

CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO
WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023
7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Establish a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes of November 16, 2022
3. Public Participation/Presentations
4. Items for Consent
 - a. None
5. Review and Discuss the Commission Priority List
 - a. Current List
 - b. New Additions
6. Other Business
 - a. 2023 DuPage County Document Shredding Funding Program Availability
 - b. Great Western Trail annual trails cleanup Volunteers needed
 - i. When: Saturday, April 29, 2023
 - ii. Contact: Don Kirchenberg at frndsgrtwstrntrl@aol.com
7. Adjournment

MEETING MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 16, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.**
 - a. Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, Bethany Brown, Alyssa Rodway, Ethan Young, and Kris Zimmermann present.
 - b. Staff present included Assistant Director of Public Works, Dave Shah.

- 2. Approval of Minutes.**
 - a. Environmental Commission Minutes of October 19, 2022.**
 - i. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the Meeting Minutes.
 - ii. Voting Yea: Commissioner Beebe, Blaus, Brown, Rodway Young, and Zimmermann. Voting Nay: zero.

- 3. Public Participation/Presentations.**
 - a. None

- 4. Items for Consent.**
 - a. None

- 5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.**
 - a. Current List**
 - i. None
 - b. New Addition**
 - i. None

- 6. Other Business**
 - a. Pumpkin Smash Through SCARCE**
 - i. Shah stated that the event collected 4.36 Tons of pumpkins in 2022.
 - b. Holiday Lights Recycling Event**
 - i. November 25, 2022 to January 20, 2023**
 1. Shah has coordinated with Groot to drop off the recycling bins at the City facility. Shah will further notify the West Chicago Park District for the placement of one of the recycling bins at their facility. Shah to also work with the City staff to advertise the event on City's website, social media, and the public sign.
 - c. 2023 Events and Dates**

- i. Chairman Beebe discussed various events coming up in 2023 such as the Paper Shredding Event, Sharps Collection, Blooming Fest, Various Adopt-A-Highway Events, Conservation Foundation, and Rain Barrels.

d. Various

- i. Cancel the December 21, 2022, Environmental Commission Meeting
 1. Chairman Beebe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown
- ii. The Commission overall was interested in having its own Social Media page where various ideas, local events, and tips related to the Environmental Commission could be shared. Shah to follow-up and will discuss this in detail with the City's Marketing & Communications Coordinator.
- iii. Commissioners openly discussed various ideas for the Recycling Event such as Bike Recycling, Fabric Recycling, and Crayons Recycling.

7. Adjournment

- a. At 8:04 P.M., Chairman Beebe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rodway seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully,

Dave Shah, PE
Assistant Director of Public Works

2023 DuPage County Document Shredding Funding Program

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

It is the goal of DuPage County's Environmental Committee ("County") to support recycling efforts by providing County residents access to document shredding services. The Committee is offering a sponsorship contribution of \$500 to local governments that are able to host a document shredding event with priority being given to first-time participants. Cool DuPage Partner communities will receive first consideration and will qualify for up to \$650 in sponsorship funding toward an event. County funding for the sum of all events is not to exceed \$8,500.

ELIGIBILITY

Any unit of local government may request the funding. Local governments may partner with other organizations but must be a main host/contributor for the event. Communities will be notified if the County is able to fulfill their request for funding. Communities will receive email confirmation on their funding status. Only communities receiving a funding commitment from the County will be eligible for reimbursement.

CO-SPONSORSHIP AMOUNTS

Local governments may request up to \$500 toward shredding services. Cool DuPage Partner communities may request an additional \$150 not to exceed \$650 in shredding event funding.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

All funds must be used for shredding services. Services must be provided at no cost to any DuPage County resident.

DETAILS

- Funding recipients should provide the location, staffing, vendor and complete all of the logistics in hosting an event. Events must take place prior to November 30, 2023.
- The funding recipient agrees to allow any DuPage County citizen/household to participate regardless of their incorporation status. The entity could expand their program to small businesses at their discretion.
- **Event details are required to be provided to the County as soon as finalized to maximize advertising opportunities.** Please share social media posts with the County and @CoolDuPage so the information can be further distributed.
- Funding recipients **must include a statement in promotional materials that partial funding/sponsorship was provided by DuPage County.**

REQUEST AND AWARDS

Local governments may request funding via email austin.knight@dupageco.org or by writing to DuPage County Environmental Division, Attn. Austin Knight, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. It is the County's goal to spread the events out both geographically and throughout the year. Communities are encouraged to submit a request (even if a date has not been identified) for funding by January 20, 2023, however requests for funding will take place on a rolling basis until all funding is allocated.

