 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. 4-2-2026 Minutes

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2026 Environmental Fair – Planning

B. Status of Comprehensive Green Action Plan (CGAP) - Review of Draft Goals

V. CONTINUING ITEMS

VI. DEFERRALS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEXT MEETING

A. 6-4-2026

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VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

4-2-2026 Minutes
05/07/26
Environmental Committee

Presenter:
Lead Department: Community Development

Executive Summary:

Recommended Action:

ATTACHMENTS:
- 4-2-26 EC Minutes.pdf

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Bob Wachsmuth.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ryszard Puskarz, Elizabeth Wimmer, Robert Wachsmuth, Donna Johnson, Sandeep Alavandi Mahesh Prajapati, and Pratik Patel (arrived at 7:03pm)

Member(s) Absent: Chairperson Donna Panico-Atkins and Elizabeth Wimmer

A quorum was present.

Also Present: Monica Richart – Sustainability Planner
Taylor Storm – Recording Secretary
Robert Mamrot – Engineering and Public Works

A motion was made by Mr. Puskarz to allow Robert Wachsmuth to serve as acting chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2026

Mr. Puskarz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Alavandi.

All Ayes. Two members were absent.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recycling Event - Updates**

   Mr. Mamrot gave an update on the upcoming recycling events. He provided two maps, one of the Al Larson Cultural Center (ALCC) where the document shredding event will occur on Saturday, April 11th, running from 9am through 12pm. The entrance will be to Prairie Center Drive, off Schaumburg Road. He stated the event is for Schaumburg residents only.

   The second map presented was for the Spring Recycling Event on Saturday, April 25th, starting at 9am until 1pm at the Boomer's Stadium. Mr. Mamrot stated the main change from previous years is there is now a fee for disposing of TVs, a $25 flat fee. He stated the fee can be paid via credit card only. He stated that volunteers are needed to assist with the event. Mr. Wachsmuth volunteered to count vehicles. Mr. Mamrot stated that the only fees at the event are for disposal of paint and TVs. The paint fee differs per volume. Both latex and oil-based paints are accepted. Mr. Mamrot asked that volunteers arrive at the event between 8-8:15am. Ms. Richart stated that she will bring the volunteer waivers on the day of the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **2026 Environmental Fair- Planning**

   Ms. Richart stated that the library has booked a band and a snow cone truck. Both environmental committee tables will be inside the library. Ms. Richart shared that she will give a short presentation, and Ms. Johnson has coordinated a speaker with the Master Gardeners to come speak and assist with the seed ball activity. Ms. Richart confirmed that the

library will host the speakers in the workshop area adjacent to the lobby where the tables will be set up. She stated that one presentation will be about planting native plants. She stated some final planning activities include getting volunteers to pick up the tree saplings for the giveaway, generating buzzer board questions, and deciding on if the committee wants a table outside.

Mr. Prajapati and Mr. Alavandi volunteered to pick up the tree saplings from LRS the Wednesday before the meeting. Ms. Johnson suggested having seed packets as prizes for kids who do the buzzer board. Ms. Richart stated that the Village is working on a webpage for the Environmental Fair. The committee voted against having a table outside.

Ms. Richart asked for suggestions for books for the table, and for committee members to email questions for the buzzer board to her.

Mr. Puskarz suggested having a brochure of the information presented by the speakers for the public to take if they want a reference for Village policies.

Upcoming events for the Environmental Committee include:
Shredding Event – Saturday, April 11th, 9am-12pm.
Recycling Event – Saturday, April 25th, 9am-1pm.
Environmental Fair – Sunday, May 31st, 1-3pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DEFERRALS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Puskarz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alavandi, to adjourn the meeting.

All Ayes. Two members were absent.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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

2026 Environmental Fair – Planning
05/07/26
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

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 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.

