

Irwin A. Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration - Community Environmental Stewardship Award

2008 Award Nomination Form

Awards will be presented at NWMC Annual Banquet on June 6, 2008.

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Use additional sheets for answers if necessary

LIST SIGNIFICANT "GREEN ACTIVITIES" YOUR MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS (i.e., community recycling, Tree City USA, etc.).

Fleet

- Replaced 25 Ford Crown Victoria pool cars with 21 Hybrid Toyota Prius cars
- B-20 Biodiesel fuel is used in all diesel vehicles and equipment in Public Works and the Fire Department
- Used motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, tires and batteries recycled
- Member of Clean Air Counts
- Participates in Ozone Reduction Days
- Adopted a Resolution, encouraging local businesses to participate in Clean Air Counts
- Designated an Illinois Green Fleet by the Illinois EPA
- Retrofitted older trucks with Diesel Oxidation Catalysts
- Requested Pace Bus to replace older transit buses that operate in Highland Park with smaller cleaner burning diesel buses
- Implemented anti-idling policy for City fleet

Forestry

- Second longest recipient of Tree City USA award (only Urbana has received it longer)
- Commitment to establishment and maintenance of urban forest coverage of nearly 30,000 trees)
- Development and implementation of "Tree Preservation Ordinance"
- Worked with City's Environmental Commission on development of City Environmental Policy and Environmental Checklist

LIST "GREEN ACTIVITIES" YOUR MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP ACCOMPLISHED IN 2007 & 2008 (i.e., switching to recycling carts, joined Clean Air Counts, conducted an electronics recycling event, etc.)

Community Development/Building

- Encourage recycling of structure demolition debris
- Propose development standards protecting environmentally sensitive areas
- Provide developers with City Environmental Policy and Environmental Checklist to encourage sustainable development

- Provide technical assistance to builders seeking to incorporate sustainable construction techniques into buildings
- In concert with Public Works, assists Alternative Stormwater Management Task Force to identify new sustainable stormwater management techniques
- Require use of native landscaping along stormwater basins to improve water quality
- Incorporated sustainable energy elements into design of the 500 Hyacinth Affordable Housing Development

Facilities Management and Operation

- Utilized green-building principles in construction of new Police Headquarters
- Utilize compact fluorescent, LED, and T8 fluorescent light bulbs
- Utilize only green cleaning products in all buildings
- Recycling of paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans
- Eliminated bottled water consumption in all City facilities
- Utilize only water-soluble paint and stain products
- Installed programmable thermostats on all HVAC systems to reduce usage during non-working hours
- Installed high-efficiency HVAC products limiting energy output
- Replaced R-22 gas with Puron gas in air-conditioning units to limit ozone depletion
- Utilize light timers, to the extent possible
- Eliminated use of aerosol products in all facilities
- Purchase recycled copy paper
- Print community newsletter on recycled paper
- Recycle surplus computer equipment
- Provide recycling opportunities at special events
- Produce paperless agenda packets for Council and Commission meetings

Residential Activities

- Established ongoing electronics recycling collection at Public Services Facility
- Assists with household chemical waste collection events
- Offers battery and fluorescent light recycling to residents
- Participates actively in Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
- Encourages volume-based pricing for residential refuse collection
- Restricts summer lawn watering

Government Partnership

- Mayor Belsky established the “Green Initiatives” Work Group with other government agencies including Library, Moraine Township, Park District of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112 and High School District 113

EXPLAIN WHY YOUR MUNICIPALITY/TOWNSHIP SHOULD BE AWARDED NWMC COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION.

The City of Highland Park strives to provide the most efficient and environmentally sound service to the residents through the principals of sound resource management and environmental stewardship. In addition, the City of Highland Park assumes a leadership role in working with residents, other government agencies and the business community to promote environmental preservation. This award application includes only some of the initiatives undertaken by the City over the past several years. It is worth noting that many of these initiatives have been implemented without impacting City property and or other tax revenues.