The County endeavors to fund as many events as possible within the allotted expenditure not to exceed \$8,500.

REPORTING & INVOICING

Communities should provide:

- A short synopsis of event participation
- Estimated amount of paper collected, if at all possible
- Proof of expenditure/invoice from document shredding company
- A written reimbursement request or invoice from the local government entity to DuPage County c/o Environmental Division payable
 - The invoice should include the amount, and address for the check to be sent to.

All reporting and invoicing documents can be mailed or emailed to austin.knight@dupageco.org or by writing to DuPage County Environmental Division, Attn. Austin Knight, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187.

ALL Volunteer Trails Cleanup of the Great Western Trails & the IL Prairie Path

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00AM is the approx. start time. Start times are set by coordinators.

Volunteers are needed!

In honor of Earth Day; the Friends of the Great Western Trails has scheduled its **annual trails cleanup for Saturday, April 29**. Our goal this year is to clean all the trails including both sections of the Great Western Trail (GWTs) from Villa Park to Sycamore. We want you to help us and rollup your sleeves (but wear work gloves) and pick up litter along these trails. Bring friends and family (and garbage bags to fill) on Saturday, April 29, 2023. **If you, your family and/or co-workers are interested in helping us clean the Great Western Trails, please contact Don Kirchenberg via email frndsgrtwstntrl@aol.com**

**For the Illinois Prairie Path cleanup info go to their website
at www.ipp.org or contact**

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Dennis Terdy

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dennis.terdy@gmail.com

For the cleanup of the IPP and GWT in LOMBARD please contact:
Dave Gorman 630-620-5765 gormand@villageoflombard.org

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or check the website: <http://www.friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com/>

2 bicycle riders have been seriously hurt attempting to cross County Farm Rd at the GWT!

EDITORIAL in the DAILY HERALD supporting a safer GWT crossing at County Farm Rd.

Another bike trail danger to eliminate

The Great Western Trail crossing at County Farm Road indeed does need to be made safer. The Great Western Trail and the Illinois Prairie Path through DuPage County is a remarkable system that can take you from suburb to suburb with long stretches of peaceful forest in between each one. Unfortunately, there also are busy roads in the way. It's one reason we have said in our periodic bike trail listings that you should be careful, especially with children, on these trails. The Friends of the Great Western Trails, a community group, is calling for a solution to one especially dangerous crossing: the Great Western Trail at County Farm Road in Winfield. We know what they mean. You can be riding along the trail, endorphins flowing as you let go of your stress or as you're just enjoying the nature, and suddenly, with no gates or fence or barricade or anything but a little sign, you're at the curb along four-lane County Farm Road, and heaven forbid it's rush hour. You'd better be paying attention.

Riders and walkers actually must cross several streets on the Great Western Trail and Illinois Prairie Path. Many are not too bad, like neighborhood side streets or otherwise less-busy thoroughfares (you still must look both ways). But County Farm Road takes the traffic up a notch, with vehicles zooming at 45 mph, in that slow, in both directions. Overhanging signs and a crosswalk do note the trail crossing, but there's no requirement to stop nor even a flashing light to encourage stopping.

A DuPage County Board member, Greg Schwarze, has put forth an idea: Install a traffic light just a couple hundred feet south on County Farm Road at Timber Creek Drive/Hawthorne Lane. The idea is to slow down traffic, as well as provide a safe way for cyclists and pedestrians to cross. We also know another traffic light on County Farm Road can inhibit traffic flow. But we also hear people have been hurt at this crossing. And we remember how a cyclist was killed at another trail's intersection with a busy road, off Busse Woods just east of the Schaumburg border, before a bridge was built over Higgins Road there.

So we call for some measure to make this crossing safer. (And while we're at it, we see the same problem at the Great Western Trail crossing at Bloomingdale Road.) At the very least, a flashing beacon would be helpful as we've seen elsewhere in the suburbs, if not the traffic light. Anything, before more people flock to this pretty trail in the fall and risk getting seriously hurt. ####

Please contact the DuPage County Board supporting Greg Schwarze's traffic signal proposal via email at cbjpscommittee@dupageco.org & cbjpscommittee@dupageco.org

Recommended trail etiquette for all trail users:

SPEED LIMIT 15
STAY TO THE RIGHT
NO MORE THAN TWO ACROSS
SIGNAL WHEN PASSING
SAY "ON YOUR LEFT"
DOGS ON 6 FT. LEASH
SCOOP THE POOP

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support of our
annual trails cleanup
and our effort to get
a safer GWT crossing
at County Farm
Rd. Dr. Killeen



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