New information is in *italics.*

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 library has booked a band and snow cone truck for Town Square and will also have a table inside in the lobby area. The library will host the Environmental Fair inside the lobby area of the building. The Committee confirmed they would participate as an exhibitor and in planning a session and activity. The library confirmed that past environmental fair exhibitors have been invited to participate. The Committee should discuss and confirm the following details for proposed activities.

Event Information
Theme: Rooting for Native Plants
Date: May 31st
Time: Event Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Session Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Schaumburg Township District Library
130 S. Roselle Road

Session
The Committee is coordinating a session on native gardening and *has confirmed U of I and the Master Gardener program to arrange a speaker and seed planting activity*. The library has confirmed the session can be presented in the Workshop area next to the lobby.

For the 2026 event, the session description is below:

Planting for Pollinators
Wondering about including native plants in your yard? Learn from local gardening experts about designing your garden with native plants and showcase our region's natural beauty! *Illinois Master Gardeners will present on designing your garden for pollinators and conduct a seed ball activity for participants to take home*. *Village staff will be on hand to answer questions on Schaumburg guidelines for growing native plants in your garden.*

Exhibitors
The Environmental Committee will have one exhibitor booth. As in past years, invited exhibitors will be placed at tables in the lobby area.

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

- Display of books related to native gardening. The library will provide a list of books to display, *and the Committee has provided a list of books to exhibit as well*.
- Give away tree seedlings. *Mr. Prajapati and Mr. Alavandi volunteered to pick up the tree saplings from MWRD and deliver them to the event. Seedlings are available at Egan Water Reclamation Plant, 550 South Meacham Rd, Schaumburg, from 9-noon every Wednesday.*
- Using the Buzzer Board at the exhibitor table and creating 6 questions and answers related to native gardening.
- *A raffle give-away for visitors who receive a stamp from every table.*

Outreach and Event Promotion
The Village and Library will provide outreach via printed newsletters/brochures, websites, social media, and calendars. Staff has submitted a written description for the summer issue of the Cracker Barrel.

Recommendation
For discussion.

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Status of Comprehensive Green Action Plan (CGAP) - Review of Draft Goals
05/07/26
Environmental Committee

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

Executive Summary:

The Village Board approved Schaumburg's Comprehensive Green Action Plan (CGAP) in 2009. Staff is currently updating the plan to meet emerging needs and continue progress established in the initial plan. CGAP focus areas and goals are being developed as high level objectives which guide future implementation. Goals are included under each focus area. The CGAP implementation process is designed to translate these long-term sustainability goals into measurable annual work programs for the Village of Schaumburg. Staff is seeking feedback from the committee related to the draft goals. Staff will incorporate the feedback from the committee with ongoing coordination with other village departments to continue to develop the goals for presentation to the Health and Human Services Committee.
Information is provided in the attached memo and summary document.

Recommended Action:

For Discussion

ATTACHMENTS:
- Staff Memo
- Focus Areas Summary

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG
PROGRESS THROUGH THOUGHTFUL PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2024

To: Donna Panico Atkins, Chairperson
Environmental Committee Members

From: Monica Richart, Sustainability Planner

Subject: CGAP Update – Draft Goals

Introduction:
The Village Board approved Schaumburg's Comprehensive Green Action Plan (CGAP) in 2009. In 2016, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus launched the Greenest Region Compact (GRC2); a pledge for municipalities that articulates high level goals to enhance the quality of life for residents, protect the environment and create sustainable economic vitality. The Caucus created a companion Framework of objectives and strategies to achieve the goals of the GRC2 that can be used to create or update a sustainability plan. The GRC2 Framework was used by village staff to create eight focus areas for the village's new CGAP plan. The focus areas are Buildings & Energy, Land Use, Transportation, Healthy Community, Economic Development, Extreme Weather & Resiliency, Engagement & Leadership and Material Management. To inform the development of a new CGAP plan, the village undertook a public engagement initiative led by the Environmental Committee and village staff. Community feedback was used to calibrate CGAP goals to meet local needs and concerns. A summary of the engagement initiatives was presented to the Environmental Committee in February and the Health and Human Services Committee in March.

Discussion:
CGAP focus areas and goals are being developed as high level objectives which guide future implementation. Goals are included under each focus area. The CGAP implementation process is designed to translate these long-term sustainability goals into clear, actionable, and measurable annual work programs for the Village of Schaumburg.

The foundation for implementation is a table that organizes the plan by focus areas, with each area containing long-term goals supported by specific action items. Rather than attempting to advance all initiatives simultaneously, the process is intentionally phased. Each year, the village will select a limited number of focus areas and goals to prioritize based on factors such as available resources, village policies and priorities, and emerging needs. Within those selected areas, action items will be further developed into clearly defined tasks. This step transforms general strategies into implementable work, including assigning responsibilities, establishing timelines, identifying funding opportunities, and aligning projects with existing programs such as the Capital Improvement Plan. Establishing annual priorities will provide direction to incorporate tasks into departmental work plans and budgeting processes, and support cross-departmental collaboration.

As these action items are carried forward, they become tangible projects, policies, or programs that can be completed within the year or over a defined timeframe. This balanced approach ensures that progress is steady and realistic while advancing long-term sustainability objectives. Staff is seeking feedback from the committee related to the draft goals. The graphic included in this memo provides a condensed reference for draft goals. The attached document includes an additional summary of focus areas and expanded goal descriptions. Staff will incorporate the feedback from the committee with ongoing coordination with other village departments to continue to develop the goals for presentation to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Recommendation
For discussion.

Comprehensive Green Action Plan Update

FOCUS AREAS & GOALS

BUILDINGS & ENERGY

- Reduce emissions throughout Village operations
- Support the use of renewable energy sources
- Promote and establish programs which incentivize energy efficiency
- Ensure regulatory codes are kept up to date with new technologies
- Implement policy to reduce community wide emissions
- Encourage high sustainability standards for new construction and major renovations
- Preserve the embodied energy and heritage of existing buildings

LAND USE

- Encourage walkable, low-impact, infill, and mixed-use development
- Support redevelopment projects in transit served locations
- Prioritize protection of natural resources
- Promote reuse of existing infrastructure and buildings
- Restore natural areas and increase biodiversity
- Increase plant diversity and tree canopy cover
- Protect wetlands and stormwater management areas
- Expand and preserve green space as a public amenity
- Implement sustainable development policies
- Collaborate with Park District and local partners

TRANSPORTATION

- Improve neighborhood connectivity with bike and pedestrian access
- Increase active transportation through adopted plans and policies
- Expand electric vehicle programs and fleet planning
- Ensure transportation plans align with new development

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Reduce noise and air pollution
- Support dark sky initiatives
- Promote sustainable food systems and reduce food waste
- Reduce runoff-related water pollution
- Encourage multi-generational, walkable community design
- Support environmental health initiatives for vulnerable populations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support walkable, mixed-use, multi-modal communities
- Prioritize redevelopment over greenfield development
- Promote green tourism
- Encourage adaptive reuse of vacant buildings
- Recognize and support sustainable businesses
- Promote local goods and services

EXTREME WEATHER & RESILIENCY

- Expand distributed stormwater management
- Reduce urban heat island effect
- Promote diversified energy sources
- Improve water efficiency and reuse
- Strengthen emergency response and safety systems

ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

- Increase public awareness of sustainability efforts
- Strengthen coordination with agencies and organizations
- Use policy authority to advance sustainability goals
- Promote awareness of natural areas and biodiversity resources
- Participate in regional sustainability initiatives
- Expand education and outreach programs
- Continue recognition programs (e.g., Al Larson Award)
- Build sustainability knowledge in municipal staff

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

- Promote waste reduction and composting in businesses
- Reduce waste in Village operations and events
- Reduce upstream and downstream environmental impacts of Village operations through procurement and contracting
- Continue to partner with outside agencies and host events to expand recycling and waste reduction opportunities
- Expand regulatory policies that promote waste reduction and recycling practices

Focus Areas

Buildings and Energy

The Village of Schaumburg is committed to reducing its carbon emissions and promoting energy resilience through strategic improvements in building energy efficiency and the integration of renewable energy sources. Homeowners and businesses benefit from energy efficiency upgrades which will greatly reduce future energy consumption and costs. Access to renewable energy such as solar, geothermal and wind, diversifies the energy market protecting against grid disruption and increasing energy independence.

Schaumburg has already taken meaningful strides in this direction, including participating in initiatives such as the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and streamlining solar permitting under the guidance of the SolSmart Program. Following adoption of the SolSmart guidelines, solar permitting increased exponentially. As of 2025, residential solar permits in the Village have increased by 21,433% over 2017 numbers and commercial solar permits have increased by 1,200%. Another Schaumburg initiative funded energy efficient upgrades to homes through residential audit and retrofit programing. Schaumburg regularly updates building codes to keep pace with high energy efficiency standards determined by the ICC and upgrades municipal buildings and infrastructure to improve efficiency. The village recently completed energy efficiency upgrades to the Public Works facility using grant funding from the Department of Energy. These initiatives have prioritized the reduction of energy consumption and emissions by promoting green building practices, encouraging energy-efficient retrofits, and supporting the deployment of renewable energy technologies across the community.

This section continues Schaumburg's commitment to sustainable energy access by outlining strategies to advance energy efficiency in both new and existing buildings, increase the use of solar and other clean energy sources, and incorporate innovative energy technologies and policies.

Goals for Buildings and Energy

- Reduce emissions throughout Village operations
- Support the use of renewable energy sources.
- Promote and establish programs which incentivize energy efficiency.
- Ensure regulatory codes are kept up to date with new technologies in energy production and energy use.
- Implement policy to reduce community wide emissions.
- Encourage high sustainability standards for new construction and major renovations.
- Preserve the embodied energy and heritage of existing buildings.

Land Use

Schaumburg is dedicated to guiding growth that integrates development with the preservation of its natural resources. Feedback from public engagement efforts have highlighted protecting and increasing open space and biodiversity as a top priority for Schaumburg's community. Small steps can be taken to improve ecological vitality in Schaumburg that will cumulatively achieve a large impact for the quality of

life in the village while also strengthening natural systems. At the same time, large redevelopments such as the conversion of the former Motorola campus to the new 90 North District, provide opportunities to make large scale changes which conserve existing resources and introduce new public open space and walkable neighborhoods.

Through sustainable land use practices, the Village advances mixed use, walkable development, protects open space, conserves critical habitats and integrates biodiversity in landscapes throughout the village. This approach not only reduces environmental impacts such as sprawl and habitat loss, but also enhances community health, resilience, and long-term economic vitality. By integrating conservation principles into planning and development, Schaumburg ensures that future growth supports both people and the environment.

Goals for Land Use

- Support efforts through the Schaumburg Comprehensive Plan to further encourage walkable, low-impact, infill, and mixed-use development.
- Support redevelopment projects in transit served locations.
- Prioritize protection of natural resources in development decisions.
- Promote local development that will reuse existing infrastructures and buildings.
- Strengthen Schaumburg's ecological system through the restoration of important natural areas and by increasing biodiversity within the village.
- Continue to increase plant diversity and tree canopy cover.
- Protect sensitive natural areas such as wetlands and other important stormwater management sites identified in the Biodiversity Plan.
- Promote the preservation and creation of green space as a public amenity.
- Implement policies that guide sustainable development to maximize community benefits and reduce strain on infrastructure.
- Collaborate with the Schaumburg Park District and other local agencies and organizations to support natural assets and amenities in Schaumburg.

Transportation

A safe, connected, and efficient transportation network is essential to the Village of Schaumburg's vision of a livable and accessible community. Support for diverse transportation options including walking, biking, transit, electric vehicles, and micromobility will reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and enhance quality of life for all residents.

Active transportation options such as walking and biking were emphasized throughout public engagement efforts as a top priority for residents. Expanding access to pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, bike paths, public transit, and emerging mobility solutions allows residents and visitors to move around the village more conveniently and sustainably. In addition, increasing the availability of electric vehicle charging and supporting alternative transportation options align with Schaumburg's goals for innovation, environmental responsibility, and inclusive growth.

This section outlines strategies to enhance transportation choice and connectivity, reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, and ensure mobility options are safe, accessible, and well-integrated across the community.

Goals for Transportation

- Improve neighborhood connectivity with bike and pedestrian access to open space and commercial and civic areas.
- Increase active transportation by implementing the Biking Gap Analysis, Transit Plan, 90 North Mobility Study, and complete streets procedures and policies.
- Expand on the Village's electric vehicle pilot programs as considerations for planning of fleet upgrades and replacements.
- Ensure transit plans and policies are kept up to date with new development.

Healthy Community

A healthy community goes beyond healthcare, it includes access to clean air and water, protection from excessive noise and light pollution, opportunities for active living, and access to nutritious food. Through thoughtful planning and design, Schaumburg aims to foster neighborhoods that are walkable, inclusive, and connected to nature. Multigenerational design, safe outdoor spaces, and access to fresh food all contribute to a balanced lifestyle and vibrant community where everyone can thrive.

This section focuses on strategies that protect environmental quality, promote active lifestyles, and ensure that health and wellness are integrated into the built environment and daily life in Schaumburg.

Goals for Healthy Community

- Reduce noise and air pollution impacts.
- Support dark sky initiatives to responsibly reduce light pollution.
- Support sustainable food production, local grocery stores and food waste initiatives.
- Reduce non-point source water pollution from runoff.
- Encourage multi-generational design in public spaces and site design that encourages the development of vibrant, walkable, commercial areas.
- Support healthy living initiatives for high-risk populations related to environmental health and sustainability.

Economic Development

True sustainability is not possible without economic stability and a resilient business environment that continues to attract new business, respond to market needs and support the local economy. Investing in

environmental sustainability strengthens economic stability by reducing long-term costs and risks. Environmental quality also plays a major role in a community's ability to attract residents, businesses, and investment. Schaumburg's economic success is rooted in its ability to adapt and support a diverse business environment. This adaptability will serve the village well as markets shift to accommodate transitions in technology, workforce needs and energy sources. By aligning economic growth with environmental sustainability, the Village is building a future-ready economy that benefits residents, businesses and the planet for long term success.

This focus area emphasizes fostering local business, supporting sustainable business practices, and encouraging innovation in clean technologies and design. Goals in this focus area support a vibrant local economy through mixed-use development, green tourism, and incentives that help businesses adopt more sustainable operations. Corporate partnerships and local investment play a key role in driving both economic and environmental progress.

This section outlines strategies to attract and retain forward-thinking businesses, support local entrepreneurs, and ensure that Schaumburg's economy remains resilient, diverse, and environmentally grounded.

Goals for Economic Development

- Support the development of walkable, mixed use and multi modal communities with integrated natural amenities to appeal to the local workforce.
- Encourage the development of existing sites before developing open space.
- Promote green tourism in Schaumburg to expand awareness and access to natural amenities and sustainable resources.
- Encourage the use of vacant buildings for adaptive reuse.
- Provide public recognition and support for businesses enacting sustainable programs and facilities.
- Promote local goods and services.

Extreme Weather & Resiliency

As extreme weather events become more frequent and severe, the Village of Schaumburg is strengthening its ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from environmental hazards. Flooding, heat waves, and severe storms pose risks to public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life, making resilience a top priority. Schaumburg provides comprehensive emergency preparedness resources through its Fire, Police, and Engineering & Public Works departments for weather safety. This focus area identifies goals to not only support response systems but reduce harm in advance by identifying vulnerabilities and strengthening infrastructure and natural defenses to mitigate damage in extreme weather events.

Through proactive planning and investment, Schaumburg is working to reduce flood risk, adapt the built infrastructure for extreme heat, and enhance community readiness for emergencies. Resilient

infrastructure, informed response systems, and strong communication networks help ensure the Village can protect its residents and recover quickly from disruption.

This section highlights strategies to improve Schaumburg's capacity to withstand and adapt to extreme weather while safeguarding community health, safety, and continuity.

Goals for Extreme Weather & Resiliency

- Increase and promote distributive stormwater management to alleviate stress on stormwater infrastructure and maintain stream systems.
- Encourage development practices which prevent excessive summer heat retention and reduce the urban heat island effect.
- Promote diversified energy sources to increase energy independence and reliability.
- Reduce drinking water loss through efficiency measures and reuse.
- Support safety and evacuation procedures for extreme weather emergencies and heath service related to climate resiliency.

Engagement & Leadership

Strong leadership and active community engagement are essential to advancing sustainability in Schaumburg. Responsibility in municipal leadership was the second most widely supported action in survey responses. With collaboration across departments, agencies, businesses, and residents, the Village can build broad support for its goals and accelerate meaningful progress.

The Environmental Fair and programs at Spring Valley Nature Center provide opportunities to highlight successful environmental initiatives in the village. Schaumburg can build on this success by emphasizing interagency partnerships, public education, and community recognition programs that highlight leadership in sustainability. Through clear branding and consistent messaging, Schaumburg aims to build a shared identity around environmental responsibility, elevate its accomplishments, and inspire action at every level.

This section outlines strategies to engage stakeholders, celebrate local successes, and position Schaumburg as a regional leader in sustainability.

Goals for Engagement & Leadership

- Increase public awareness of strategies to reduce environmental impacts throughout Village operations and facilities.
- Increase coordination with other local governments and community organizations to further the goals of CGAP.
- Use the Village's policymaking authority to support community sustainability goals.
- Increase awareness of important natural areas within Schaumburg and promote the resources provided in the Schaumburg Biodiversity Recovery Plan.

- Participate in regional sustainability initiatives to promote Schaumburg's reputation as a regional leader.
- Continue to implement outreach and education programs to raise awareness and connect community members with sustainability and resiliency resources.
- Continue to implement and expand recognition programs such as the Al Larson Environmental Award.
- Cultivate sustainability knowledge in municipal staff.

Material Management

Efficient use of materials is essential to reducing environmental impact and conserving resources. By focusing on preservation, reuse, recycling, and waste reduction, the Village aims to minimize what is sent to landfills while supporting a circular economy.

Recycling and composting were consistently mentioned as a high priority in public engagement. Encouraging practices like repair and reuse, durable product use, and expanded recycling options help extend the life of materials and reduce pollution. The village offers residents a free single-stream curbside recycling program and free pickup for textiles as well as drop-off locations for bulbs, batteries and medications. Popular semiannual recycling events are offered for hard to recycle items. Schaumburg also recognizes the importance of public education to support responsible waste management across residential, commercial, and municipal sectors.

This section outlines strategies to reduce waste generation, improve recycling participation, and promote the sustainable use and reuse of materials throughout the community.

Goals for Material Management

- Increase awareness of green business practices and programs for waste reduction and composting in Schaumburg businesses.
- Reduce waste in Village facilities, operations, and at community events through increased recycling and composting.
- Reduce upstream and downstream environmental impacts of Village operations through procurement and contracting.
- Continue to partner with outside agencies and host events to expand recycling and waste reduction opportunities.
- Explore regulatory policies that promote waste reduction and recycling practices.

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6-4-2026
05/07/26
Environmental Committee

Presenter:
Lead Department: Community Development

Executive Summary:

The next meeting will take place on June 4th, 2026.

Recommended Action: